



NEWSLETTER *THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C*

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26TH JANUARY 2025 *SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD*

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Tuesday – Thursday 9.30am-4.30pm



We cannot do without God’s word and its quiet and unassuming power that, as if in a personal dialogue, touches the heart, impresses itself on the soul and renews it with the peace of Jesus, which makes us, in turn, concerned for others. If we look at the friends of God, the witnesses to the Gospel throughout history and the saints, we see that the word was decisive for each of them. We think of the first monk, Saint Anthony, who, struck by a passage of the Gospel while at Mass, left everything for the Lord. We think of Saint Augustine, whose life took a decisive turn when God’s word brought healing to his heart. We think of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, who discovered her vocation by reading the letters of Saint Paul. And we think too of the saint whose name I bear, Francis of Assisi, who, after praying, read in the

Gospel that Jesus sent his disciples to preach and exclaimed: “That is what I want; that is what I ask, that is what I desire to do with all my heart!” Their lives were changed by the word of life, by the word of the Lord. But I wonder: how is it that, for many of us, the same thing does not happen? We hear the word of God many times, yet it enters into one ear and goes out the other: why? Perhaps because, as those witnesses make clear, we need to stop being “deaf” to God’s word. This is a risk for all of us: overwhelmed by a barrage of words, we let the word of God glide by us: we hear it, yet we fail to listen to it; we listen to it, yet we don’t keep it; we keep it, yet we don’t let it provoke us to change. More than anything, we read it but we don’t pray with it, whereas “prayer ought to accompany the reading of sacred Scripture, so that it can become a dialogue between God and the reader”. Let us not forget the two fundamental aspects of Christian prayer: listening to the word and worshipping the Lord. Let us make room for the prayerful reading of Jesus’ words. Then we will have the same experience as those first disciples. *Pope Francis Homily Sunday Word of God St. Peter’s Basilica, Rome 2024*



MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Sunday 11am Nicky Gogan 1st Ann.

No Mass on Tuesday - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 9am Missa pro populo

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Saturday *Feast of St. Brigid – Mass in St Cianán’s, Duleek 9.30am*

Sunday 11am Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Leontia & Liam Everard; Patrick & Esther McGuinness; Mary Leongson

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Saturday 6pm Manus Rodgers 1st Ann.

Saturday 6pm Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Patricia Lenehan



FEAST OF ST. BRIGID, 1ST FEBRUARY To mark the Feast of St. Brigid, next Saturday 1st February, it would be great if parishioners who have some free time could make a few extra crosses to bring to this 9.30am Mass in Duleek for blessing and distribution. It is an Irish tradition for such crosses to be placed in farm sheds to protect the animals from any harm and to seek God’s blessing upon all involved in farming as we in Ireland mark the beginning of springtime!



CONFIRMATION 2025 At Baptism they were called by name and now with a new name they will be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit by Bishop Tom on Thursday 6th February. **Next Saturday the 1st February, the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession will be available for all candidates and their families in the Church of St. Cianán, Duleek from 2-3pm.** It is a moment along the journey to humbly acknowledge our need to seek forgiveness from God and from others whom we haven't loved as Christ has asked us to. It is not what we have to say, as God knows it all, but rather about what we receive, the grace of God afresh in our lives as we prepare to celebrate the out pouring of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD/CANDLEMAS DAY 2ND FEBRUARY Blessing of candles for use during Masses in our churches and at the Vigil or Wakes during the year and other occasions of family prayer in the home. Please bring any candles you want blessed to the Sunday Masses. After this Feast Day the cribs are taken down. It is also *World Day for Consecrated Life* when we acknowledge and pray for the religious sisters, religious brothers, lay men and women who have taken consecrated vows in the Church, remembering especially those from our parish.



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



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 358
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 329
Donore Fund Account:
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If you have no cash you can just scan your phone over this QR code to contribute to the basket collection.

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See the church notice boards and diocesan website

VOCATIONS

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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

INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD, WE COMMEND:
Franciszek Brodowski, Donore; Breda O’Rourke, Tubberfinn.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lotto: 10, 14, 16, 19

Jackpot €1,560 – no winner

€25 Liam Hodson & Martina Clarke

Next week’s jackpot €1,580

