

NEWSLETTER Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

DONORE PARISH WITH DULEEK PARISH PARISHES OF THE DULEEK DEANERY

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"When we go on a journey with others, it is not unusual for someone to feel sick, to have to stop because of fatigue or of some mishap along the way. It is precisely in such moments that we see how we are walking together: whether we are truly companions on the journey, or merely individuals on the same path, looking after our own interests and leaving others to "make do". For this reason, on the thirty-first World Day of the Sick, as the whole Church journeys along the synodal path, I invite all of us to reflect on the fact that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness. In the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, the Lord speaks these words that represent one of the high points of God's Revelation: "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak [...] I will feed them with justice" (34:15-16). Experiences of bewilderment, sickness, and weakness are part of the human journey. Far from excluding us from God's people, they bring us to the centre of the Lord's attention, for he is our Father and does not want to lose even one of his children along the way. Let us learn from him, then, how to be a community that truly walks together, capable of resisting the throwaway culture." Pope Francis, Message for World Day of the Sick 2023 see www.vatican.va for full text

BLESSING OF HANDS TO mark the World Day of the Sick we welcome all carers, nurses, doctors and others who assist those in our community who are sick this weekend as we celebrate the blessing of hands. The pandemic expereince has made us all the more aware of the invaluable work so many do for our community as people who work in the provision of health care. We are also so grateful for the tireless love and care family members offer to their loved ones at home. "Dear healthcare workers, your service alongside the sick, carried out with love and competence, transcends the bounds of your profession and becomes a mission. Your hands, which touch the suffering flesh of Christ, can be a sign of the merciful hands of the Father. Be mindful of the great dignity of your profession, as well as the responsibility that it entails". Message of Pope Francis for the World Day of the Sick 2022 www.vatican.va for full text. On 24th June we will celebrate Mass for the Sick when it is a warmer time of the year to gather.

THE GIFT OF LOVE Appreciating the commitment couples make in the Sacred Marriage vows we especially offer our love and support to the Newly Weds of 2022 whom we have invited to join with us at Mass this weekend, when as a faith community we mark St. Valentine's and express our solidarity with those most recently married and all couples, especially those celebrating significant Jubilees of Marriage this year. "May Saint Joseph inspire in all families a creative courage, so essential for these times of epochal change. May Our Lady help you to foster in your married lives the culture of encounter that we so urgently need in order to face today's problems and troubles. No amount of difficulty can take away the joy of those who know that they are walking with the Lord ever at their side. Live out your vocation with enthusiasm. Never allow your faces to grow sad or gloomy; your husband or wife needs your smile. Your children need your looks of encouragement. Your priests and other families need your presence and your joy: the joy that comes from the Lord!" Letter of Pope Francis to all Married Couples for the 'Amoris Laetitia' Family Year 2021-2022 see www.vatican.va for full text.



CONFIRMATION 2023 At Baptism they were called by name and now with a new name they will be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit by Bishop Tom on 1st March. On Saturday the 25th February, the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession will be available for all candidates and their families in the Church of the Nativity of Our Lady, Donore from 1-2pm and in the Church of St. Cianán from 2:30-4:30pm. It is a moment along the journey to humbly acknowledge our need to seek forgiveness from God and from others whom we haven't loved as Christ has asked us to. It is not what we have to say, as God knows it all, but rather about what we receive, the grace of God afresh in our lives as we prepare to celebrate the out pouring of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE		
Sunday	11am Blessing of Hands	

Tuesday	9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10an	
No Mass this Wednesday (9:30am in Bellewstown)		
Thursday	9am Missa pro populo	
Friday	9am Missa pro populo	

11am Missa pro populo Sunday

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE Saturday 6:30pm Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - World day of the Sick

6:30pm Missa pro populo Saturday

ST. CIANÁN'S, DULEEK

Saturday 7.30pm Sunday 9am & 12noon Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 9.30am

ST. THÉRÉSE'S, BELLEWSTOWN

Sunday 10.00am Wednesday 9.30am

Please note that during the week if there is a funeral, there will be no morning Mass that day. Instead Morning Prayer of the Church plus Rosary can be said by those who gather (sheets available from the sacristy). The intention will be included in the funeral Mass



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Offering): € 430 PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly envelopes): € 467.40 **Donore Parish Development Fund Account Number:** IBAN IE38 AIBK 9320 9446 7323 44



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IN BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY: Jack Thomas Ward, Rossnaree.

PARISH ENVELOPES The new Parish Envelopes year has just begun and a big thanks to all who have assisted with their distribution. If you currently are not a recipient of a parish box and would like to register for one please contact the parish office this week. Our Parish Bank details are also detailed above if you wish to set up your weekly, monthly or annual contribution in this way. Every person's or family's contribution and every little makes a huge difference to paying the bills and ensuring the best facilities we can provide for the celebration of public worship and the support of the priest and staff of the parish. Many thanks for your continued support.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lotto: 4, 5, 12, 26 No jackpot winner. Consolation prizes €50 Alex & Ryan Brooke, Jack Coombes. Next week's jackpot €6,110. Reserve Jackpot €2,610.

Cemetery Sunday Weekend 2023 The annual devotions and blessings of the graves will be held on the weekend of the 9th July.

"Take care of him" Compassion as a synodal exercise of healing. Theme for World Day of the Sick 2023

