



NEWSLETTER TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY YEAR A

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MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Sunday 27th 11am Brendan Cooney *Month's Memory*; Ann Marie McMahon

Tuesday 29th 9am Mass followed by *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Wednesday 30th 9am Mass

Thursday 1st 9am Mass

Friday 2nd 9am Mass

Sunday 4th 11am Anne Walker;

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Saturday 26th 6pm Mass

Saturday 3rd 6pm Joe & Mary Sheils and deceased family members;

First Friday

Communion calls:

Fr John will visit the
Parishioners who are
sick & housebound
on Tuesday 29th
September



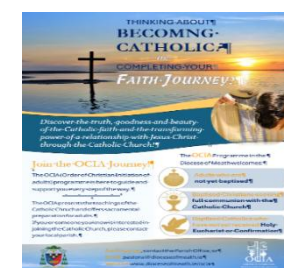
PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF MEATH

In the words of St Paul in our second reading, we pray that the men called to serve as priests of our diocese will '...be united in their convictions and in their love.... with no competition among them, no conceit; but everybody self-effacing, always considering the other person to be better than themselves, each one thinking of other people's interests first.'

"In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus."

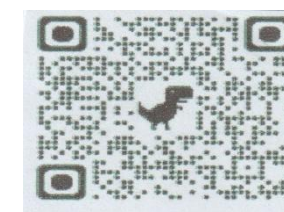
Special Collection for retired Priests Sunday 27th September: With the increasing age profile of Priests in the Diocese, many priests are now in full time nursing home care. The costs associated with such care are increasing on a yearly basis so the Bishop has asked for a special collection for the support of retired and infirm priests of the Diocese.

A second collection will be taken up after Communion



OCIA PROGRAMME 2026/27

Are you, or someone you know interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church? OCIA, the Order 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/ocia.



Knights of Columbanus

Drogheda and surrounding area of the Knights of Columbanus, a Catholic Laymen's charity organisation promoting the faith and helping the less well off in our society. If you would like to join us at our monthly meetings check out our QR Code.



Samuel Group: Attention young adults (ages 18-40) – Do you want to grow in your prayer life? Meath Samuel Group is beginning in Navan, October 2026 through April 2027. 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. Register by 1 Oct. For more information and registration go to: www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony



Abide Women's Conference, November 20-22, the Great Northern Hotel Bundoran, Co. Donegal. Speakers include: Sarah Swafford, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Mark Wharton, Kimberlee WooLing, Danielle Noonan, Nashville Domincans & more, Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin, from Cork & Ross Diocese. We would love to welcome you this weekend. For more details please visit Abide in His Love at eventbrite.ie. Registration link: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com>

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): €264.00
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): €206.00

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 22ND SEPTEMBER 2026

Lotto: 7, 15, 16, 26
Jackpot €3,885.00
Consolation prize of €25 to Saskia Lynch & Smasher.
Next week's jackpot €3,915.00

Sacramental Ceremonies 2027

The celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place in Holy Family Church, Ballsgrrove on Monday 8th March 2027 at 3pm.

First Holy Communion dates 2027

Donore N.S Saturday 1st May at 12pm
Knockcommon N.S – Saturday 8th 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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

There will be a one-day workshop on Saturday 10th October in An Tobar Retreat Centre, Ardbraccan, Navan, exploring contemplation and meditation in the second half of life. For further details and to register, phone 046-9078973 or email reception@antobar.ie

Blackberry Hearing is offering FREE hearing tests at **Clann Medical Practice, Cross Lane, Moneymore, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 HR65**. Hearing loss affects 1 in 3 people over 65 and often goes unnoticed for years. A simple 30-minute test can reveal whether you'd benefit from support — and many people qualify for up to €1,000 off hearing aids through the PRSI grant. Book with our qualified audiologists on **01-6978470**.

