NEWSLETTER *SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B* 8TH DEC 2024

DONORE PARISH WITH DULEEK PARISH
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MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Sunday **11am** Anthony Doonan; Nuala Goodman; Maurice Stanley.

Monday **9am Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
Tuesday **9am** ***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament***
Wednesday **9am** Missa pro populo.
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Sunday **11am** Bernadette Bell M.M; Noel Martin; John & Fiona Martin & dec Martin & Reilly families.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE
Saturday **6pm** Helena Tully.

Saturday **6pm** Maisie & Pat McGauran; John & May Smith & dec family; Mary Tully.

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 326
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 374
Donore Fund Account:
IBAN IE38 AIBK 9320 9446 7323 44

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THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY; Miguel Carlos O'Donnell; Mylah Rae Byrne.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lotto: 13, 15, 18, 25
Jackpot €1,460 – no winner
€50 John Dunne
Next week's jackpot €1,480

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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*

ADVENT Make the time for lighting an Advent candle or wreath at home each day or for opening the doors on the Advent Calendar as we count down to Jesus' birthday. Pause and pray the Angelus, which reminds us of the generous response of Our Lady and our shared role in God's divine plan of love and salvation. Remember the poverty of the crib and the needs of the poorest in our world this Christmas 2024! Fr. Mark will host a meeting in St Cianán's Church, Duleek every Thursday morning from 10-10.30am for Lectio Divina; a shared reflection upon the Sunday Gospels of Advent. Just have a bible handy to aid your participation. We encourage young adults to join in and explore a little more the Word of God as we prepare to celebrate Christmas – the Word of God made incarnate in Christ Jesus.

BABY JESUS IN THE CRIB Special invitation to all the children to bring the figure of the Baby Jesus from their family crib for a blessing at Masses next weekend the 3rd Sunday of Advent.
"When, at Christmas, we place the statue of the Infant Jesus in the manger, the nativity scene suddenly comes alive. God appears as a child, for us to take into our arms. Beneath weakness and frailty, he conceals his power that creates and transforms all things. It seems impossible, yet it is true: in Jesus, God was a child, and in this way he wished to reveal the greatness of his love: by smiling and opening his arms to all." Pope Francis

Pope Francis, commemorating 350 years since the revelation by Jesus of his Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Aloquoe, has written Dilexit Nos – on the Human & Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ. It is essential to realize that our relationship to the Person of Jesus Christ is one of friendship and adoration, drawn by the love represented under the image of his heart. We venerate that image, yet our worship is directed solely to the living Christ, in his divinity and his plenary humanity, so that we may be embraced by his human and divine love. Whatever the image employed, it is clear that the living heart of Christ – not its representation – is the object of our worship, for it is part of his holy risen body, which is inseparable from the Son of God who assumed that body forever. We worship it because it is "the heart of the Person of the Word, to whom it is inseparably united". Nor do we worship it for its own sake, but because with this heart the incarnate Son is alive, loves us and receives our love in return. Any act of love or worship of his heart is thus "really and truly given to Christ himself", since it spontaneously refers back to him and is "a symbol and a tender image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ". For this reason, it should never be imagined that this devotion may distract or separate us from Jesus and his love. In a natural and direct way, it points us to him and to him alone, who calls us to a precious friendship marked by dialogue, affection, trust and adoration. The Christ we see depicted with a pierced and burning heart is the same Christ who, for love of us, was born in Bethlehem, passed through Galilee healing the sick, embracing sinners and showing mercy. The same Christ who loved us to the very end, opening wide his arms on the cross, who then rose from the dead and now lives among us in glory.

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. Taking pilgrims to some of France's most special sanctuaries and places of magnificent beauty, including Ars-sur-Formans, Paray-le-Monial, Nevers, Lisieux, Tours and Paris. The pilgrimage will begin in the village of Ars, home of the St. Jean-Marie Vianney, patron saint of parish priests. From Ars pilgrims travel to Paray-le-Monial, one of the most visited religious sites in France. Here 350 years ago St Margaret Mary Alacoque received the apparitions from Our Lord, revealing His Most Sacred Heart. The next stop is Nevers, where St Bernadette Soubirous joined the Sisters of Charity from Lourdes in 1866. We will visit the convent where the incorrupt body of St Bernadette rests. The UNESCO World Heritage Site of Loire Valley and the Shrine of St Martin in Tours is also part of the pilgrimage. In Lisieux we will visit the places associated with St. Therésé, as we mark the centenary of her canonisation in 1925. We will also visit the town of Alençon, where she was born. The final stop will be Paris, where we will have the opportunity to see the restored Notre Dame Cathedral which reopens this Advent, visit the Rue de Bac, Shrine of the Miraculous Medal revealed by Our Lady to St. Catherine Labouré and time permitting see the Basilica of Sacré Coeur, in Montmartre. Costs for 7 nights €1,339 pp. For more information about this Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage please contact Caroline in the Parish Office or book directly tel: 01-2410800 email: info@joewalshtours.ie. wwwjoewalshtours.ie. ***Limited places available so please book as soon as you can to guarantee your place.***