



# NEWSLETTER FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 11am Mass

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 9am Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 9am Mass

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

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

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 11am Oliver Everard Month's Memory; Cormac Everard; Deirdre Everard; Mary Gogarty;

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

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 6pm Lorna Drew (Seville); Richard Crinion;

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 12pm First Holy Communion Knockcommon NS

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 6pm Mass



## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF MEATH

Our first reading tells the story of the selection of the first seven deacons. We pray for those recently, or soon to be, ordained to the Diaconate, that the Lord will bless them in their future ministry. We pray also for all deacons preparing for ordination as priests in the coming months.



**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)



## LOUGH DERG 2026 PILGRIMAGE SEASON

*A pilgrimage has a vital part to play in our life of faith, for it removes us from our daily routines, and gives us time and space to encounter God more deeply.*  
Pope Leo XIV

[www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org) Three-day pilgrimage or one day retreat available. Advance booking is essential at least 48 hours before arrival. Telephone 071 9861518 or email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)



## All Ireland Rosary Rally:

Holy Family & St Mary's Parish are organising a bus to Knock for the Annual Rosary Rally on the 6th June 2026. For details contact Mary McNally in Holy Family at 041 9831991 or call into the Sacristy or email Mary at [holyfamilyballsgrove@outlook.ie](mailto:holyfamilyballsgrove@outlook.ie) for more details



**First Holy Communion:** We would like to congratulate the boys and girls from Donore N.S. who received their First Holy Communion yesterday in The Nativity of our Lady Church, Donore. We would like to thank the parents, teachers and SNAs who helped prepare the children for their special day.

*If you feel called to be a priest, open your heart to Jesus, follow the Lord and do not be afraid. Jesus is still calling priests, he needs you to say yes to his call. Be a priest and find joy, bring people to God and let Jesus work through you. Priesthood is not an office of the past. Jesus needs priests today more than ever.*  
**Vocations Director:** Phone: Fr Tony Gonoude 0449373923 Website: [www.meathvocations.com](http://www.meathvocations.com)  
Facebook Page: [DioceseOfMeathVocations](https://www.facebook.com/DioceseOfMeathVocations) Instagram Account: [dioceseofmeathvocations](https://www.instagram.com/dioceseofmeathvocations)  
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## Reflection: Jesus, the Good Shepherd

*Jesus, the Good Shepherd knows each of us. We are his sheep and he is our way to follow. He asks some to follow him in a closer way. To know him more intensely and to bring him to others. They are to be a way to God. This is the calling of the Priesthood. To know the Lord is to love and to bring love. To serve Him and to serve others. This is a beautiful ministry. To be a voice for Christ. To be a guide to Him. To be a shepherd for the Shepherd. To lead others to God. Priesthood is this call. However, to not serve, to not love is to be a false shepherd. Let us pray for good shepherds who will be the heart of Christ for others and will carry his sheep on the shoulders of their love.*

## CEMETERY SUNDAY WEEKEND JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>/12<sup>TH</sup> 2026

Blessing of the graves will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm in Donore old Cemetery, 5pm Leck Cemetery and 6pm in Knockcommon Cemetery. On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am in Donore Cemetery. Please note that no individual mass intentions will be taken cemetery Sunday weekend as all masses will be offered for those buried in our cemeteries.

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): €323.00  
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



**INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD, WE COMMEND;** JOSEPHINE MCCABE, DROGHEDA & FORMERLY DONORE ROAD, DROGHEDA.



**IN BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY:** FINN CORMAC EVERARD;

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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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

27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

Lotto: 2, 5, 10, 25

Jackpot €3,250.00

Consolation prizes of €25 to Rachel

O'Malley & Paddy McLoone

Next week's jackpot €3,280.00

