



# NEWSLETTER SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

**DONORE PARISH** WITH DULEEK PARISH  
PARISHES OF THE DULEEK DEANERY  
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## 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

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Tuesday – Thursday 9.30am-4.30pm

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

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

**Tuesday 9am** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Wednesday 9am** Missa pro populo

**Thursday 9am** Missa pro populo

**Friday 9am** Missa pro populo

**Sunday 11am** Nicky Gogan 1<sup>st</sup> Ann.

#### CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

**Saturday 6pm** Tom, Kathleen & Sr Patricia Everard.

**Saturday 6pm** Manus Rodgers 1<sup>st</sup> Ann.



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 353  
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 374  
**Donore Fund Account:**  
**IBAN IE38 AIBK 9320 9446 7323 44**



If you have no cash you can just scan your phone over this QR code to contribute to the basket collection.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Lotto: 5, 12, 17, 22**  
Jackpot €1,540 – no winner  
€50 Al Everard  
Next week's jackpot €1,560

**DIOCESAN CHANGES** Last year in the diocesan changes Fr. Francis was assigned as Assistant Priest (A.P.) to the Cathedral Parish of Mullingar, in place of Fr. Vincent Daka who was completing his studies in Maynooth. The move didn't take place when the other changes were coming into effect last July but was postponed, as Fr. Vincent required more time to finish his thesis. Bishop Tom has informed us that all is now ready for Fr. Francis to take up his new placement. This will happen at the end of January after Fr Francis completes his semester exams. So this weekend and the weekend after will be Fr. Francis last with us in Donore & Duleek. Let us assure him of our prayers and thanks in these days ahead.

### 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](http://www.accord.ie)

#### CHILD SAFEGUARDING

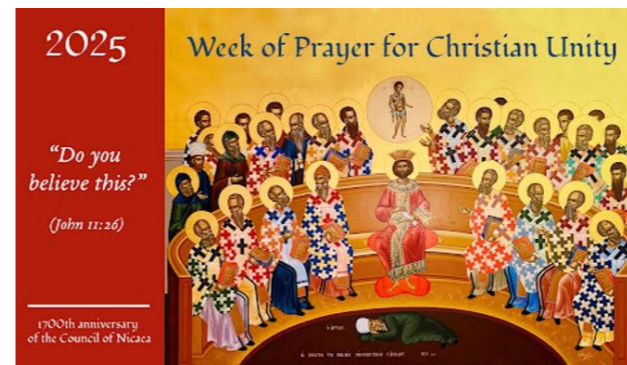
See the church notice boards and diocesan website

#### 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.dioceseofmeath.ie](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie)



2025 marks the 1700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 AD. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians, as expressed in the creed formulated during this council. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 offers an invitation to draw on this shared heritage and to enter more deeply into the faith that unites all Christians. The guiding biblical text for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 comes from John 11:17-27. The theme for the week, "Do you believe this?" (v. 26), takes its cue from the dialogue between Jesus and Martha

when Jesus visited the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany following the death of their brother Lazarus. The resources are jointly published by the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches. Daily resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity as well as the approved Order of Service are available on [www.dioceseofmeath.ie](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie)



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 this weekend receive another sticker in their Sacramental Passport, as we celebrate the Word of God. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on 6<sup>th</sup> February.* As families and local faith communities we continue to encourage our parents as they support the children along the journey for the celebrations of these sacraments



**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 22<sup>ND</sup>-27<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie) See [www.iubilaeum2025.va](http://www.iubilaeum2025.va) or [www.dioceseofmeath.ie](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie) for links to information about the Jubilee Year.

