



## NEWSLETTER SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

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Tuesday – Thursday 9.30am-4.30pm



## Feast of the Epiphany as we celebrate Little

Christmas, we think of the old Irish tradition of Nollaig ná mBan and show our appreciation for all that our mummies and grannies do for our families and for our Church, especially over the Season of Christmas. We thank them for all the love and care they provide



at home and indeed for others too. It is tradition in many European countries for Epiphany to chalk over the door 20+C+M+B+25 with a cross etched upon this equation, giving witness to the worship the household holds for Jesus, the Son of God throughout the year ahead. If children wish to dress as the Three Kings (*The Magi or Wise Men*) and come to worship the Infant in the Crib we would be delighted to welcome them to the celebration of the Mass tomorrow Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 9am in Donore Church or 7pm in St. Cianán's, Duleek.

### MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

**Sunday 11am** Missa pro populo

**Monday 9am** *Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord*

**Tuesday 9am** Missa pro populo

**Wednesday 9am** Missa pro populo

**Thursday 9am** Missa pro populo

**Friday 9am** *Parish List of the Dead.*

**Sunday 11am** *Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord* Joe McWeeney

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

**Saturday 6pm** Missa pro populo

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

### THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER AND THE MOVEABLE FEASTS: ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY THE HOLY CHURCH ANNOUNCES.

Know dear brothers and sisters that, as we have rejoiced

at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,

so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also

the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March will fall Ash Wednesday,

and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day,

the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, the feast of Pentecost.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,

to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen

### 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



*Franciscus*

“Brothers and sisters, with the opening of the Holy Door we have inaugurated a new Jubilee, and each of us can enter into the mystery of this extraordinary event. Tonight, the door of hope has opened wide to the world. Tonight, God speaks to each of us and says: there is hope also for you! There is hope for each of us. And do not forget, sisters and brothers, that God forgives everything, God always forgives. Do not forget this, which is a way of understanding hope in the Lord. To receive this gift, we are called to set out with the marvel of the shepherds in the fields of Bethlehem. The Gospel tells us that, having heard the message of the angel, they “went with haste” (*Lk 2:16*). In this same way, “with haste”, we too are called to recover lost hope, to renew that hope in our hearts, and to sow seeds of hope amid the bleakness of our time and our world. And there is so much desolation at this time. We think of wars, of children being shot at, bombs on schools and hospitals. Do not delay, do not hesitate, but allow yourselves to be drawn along by the Good News.” *From the Homily of Pope Francis St. Peter's Basilica, Rome on Christmas Eve*

**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.



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#### 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)

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF FRANCE 21<sup>ST</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:info@joewalstours.ie) [www.joewalstours.ie](http://www.joewalstours.ie).

