



NEWSLETTER THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM As we celebrate this *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord* it is an occasion to appreciate the gift that is Baptism and the responsibility of us to foster and share the Faith with those around us; principally within the dynamic of family life at home and by extension with the wider family of the Church at parish and universal level.

The Sacrament of Baptism in our parish is celebrated every Sunday on request. Baptism is never a private occasion but always a parish faith community event and we keep all families preparing for baptism in our prayers. To request the Sacrament of Baptism please contact the Parish Office. There is also the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (the RCIA) programme which the Diocese provides for adults who seek to become members of the Catholic Church. Please keep this in mind if ever a friend or colleague who is not baptised expresses a desire to know more of the Faith we share in Jesus Christ Our Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Sunday 11am *Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord* Joe McWeeney; Paddy Sheerin.

Tuesday 9am *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Wednesday 9am Missa pro populo

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Sunday 11am William Collier; Dermot Matthews; Kitty Myles.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Saturday 6pm *Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord*

Saturday 6pm Tom, Kathleen & Sr Patricia Everard.



To live out the Sixth Sunday of the Word of God, which will be celebrated throughout the Church this coming 26 January 2025, Pope Francis has chosen as the theme the words of the Psalmist, “I hope in your Word” (Ps. 119:74). It is a cry of hope: man, in a moment of anguish, tribulation, and confusion, cries out to God and puts all his hope in him. It is a deeply human experience, as is usually found in the Psalter. Everyone hopes, we all have hopes, but what is communicated to us in this Jubilee is a “Hope,” in the singular. It is not an abstract idea or naive optimism, but a person, alive and present in everyone’s life: Christ crucified and risen, the only one who never abandons us. Pauline theology is extremely clear on this point: “Christ Jesus our hope” (1 Tim. 1:1). [] A jubilee that knocks on the door every 25 years and prompts us to take life seriously, offers the

opportunity to keep our eyes fixed on the hope that evangelical realism brings. The Sunday of the Word of God once again allows Christians to reinvigorate Jesus’ tenacious invitation to listen to and cherish his Word in order to offer the world a witness of hope that allows one to move beyond the difficulties of the present moment. The Word of God is not confined to a book, but remains ever alive and becomes a concrete and tangible sign. In fact, it challenges every community not only to proclaim the same faith as always, but above all to communicate it with the conviction that it brings hope to those who listen to it and welcome it with a simple heart. In preparation for this Sunday of the Word of God the children for Confirmation and First Holy Communion will next weekend receive another sticker in their Sacramental Passport, as we celebrate the Word of God. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on 6th February.



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 330
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 623
Donore Fund Account:
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THE JUBILEE PRAYER Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

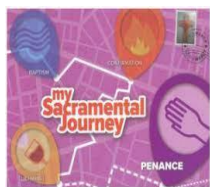
JUBILEE YEAR MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 22ND-27TH SEPTEMBER 2025 As Pope Francis opens the Holy Door in St. Peter’s Basilica on Christmas Eve consider joining with Bishop Tom Deenihan and fellow pilgrims from across the Diocese in making the Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome. Highlights include Papal 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.



CEMETERY SUNDAY WEEKEND JULY 12TH/13TH 2025
Blessing of the graves will take place on Saturday 12th July at 4pm in Donore old Cemetery, 5pm Leck Cemetery and 6:30pm in Knockcommon Cemetery. On Sunday 13th at 11am in Donore Cemetery. Please note that no individual mass intentions will be taken cemetery Sunday weekend as all masses will be offered for those buried in our cemeteries.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lotto: 5, 11, 15, 19
Jackpot €1,520 – no winner
€50 Deborah Clarke
Next week’s jackpot €1,540



CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION As families and local faith communities we continue to encourage our parents as they support the children along the journey of preparing for the celebrations of these sacraments in 2025. Next weekend the children will receive another sticker in their Sacramental Passport, as we celebrate the Word of God.

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

