



### NEWSLETTER *FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*

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### MASS INTENTIONS

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

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>** 11am Noel Maguire *First Anniversary*; Joe Haggins;

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** 9am Mass followed by *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>** 9am Mass

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** 9am Mass

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** 9am Mass

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>** 11am Anne Ebbs & her husband Tony;

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

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>** 6pm Joyce McGinty *First Anniversary*; Archie McGinty; Peter & May Harding & Jack Waters;

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>** 6pm Frank Maguire *First Anniversary*;



### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF MEATH

In today's gospel Jesus rebuffs the devil's temptations with the words of Scripture. Recently Pope Leo has been reminding us of the importance of reading the Bible and becoming familiar with it. It has been said that "Ignorance of the Bible is ignorance of God." We pray that our seminarians will study and love the Sacred Scriptures so that, as the future priests of our diocese, they will share and preach the Word of God in a way that enhances the lives of the people they will serve.



**SVP CHURCH GATE COLLECTION:** Collection will take place on Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st. March before all masses. Please give generously to this important cause.



**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.joewalstours.ie](http://www.joewalstours.ie).



**Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo & Assisi** - led by Anne-Marie Byrne and accompanied by Spiritual Director. 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026 for 5 nights. €1,295 per person sharing. Direct return flights from Dublin to Naples, 10kg bags included, all transfers & tours by private coach. 3 nights in Hotel Parco delle Rose in San Giovanni with full board and 2 nights in Hotel da Angelo in Assisi with half 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 086 089 2788.



### Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart

Parishioners who wish to take a short-term pledge for Lent are invited to visit [www.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie) or to speak to a Pioneer in the parish. Copies of the recent edition of the Pioneer newsletter are available on request to [prayer@pioneers.ie](mailto:prayer@pioneers.ie)

**CATHOLIC COUPLES DATE NIGHT**  
CELEBRATE LOVE - DEEPEN FAITH - GROW TOGETHER

Join us for an evening designed to enrich your relationship & renew your commitment to the beautiful Sacrament of Marriage. Enjoy inspiring talks, meaningful conversations & time to reconnect as a couple.

Strengthen your bond, grow in faith & rediscover the joy of walking this journey together.

When: 7pm, 18th April 2026  
Where: Armagh City Hotel

Speakers: Mark & Anne O'Leary  
Teams of Our Lady

- Mark & Anne O'Leary speak on 'Knowing each other' & 'Deeper in Love'
- Mr & Mrs Quiz
- 4-course meal
- Entertainment on the night

"Love that leads to marriage is a gift from God & a great act of faith toward other human beings."  
St. John Paul II

Early bird pricing €45/€55 per person until 14th February then they will be €55/€65 per person

To join us, email [catholicmothers@outlook.ie](mailto:catholicmothers@outlook.ie) OR Scan this QR code

[www.catholicmothers.ie](http://www.catholicmothers.ie)

**A Prayer to Begin my Lenten Journey**

Loving Jesus,  
As I receive on my forehead the sign of your saving cross you say to me, repent and believe in the Gospel.  
Walking into Lent my heart is set on you.  
May my *fasting* fill me with hunger for you,  
May my *prayer* draw me deeper into your presence.  
May my *acts of charity* bring your love to my home and community.

Lord of life,  
grant that by turning back to you in these 40 days I will stir up once more the waters of my baptism and re-awaken in me the joy of my Easter faith;  
for you raise me up from fear and despair  
and call me to hope and trust in God who is with me always.  
With you, I will rise again. Amen.



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): €299.00  
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): €433.00

**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

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**  
**ST MARY'S G.F.C DONORE**  
**9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**  
**Lotto: 3, 15, 18, 20**  
Jackpot €2,950.00  
Consolation prizes of €25 to Conor, Paul & Peter Lenehen and Ryan & Chloe Howard.  
Next week's jackpot €2,980.00

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**  
**Duleek/Bellewstown Active retirement group** are looking for new members.  
Monthly meetings are on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month.  
Bowling each Tuesday, from 2pm to 4pm in Duleek Parish centre.  
Contact 041 9823491 for more details.

**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)

