

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

Year B
2 June 2024



'Jesus took bread ...'
(Mark 14: 22)

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday June 1st Shared Mass Intention	7pm	Mass for all those interred both in Ashbourne Church Cemetery and Killeglan Cemetery
Sunday 2nd	9am	Mass for Students Doing Exams
Donaghmore	10am	Mass for all those interred in Donaghmore and Greenogue Cemeteries
	11am	John O'Brien, Tara Lawns (Month's Mind) All are welcome to Hospitality in the Parish Pastoral Centre after this Mass
	12.30pm	Melanie Grattan
Monday 3rd	10am	Tom Hollywood
Tuesday 4th	10am	Mass with Anointing of the Sick and with relic of Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska, patron of the sick
Wednesday 5th	10am	Dunne Family Members
Thursday 6th	10am	Carmel Campbell
Friday 7th	10am 1.30pm	Parish List of the Dead Wedding Mass
Saturday 8th Shared Mass	7pm	Mass for all those interred in St. Declan's Cemetery
Sunday 9th	9am	Mary and Brian Moore
Donaghmore	10am	People of the Parish
	11am	Maggie Beggy, Milltown Estate (1st Anniversary) All are welcome to Hospitality in the Parish Pastoral Centre after this Mass
	12.30pm	People of the Parish

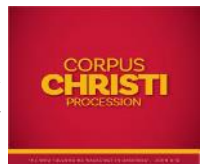
Corpus Christi Masses



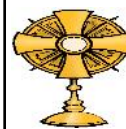
Today is the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ and is often known by its Latin name 'Corpus Christi'. This feast highlights three very important things: 1) Every Sunday we gather to celebrate Jesus. 2) The Body of Christ nourishes us. 3) As members of the church our mission is to carry out the work of Jesus in the world. As we reflect on this sacrament of Holy Communion and celebrate the Blessed Eucharist we recall the words of Vatican Council II document *'Lumen Gentium'* 'the Eucharist is to be the source and summit of Christian life'.

'Walk With Christ' Procession

It is many years since Ashbourne had a Corpus Christi Procession. This evening the Parish Pastoral Assembly are organising a Eucharistic Procession in the Church grounds. This 'Walk With



Christ' will begin at 7pm. The procession will last forty minutes and end with Benediction in the Church. All are welcome to join us but we would be especially delighted to welcome children who have received the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation this year. First Communion children are especially invited to wear their Holy Communion clothes. All children are welcome to carry a small posie/basket of flowers for the procession. There is a cup of tea and time for a chat after the procession in the Parish Pastoral Centre.



Supporting Those Doing Exams

Prayer is a wonderful support and help to those doing exams in the coming weeks. Do let people know that you are remembering them by lighting a candle and saying a prayer in our Church for them. Our 9am Sunday morning Mass is offered for our students.



We thank you for joining us for Sunday Mass and wish you a very enjoyable June Bank Holiday weekend.



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

THE BLESSING OF GRAVES

This Saturday evening's 7pm Mass is offered for all those interred both in Ashbourne Church Cemetery and Killeglan Cemetery. The blessing of the graves will take place immediately afterwards. The graves in the church grounds will be blessed at 7.45pm. Killeglan graves will be blessed at 8.15pm that same evening. The graves in Donaghmore and Greenogue are blessed this Sunday morning following the 10am Mass offered for the deceased buried in these cemeteries. As we bless the graves in Donaghmore this weekend we pray for the deceased members of the O'Connell family who fifty years ago gave the land to St. Finian's Diocesan Trust for the new cemetery that has benefited the parishioners of Donaghmore. On Saturday evening next (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. We thank parishioners and friends for joining us and all those who have their family plots looking so well as we honour our beloved dead.

Cemetery Committee Volunteers are Sought

Fr. Michael announces at cemetery devotions this weekend that he would like to see if a group of people with family plots in Ashbourne Church Cemetery would be willing to work with him to look after the cemetery. The committee would start its work at the end of September, have a three year term, apply for burial grants from the state and look at issues to do with enhancing the cemetery in Ashbourne Church grounds. It may seem that the graveyard is looking well and some things we cannot change but there is always work to be done and things that can be improved. Can you help? Do you visit the cemetery regularly? Perhaps during the coming weeks you might reflect on how you can help your parish with this project and consider putting your name forward if you have the interest and are a person who works well with others.



First Friday Mass and Calls to the Housebound

Friday next is the Feast of the Sacred Heart and the First Friday of June. The 10am Mass will be offered for all those on the Ashbourne—Donaghmore Parish List of the Dead. Our priests will bring Holy Communion on Friday to those who are housebound and wish to receive the Blessed Sacrament. Any person of faith who is unable to get to mass and would like to receive the Blessed Sacrament each month should contact the Parish Office.



Pope Francis' to Parish Priests

Pope Francis wrote a letter in recent weeks to all priests at the front line of parish ministry. In an email to all priests he says 'The Church could not go on without you'. He asks priests to build a missionary church in which all the baptised share in the mission of proclaiming and living the gospel. 'Parish communities increasingly need to become places from which the baptised set out as missionary disciples and to which they return, full of joy, in order to share the wonders worked by the Lord through their witness'.



Relic of Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska

A relic of Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska will be present in Ashbourne Church on Tuesday morning next, June 4th. Hanna set up a care facility for the sick and poor in her Krakow parish during WWII. A friend of Pope St John Paul II she was beatified at the Shrine of the Divine Mercy in 2018. 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 on its way to a permanent home in Dominick Street Church. As part of the Mass, Ms Gosia Brykczynska, the European President of the International Guild of Catholic Nurses, will introduce Hanna's life to us and the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered. After Mass parishioners will be welcome to venerate her relic.



Parish Pastoral Assembly Meeting

The June meeting of the Parish Pastoral Assembly takes place on Tuesday evening next at 7pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre. We will review the work done so far and continue to make pastoral plans and promote initiatives that strengthen and safeguard the faith of parishioners. Bishop Tom recently met with the Parish Priests and Chairpersons of the Parish Pastoral Assemblies in our deanery of Ratoath. All Parish Pastoral Assemblies are asked to reflect on increasing cooperation between parishes and parish clustering.



Holy Hour For Vocations on Friday Next

On Friday evening for the Feast of the Sacred Heart there will be a Vocations Holy Hour in Ashbourne Church from 7 to 8pm. It will be led by Fr. Tony Gonoude—Meath Diocesan Vocations Director. We encourage parishioners of Ashbourne and Donaghmore to support this diocesan initiative of prayer for priests. It is important especially today that we support priests and young people discerning a vocation to priesthood or religious life. The Diocesan Vocations Team visit parishes across our diocese promoting vocations and praying for vocations. If anyone in our parish feels they have a call to priesthood and wish to do something about it they should talk to one of our priests.



Second Collection This Weekend

There is a 2nd Collection at our Parish Masses this weekend. The collection takes place after communion and is the June Offerings for the support of the three priests in our parish. Last Sunday's collection total amounts were as follows: Plate €1415; Shrines €915; Development Fund €760. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to Ashbourne – Donaghmore parish. *Míle buíochas.*



Praying for the Deceased

We pray for Catherine Goodman of Lindsay Road, Glasnevin whose remains were interred in the Farrell family plot in Ashbourne Church Cemetery on Wednesday last. May her soul and those of all the faithful departed rest in the peace of heaven. Amen.

