



# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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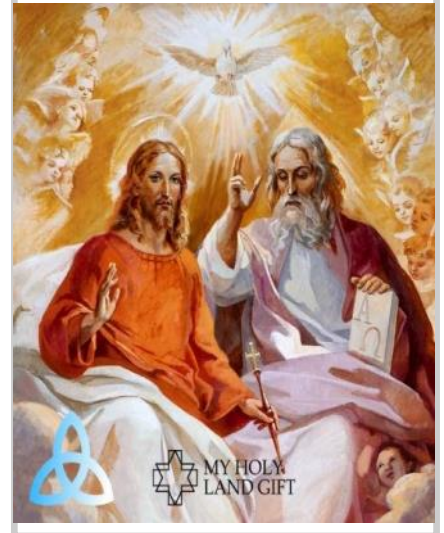
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Parish Office Hours: Monday—Thursday  
9am to 12.30pm

**Trinity Sunday**

**Year B**

26 May 2024



### Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 25th Shared Mass Intention	7pm	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)
Monday 27th	10am	Patricia Buchanan
Tuesday 28th	10am	Mass in Honour of the Holy Face of Jesus
Wednesday 29th	10am	Matthew Ke
Thursday 30th	10am	People of the Parish
Friday 31st	10am	Barbara Hoare
Saturday 1st Shared Mass Intention	7pm	Mass for all those interred both in Ashbourne Church Cemetery and Killeglad Cemetery.
Sunday 2nd	9am	People of the Parish
Donaghmore	10am	Deceased of the Cassidy and Peel Families
All are welcome to Hospitality in the Parish Pastoral Centre after Mass	11am	John O'Brien, Tara Lawns (Month's Mind)
	12.30pm	Melanie Grattan



Today 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. Our God is a community of persons and calls us into communion with God and one another.

### Congratulations to the First Holy Communion Children

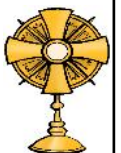


Congratulations to all the children from St. Declan's School and the after school program who received their First Holy Communion yesterday. We welcome them as 'guests of honour' today as they receive Holy Communion for the first time on a Sunday - the Lord's Day.

Thank you for joining us at Mass today with your families. We rejoice as you receive the Body of Christ. On leaving our church do not forget to get a parish memento from our priests.

### Feast of Corpus Christi

Next Sunday is the Feast of Corpus Christi. Our Masses will celebrate the gift of the Eucharist. This is a time when we reflect on the importance of Mass on a Sunday and what it means to be nourished by the Sacrament of the Eucharist. This year the Parish Pastoral Assembly are organising a Eucharistic Procession in the Church grounds. This will begin at 7pm and will follow a format similar to the Outdoor Stations on Good Friday. The via Eucharistiae is a new way of reflecting on what the Eucharist means. The procession will last forty minutes and end with Benediction in the Church. All are welcome but we would be especially delighted to welcome children who have received the sacraments of first communion or confirmation this year. Children are welcome to carry a small posie/basket of flowers for the procession.



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

### Pentecost Success



Last Sunday's Celebration of the diversity of our faith community was a wonderful success. Thanks to all who joined the 11am Mass and celebration in the Parish Pastoral Centre. Thank you to Jana, the Parish Pastoral Assembly members, and all the volunteers who worked so hard to ensure Pentecost was well celebrated.

### Diocesan Changes

Priests in the two of our parishes historically associated with Ashbourne are changing. Fr. Gerry Stuart, P.P. of Ratoath is retiring to be replaced by Fr. Michael Cahill. Fr. Kevin Heery, the priest in Curraha is moving to Johnstown Parish in Navan. We wish Gerry and Kevin all the very best and thank them for their support to our parish through the years.



### Best Wishes in Married Life



Fr. Michael married Laura Shanahan and Simon Kavanagh on Saturday last in Ashbourne Church. We congratulate them and wish them all the very best.

### Photos From our First Holy Communion Ceremonies

Here are some photos from the First Holy Communion ceremonies for the children of St. Mary's and Gaelscoil na Cille. We pray for the children and their families that they will always value their relationship with Jesus and put it above everything else in life.

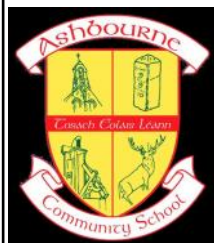


### After School Parish Program Finishes

The after-school sacramental classes come to an end this week with the celebration of Mass for all involved at 4pm in Ashbourne Church and a small party afterwards in the Parish Pastoral Centre. Well done to the children and their parents. We wish them an enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing them again for classes in September. Thank you to Kay, our priests and the catechists for their hard work during the year.



### Ashbourne Community School



We congratulate the children who graduated in the last few days from Ashbourne Community School. Fr. Stephen was happy to do a reflection and blessing at their Graduation Ceremony. We wish the children all the best in their exams. We keep them in our prayers above all else.

# THE BLESSING OF GRAVES

### Cemetery Devotions Next Weekend

Next Saturday evening's 7pm Mass is offered for all those interred both in Ashbourne Church Cemetery and Killeglend Cemetery. The blessing of the graves will take place immediately afterwards. The graves in the church grounds will be blessed at 7.45pm. Killeglend graves will be blessed at 8.15pm that same evening.

The graves in Donaghmore and Greenogue will be blessed next Sunday morning, June 2nd following the 10am Mass offered for the deceased buried in these cemeteries.

On Saturday evening June 8th the 7pm Vigil Mass will be offered for those interred in St. Declan's Cemetery with the blessing of the graves afterwards at 8.15pm.

Please inform family members and friends of these dates and times. This is an opportunity for parishioners to tend to their family plots and we encourage everyone to prepare their plots so that the cemeteries can look its very best to honour our beloved dead.

### Relic of Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska

A relic of Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska will be present in Ashbourne Church on Tuesday morning, June 4th. This Polish woman is the first lay nurse to be beatified and prayers will be said as a miracle is sought for her to be formally declared a saint. We thank the Guild of Catholic Nurses for bringing this relic to Ashbourne Church. As part of the Mass the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered.



### Conclusion of Mary's Month

Senior Infant Children in our parish schools having been learning this month about Mary. They have done art depicting our Lady and are learning the great Marian prayer the 'Hail Mary'. Some of the boys and girls are with us this Sunday. For the month of May the Legion of Mary have been reciting the rosary in various public locations in the parish. This final Wednesday of the month they will gather at the grotto in Ashbourne Church grounds at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Rosary is also recited in our parish every weekday morning before and after the 10am daily mass.



### 2nd Collection Next Weekend

There is a 2nd Collection at our Parish Masses next Sunday. The collection is the June Offerings for the support of the three priests in our parish. Last Sunday's collection total amounts were as follows: Plate €1495; Shrines €770; Development Fund €1065. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to Ashbourne - Donaghmore parish. *Mile buíochas.*



### Recently Deceased

We pray for Margaret Mulready of Westfield View whose funeral Mass took place on Thursday. May her soul and those of all the faithful departed rest in the peace of heaven.

