

NEWSLETTER TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY YEAR C

DONORE PARISH WITH ST. MARY'S & HOLY FAMILY PARISHES

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MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Sunday 21st 11am Dodie Doonan;

Tuesday 23rd 9am Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 24th 9am Missa pro populo. Thursday 25th 9am Missa pro populo Friday 26th 9am Missa pro populo

Sunday 28th **11am Missa** pro populo

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

6pm Josie, Richard & Johnny McDonnell; Saturday 20th

Saturday 27th **6pm** Joe & Mary Sheils & deceased family members; Kathleen Lowthe; Rose Keenan;



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): €165.00 PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): €445.00

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 ST MARY'S G.F.C DONORE 8TH SEPTEMBER 2025 Lotto: 2, 9, 19, 25

Jackpot €2,330.00

Consolation prizes of €20 to Michelle Goring, Mary Martin & Diana Everard Next week's jackpot €2,360.00

Sacramental Ceremonies 2026

The celebration of the **Sacrament of**

Confirmation will take place in Holy Family Church, Ballsgrove on Wednesday 11th February 2026

First Holy Communion dates 2026

Donore N.S Saturday 2nd May at 12pm Knockcommon N.S – Saturday 9th May at 12pm

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Helpline 1800 677 777 or Contact 087-0931068

SAMARITANS

(supporting those in emotional distress 24/7) Freephone number 116123. Email jo@samaritans.ie

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. John www.dioceseofmeath.ie

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF MEATH

We pray that our seminarians and the men discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood will be found worthy of the great things entrusted to them by the Lord.

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS

With the publication of their Pastoral Letter - 'Why Sunday Matters', the Irish Bishops, warmly invite all Catholics to reflect on the profound gift of Sunday Mass. This special year offers a unique opportunity to rediscover the heart of our faith and, for those who have been away, to return with renewed joy to the celebration of the Eucharist.

Sunday – the day of the Lord – has always held a central place in the life of the Church. It is the day of resurrection, rest, and Eucharist. It is the day when we gather as a community, united in our love for Christ, to encounter the risen Lord and be nourished in body and soul.



In this document, they invite us to reflect on the immense significance of Sunday Mass – not simply as a ritual, but as the source and summit of our faith. Here, we meet Christ in His living presence and are strengthened to live as His disciples. Attending Sunday Mass, or its vigil on Saturday evening, is more than a duty; it is a sacred privilege and a chance to be renewed by God's love.

Copies of Why Sunday Matters are available at the back of the Church. Please take one home with you.



RCIA PROGRAMME 2025/26

Are you, or someone you know interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church? RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a faith-formation process which prepares and supports adults who wish to become members of the Catholic Church. Applications are currently being invited for this year's programme which is due to commence in the autumn. For further details, please contact the Parish Office or visit www.dioceseofmeath.ie/rcia



Attention young adults (ages 18-40) – Do you want to grow in your prayer life? Meath Samuel Group is taking place in Navan, October 2025 through May 2026.

The programme entails being present once a month at the formation day in Navan, meeting monthly with a spiritual director (we'll help you find one, if needed), and a commitment to daily prayer. For more information and registration go to www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BOYNE TRADFEST

Experience Boyne TradFest in Drogheda from 19th – 21st September 2025, celebrating the very best of traditional Irish music with recitals, sessions, concerts and workshops.

The highlight concert takes place on Saturday 20th September at 8pm in St. Augustine's Church, featuring Damien Mullane, Sean O'Meara, and Conor Broderick, joined by the incredible Nós Nua Youth Orchestra. Together, they will present an unforgettable evening showcasing the finest in traditional Irish music and song. Tickets €20/€10.

Visit www.boynetradfest.ie for full festival programme and booking info.