

# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**Pentecost Sunday**

**Year B**

19 May 2024



*'They were all filled with the Holy Spirit' ... (Acts 2:5)*

## Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 18th Shared Mass Intention	7pm	Stephen Ledwith; Patty Newman—Pegley and Deceased; Al O'Connell, Bridget O'Donnell and Mary Tracey
Sunday 19th	9am	Katie Fay
Donaghmore	10am	Martin Boland, late of the Dublin Road (1st anniversary)
All are welcome to Hospitality in the Parish Pastoral Centre after Mass	11am	Pentecost Sunday with Confirmation of a New Parishioner and Celebration of the Faiths of our Parish
	12.30pm	Pauline Loughran; Frank & Geraldine, John & Sarah Thorne
Monday 20h	10am	Phyllis Peakin
Tuesday 21st	10am	Thomas Conroy
Wednesday 22nd	10am	People of Parish
Thursday 23rd	10am	Colm Lydon
Friday 24h	10am	People of the Parish
Saturday 25th Shared Mass Intention	10am 11.30am 2pm 3.30pm 7pm	Four First Holy Communion Masses for Children from St. Declans's Parish School and Children from the parish After School Programme John McManus; Paddy Houlihan; Catherine Guinnane; Austin, Noreen, Mary, GERALYN, Kathrina Corcoran.
Sunday 26th	9am	Kathleen & Jimmy Lee
Donaghmore	10am	Joan Deegan
All are welcome to Hospitality in the Parish Pastoral Centre after Mass	11am	Maureen Byrne, Breffni House, (Month's Mind)
	12.30pm	Ciarán Finn, Tudor Close, (Month's Mind)

## Celebrating Pentecost



This Sunday we celebrate the Holy Spirit. Fifty days after Easter and as part of Jesus' ascension God sent the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the invisible power of God within each person. At the 11am Mass we are celebrating some of the diversity of languages and nationalities that make up our parish. At this Mass we are having the Prayer of the Faithful in different languages. All are welcome to the Parish Pastoral Centre after this Mass as we are having different international foods as part of this Sunday's hospitality.

### Confirmation of RCIA Candidate

This Sunday we welcome a new adult member into our parish. David Adie is confirmed on this Feast of Pentecost. Fr. Michael has been delegated by Bishop Tom to lead the confirmation rite. We thank Brendan and Áine, our parish catechists, for meeting David every Saturday in the Parish Pastoral Centre and instructing him in the ways of faith. We congratulate David, his wife Paula and his family on this happy occasion as we welcome him into our Catholic faith community.



### Congratulations to the First Holy Communicants



Congratulations to all the children who received their First Holy Communion yesterday. We welcome them as 'guests of honour' today as they receive Holy Communion for the first time on a Sunday - the Lord's Day. Thank you for joining us at Mass today with your families. We rejoice as you receive the Body of Christ.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 10.30am to 8pm + Confessions Saturday 5 to 6pm - Ashbourne Church

## 1st Holy Communion in the Coming Days



Next Saturday is another busy one for our priests with four first Holy Communion Masses for the children attending both the After School Parish Sacramental Programme and St. Declan's Primary School. The children will be our 'guests of honour' at our Masses next Sunday. We look forward to this happy occasion in our parish and welcoming them into the Eucharistic faith community. *O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine ...*

### Thank You for your Help

Thanks to all those who cleaned our church and donated flowers for the days of our Holy Communion Masses. Thank you also to the musicians, singers and volunteer sacristans who are helping with the extra ceremonies. Finally, thank you to those who keep our Church grounds clean and tidy and we especially thank Kalev our groundsman.



### Praying the Rosary

For the month of May the Legion of Mary recite the rosary in various public locations in the parish. This week they will gather on the green in Milltown Meadows on Wednesday at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Rosary is also recited in our parish every weekday morning before and after the 10am daily mass.



### Congratulations to Giovanna

We congratulate Giovanna on receiving a doctorate in sacred music from DCU. Giovanna did her work on the great gospel acclamation 'Alleluia'. We hope she continues to sing the Alleluia in our parish for many years to come.



### Getting Married in the Coming Months?

Any couple getting married in the coming months are asked to make sure that they do their pre marriage course and the church paperwork in plenty of time. This is to ensure that all is organised and the couple can focus on planning their ceremony in the church with their priest in the months coming up to the wedding. In recent weeks Fr. Michael updated the parish wedding guidelines to support couples in our parish getting married. Our priests meet brides and grooms to be every Saturday afternoon in the parish office to help them organise their Church wedding.



### Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Knock is our great Marian Shrine. This year's diocesan pilgrimage will take place on Sunday August 11th. The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Tom Deenihan and accompanied by the Meath Diocesan Choir. People from parishes across the diocese are encouraged to come together to make this pilgrimage. *Our Lady of Knock, pray for us*



## Trinity Sunday



Next Sunday is the feast of the Holy Trinity. We celebrate the mystery of one God and three persons. We follow God the Creator, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

### Safety Around Donaghmore Church

We continue to remind people to be careful when coming to Donaghmore Church for Sunday Masses or funerals and weddings. Parishioners continue to ask our local councillors to seek engagement from Meath County Council to improve safety for local people coming to their local church. All we can do is hope that some day measures will be put in place to slow down traffic passing by this ancient church.



### Cemetery Devotions

The annual prayers for the faithful departed interred in the cemeteries of Ashbourne and Donaghmore takes place in the coming weeks. Mass for those interred in Ashbourne Church Cemetery will take place in Ashbourne Church on Saturday June 1st at 7pm followed by the blessing of the graves immediately afterwards at 7.45pm. Killelland graves will be blessed at 8.15pm that same evening. The graves in Donaghmore and Greenogue will be blessed on Sunday morning, June 2nd following the 10am Mass offered for the deceased buried in these cemeteries. On the following Saturday evening of June 8th the 7pm Vigil Mass will be offered for those interred in St. Declan's with the blessing of the graves afterwards at 8.15pm.



### Keeping Our Cemeteries Tidy

Cemeteries are special places for bereaved families and for Christians they are held as sacred grounds, as they hold the earthly remains of our brothers and sisters in Christ, awaiting the resurrection. Parishioners are asked to remove all leftover material and waste from the cemetery and dispose of them in a responsible way. All those with plots and niches in our parish cemeteries are reminded to bring home old flower pots, withered Christmas wreaths and burnt candle ends. At times these are left behind headstones, thrown to one side, dumped in a hedge or left for others to take away. This is disrespectful to people who own other plots and to parish property. We are grateful to all the families and volunteers who help maintain our parish cemeteries to a high standard but must remain vigilant to ensure dumping is kept at bay and our cemeteries look their best.



### Gratitude for Your Support to Our Parish

Last Sunday's collection total amounts were as follows: Plate €1465; Shrines €595; Development Fund €770. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to Ashbourne – Donaghmore parish. *Mile buíochas.*



### Recently Deceased

We pray for Martin Plummer of Ashewood Close whose funeral Mass took place on Friday. May his soul and those of all the faithful departed rest in the peace of heaven.

