



## NEWSLETTER SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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### MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 11am Eamonn Greene;

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord** 9am Mass followed by *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 9am Mass

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 9am Mass

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 9am Mass

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 11am Mass

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

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 6pm Liam Gough, *Month's Memory*;

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm Mass



#### WEEK ENDING 21.12.25:

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): €470.00

PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): €392.00

#### WEEK ENDING 28.12.25 (including Christmas):

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): €1,266.00

PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): €1,157.00

#### 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



#### 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](mailto:jo@samaritans.ie)

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

#### COMMUNITY NOTICES

##### ST MARY'S G.F.C DONORE

22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2025

Lotto: 5, 16, 22, 25

Jackpot €2,740.00

Consolation prize of €50 to Paddy McLoone

**Voucher Winner:** Daire Victory;

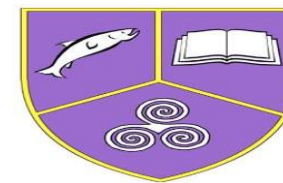
Next week's jackpot €2,770.00



### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF MEATH

At the beginning of a new year our prayer for seminarians and those discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood is taken from St Paul's prayer for the Ephesians in our second reading:

"May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit."



### Caretaker position at Donore National School - please

see <https://www.educationposts.ie/> or call the school office for more information 041 9880118



**The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**, led by Bishop Deenihan, is scheduled to depart on 8th September 2026. Pilgrims have the option of selecting a 4-night or 5-night stay.

All participants will be accommodated in hotels, with fares starting at €849 for full board. Booking forms can be obtained through Joe Walsh Tours.

For further inquiries, please contact them at Tel: 01-2410800 or visit their website at [www.joewalshstours.ie](http://www.joewalshstours.ie).



**Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo**, led by Anne-Marie Byrne and accompanied by Spiritual Director. 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026 for 4 nights. €1,195 per person sharing. Direct return flights from Dublin to Naples, 10kg bags included, all transfers & tours by private coach. 4 nights in Hotel Parco delle Rose with full board. Full religious programme led by Spiritual director, fully guided with tours and visits as per itinerary. Single supplement: €45 per night (*limited availability & on request*). For information, please contact: Anne-Marie 0860892788

#### Sacramental Ceremonies 2026

The celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place in Holy Family Church, Ballsgrove on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 3pm.

#### First Holy Communion dates 2026

Donore N.S Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 12pm

Knockcommon N.S – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 12pm



#### Feast of the Epiphany Tuesday 6th Jan

##### The Gifts of the Magi...

**Gold** - the gift for a king. Gold, the king of metals is the fitting gift for a king of men. Jesus was 'the Man born to be king'. He was to rule, not by force, but by love; not from a throne but from a cross.

**Frankincense** - the gift for a priest.

In the Temple worship, and at the Temple sacrifices the sweet perfume of burning incense was used. The priest is a man who, in offering sacrifice, builds a bridge between man, and God. This is what Jesus did: by the sacrifice of himself on the Cross; he bridged the gap that sin had made between man and God

**Myrrh** - the gift for one who is to die. Myrrh was used to embalm the bodies of the dead. Jesus came into the world to live for man and in the end, He died for man.

*COMMUNITY NOTICES*

**The Drogheda Hospice Homecare Foundation** are currently seeking volunteer drivers to assist cancer patients with transportation to their appointments, both within the local area and in Dublin. This service is essential and available to all, providing crucial support, particularly to our more marginalized and elderly patients. There are no minimum hour requirements; drivers are simply asked to contribute the time they are able to offer. For any interested parties, please feel free to contact Ann at 0863264825 for further information.