



NEWSLETTER SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 23RD FEBRUARY 2025

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Tuesday – Thursday 9:30am-4:30pm



BRINGING LOVE TO THE WORLD The Christian message is attractive when experienced and expressed in its totality: not simply as a refuge for pious thoughts or an occasion for impressive ceremonies. What kind of worship would we give to Christ if we were to rest content with an individual relationship with him and show no interest in relieving the sufferings of others or helping them to live a better life? Would it please the heart that so loved us, if we were to bask in a private religious experience while ignoring its implications for the society in which we live? Let us be honest and accept the word of God in its fullness. On the other hand, our work as Christians for the betterment of society should not obscure its religious inspiration, for that, in the end, would be to seek less for our brothers and sisters than what God desires to give them. For this reason, we should conclude this chapter by recalling the missionary

dimension of our love for the heart of Christ. Saint John Paul II spoke of the social dimension of devotion to the heart of Christ, but also about “reparation, which is apostolic cooperation in the salvation of the world”. Consecration to the heart of Christ is thus “to be seen in relation to the Church’s missionary activity, since it responds to the desire of Jesus’ heart to spread throughout the world, through the members of his Body, his complete commitment to the Kingdom”. As a result, “through the witness of Christians, love will be poured into human hearts, to build up the body of Christ which is the Church, and to build a society of justice, peace and fraternity”. The flames of love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus also expand through the Church’s missionary outreach, which proclaims the message of God’s love revealed in Christ. Saint Vincent de Paul put this nicely when he invited his disciples to pray to the Lord for “this spirit, this heart that causes us to go everywhere, this heart of the Son of God, the heart of our Lord, that disposes us to go as he went... he sends us, like [the apostles], to bring fire everywhere”. Saint Paul VI, addressing religious Congregations dedicated to the spread of devotion to the Sacred Heart, made the following observation. “There can be no doubt that pastoral commitment and missionary zeal will fan into flame, if priests and laity alike, in their desire to spread the glory of God, contemplate the example of eternal love that Christ has shown us, and direct their efforts to make all men and women sharers in the unfathomable riches of Christ”. As we contemplate the Sacred Heart, mission becomes a matter of love. For the greatest danger in mission is that, amid all the things we say and do, we fail to bring about a joyful encounter with the love of Christ who embraces us and saves us. *An extract from Dilxit Nos an Encyclical Letter which Pope Francis published last October to commemorate 350 years since the Lord’s revelation of His Most Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alouque*

MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Sunday 11am Missa pro populo

Tuesday 9am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 9am Missa pro populo

Thursday 9am Missa pro populo

Friday 9am Missa pro populo

Sunday 11am Anne Ebbs 1st Ann; Tony Ebbs.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Saturday 6pm Missa pro populo

Saturday 6pm Teresa Smith.

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 174
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 323

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.



INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD, WE COMMEND:
Marie Condra, Tubberfinn, Donore.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lotto: 11, 12, 13, 24

Jackpot winner €1,640 – Linda Myles

Next week’s jackpot €1,540

St Vincent de Paul church gate collection will be held at all masses on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd March.

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



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.

MEATH DIOCESAN JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES “WITH MARY PILGRIMS OF HOPE” The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, under the leadership of Bishop Deenihan, will travel on 9th September 2025. Pilgrims may choose between a 4-night or a 5-night stay. All pilgrims will be accommodated in Hotels and fares begin at €829 for full board. Booking forms are available through Joe Walsh Tours. For further inquiries telephone 01-2410800.

THE PARISH PASTORAL ASSEMBLY Over this next month we ask everyone to please engage with how to enhance our Masses with Music! If you can sing or play music yourself, great! But you may know others within your family, especially teenagers or young adults who have got the skill and talent for music! Please contact the Parish Office to let us know you can help. It is not a matter of committing every week to assisting with the music but perhaps once or twice a month! **Donore has got talent and we are looking for it!!**

HUMAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL SPEAKING TOUR “Ireland! Let us turn back to Christ The King and the tender love of His Mother”. Sunday 2nd March St Mary’s Pastoral Centre, Drogheda 7:00-9:30pm. Speakers include former London Gangster and bestselling author John Pridmore, Patrick McCrystal HLI Ireland and Fr Shenan Boquet President of HLI International; guest speaker from the USA. Plus Veneration of Relics of St Thérèse and the Holy Face. Free entry, bring a friend!

