



NEWSLETTER *FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B*

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LAST WEEK OF ADVENT During these few days amid all the Christmas excitement take time to ponder the real reason for Christmas – that God came to reconcile humanity with their God! Christ Jesus came among us to free us from our sins; to show us a way of mercy, of unconditional love, of healing and grace! How much the world needs this gift of God! How perhaps may I or my family need this precious gift of Jesus!

On Christmas Eve gather the family for prayer at the family crib, then light a candle or use the “safter battery one” and place it in the window or porch of the house as a sign of welcome to Our Lady & St. Joseph and a symbol of hospitality to those in need in our world of Christmas 2024.



MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Sunday 11am Mary Domegan; Rosaleen Sheerin.

Christmas Eve 8pm *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*

Christmas Day 11am *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*

St Stephen’s Day No Mass (10am Mass in Duleek)

Friday 10am *Missa pro populo.*

Sunday 11am Patrick Lawlor.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Saturday 6pm Peter, Margaret, John & Ann McDermott; Patrick Shiels.

Christmas Eve 6pm *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*

Saturday 6pm *Missa pro populo*

Communion Calls for Christmas

This Monday 23rd December Fr. Mark will call to parishioners who are sick and housebound in Donore and Fr. Declan will call to Duleek.



HAPPY Christmas!! On our Saviour’s Birthday let us give thanks to God and count our blessings! Celebrating the joy of this sacred time with our families and friends we are mindful too of those who have to cope with illness or other tough concerns. Our most sincere gratitude to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society and to all the volunteers who so generously contribute to making Christmas a little less stressed and a lot happier for those most in need in our community. We express our thanks also to the many parishioners who assist with the pastoral, spiritual and financial needs of our parish, especially with looking after the churches, helping at the Masses, sharing in the work at the parish office, the parish grounds, the cemeteries and in the parish schools throughout the year. Special greetings to those home for Christmas and to new parishioners spending their first Christmas with us in Duleek & Bellewstown; Donore & Rossnaree. It continues to pain us all to see the terrible scenes of war and destruction in the Holy Land and so many other places around the world. The unimaginable reality which grandparents, parents and children have to face each day is heartbreaking. So as we pray before the Crib at home or in our churches, we think of all who suffer this Christmas and we plead for peace as we mark this birthday of the Prince of Peace! Pray too for our own families and thank God for the blessings, love and peace we enjoy. On this Christmas Day may the Light of Christ light up our lives, illuminate the darkness which prevails in our world and shine the Light of Heaven brightly for all our dead, especially remembering those who have died since our last Christmas. Assuring you all of our prayers and wishing you and your families, much health and happiness as you celebrate our Saviour’s birthday. Fr. Mark, Fr. Declan & Fr Francis.



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 280
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 360
Donore Fund Account:
IBAN IE38 AIBK 9320 9446 7323 44



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lotto: 6, 15, 20, 25

Jackpot €1,500 – no winner

€25 Emmett Lynett grandchildren & Smasher.

Next week’s jackpot €1,520

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT St. Therèse’s Church, Bellewstown Sunday 22nd December at 7pm. An evening of sacred music and reflection to lead us to the celebration of Christmas. Refreshments afterwards in Bellewstown Hall. Everyone welcome.



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Helpline 1800 677 777 or
Contact 087-0931068

ACCORD

For Marriage Preparation Courses or for marriage and relationship counselling www.accord.ie

CHILD SAFEGUARDING

See the church notice boards and diocesan website

VOCATIONS

Ever think about becoming a priest for the Diocese of Meath? Contact Fr. Mark

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

A process for anyone enquiring about becoming a Catholic and for those baptised who never celebrated the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation. More info on all the above on www.dioseseofmeath.ie



JUBILEE YEAR MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 22ND-27TH SEPTEMBER 2025 As Pope Francis opens the Holy Door in St. Peter’s Basilica on Christmas Eve consider joining with Bishop Tom Deenihan and fellow pilgrims from across the Diocese in making the Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome. Highlights include Papal Audience, The Basilicas of St. Peter (including the prayer ritual of crossing through the Holy Door), St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, The Sistine Chapel & Vatican Museum, Day trip to Assisi, The Colosseum & Roman Forum, The Sancta Scala, Catacombs of San Sebastian. Pilgrims will be accommodated at the Pontifical Irish College with easy access to the city centre. Cost €1,399 Bookings and enquiries Mullingar Travel Tel: 044-9340587 Email: connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie See www.iubilaeum2025.va or www.dioceseofmeath.ie for links to information about the Jubilee Year.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF FRANCE 21ST – 28TH MAY 2025 Join with Duleek, Donore & Ashbourne Parishes on this *Joe Walsh Tours* pilgrimage under the spiritual guidance of Fr. Mark & Fr. Michael. For more information about this Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage please contact Caroline in the Parish Office or book directly tel: 01-2410800 email: info@joewalstours.ie. www.joewalstours.ie.

