

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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10th Sunday B

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Jesus asked, "who is my mother
and who are my brothers?"

Then he pointed
to his disciples
and said, "Here
are my mother
and my brothers."

For whoever does the will
of my Father in heaven is my
brother and sister and Mother."

Matthew 12:48-49

Mass Times and Intentions Ashbourne and Donaghmore Churches

Saturday June 8th Shared Mass Intention	7pm	Mass for all those interred in St. Declan's Cemetery
Sunday 9th Donaghmore	9am 10am	Mary and Brian Moore 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	Mass for Students Doing Exams
Monday 10th	10am	Philomena Carofane
Tuesday 11th	10am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 12th	10am	John D Curtin
Thursday 13th	10am	Nora Loftus/Lilly Simon
Friday 14th	10am	Thomas Cotter/ Patrick, Ann and Gerald McDonald
Saturday 15th Shared Mass	7pm	Nora Rattigan, The Ward (1st Anniversary); Martin Finn; Mary and Dan Landers; Ann Madigan; James Malone; Thomas, Mary and Martin Smyth
Sunday 16th Donaghmore	9am 10am	McLoughlin and Tierney Families Gerard, Andrea and Christian Hoste
	11am	Joe Mc Quaid, Dublin Road (1st Anniversary) All are welcome to Hospitality in the Parish Pastoral Centre after this Mass
	12.30pm	People of the Parish

Ordinary Time Begins Again



This Sunday is the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We have celebrated Easter and the great church feasts of the Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity and Corpus Christi. Things

slow down a little on the church liturgical calendar as we return to Ordinary Time. This is Year B, the second of three years on the Sunday liturgical cycle. We return to hearing excerpts from the gospel of St. Mark at Sunday Mass.

A Prayer For Those Doing Exams

Spirit of God, in a special way, be with all who are doing exams; Spirit of Wisdom, enlighten students to choose the correct questions; focus their minds so that they will be able to answer each question clearly and concisely; Spirit of God, grant them peace of mind and calmness of soul; Holy Spirit of Peace and Wisdom, come help us now and always.



Supporting Those Doing Exams

We continue to wish all our young parishioners every blessing and 'success' in their exams. Prayer is a wonderful support and help. Do let people know that you are remembering them by lighting a candle and saying a prayer for them. Prayerful support will continue to be with our young people over the coming weeks. Our 12.30pm Sunday Mass today is offered for our students and those making decisions about their future at this time.



Corpus Christi Thanks

Thank you to all those who took part in last Sunday evening's procession in the church grounds.



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 in St. Declan's Cemetery with the blessing of the graves afterwards at 8.15pm. St. Declan's Cemetery is run by the municipal authorities and we thank Paul Beggy and the Meath County Council staff for welcoming us and for the work they do in looking after the graves. The first decade of the rosary will be said in the new part of the cemetery on the right hand side and the second decade will be said in the old part of St. Declan's on the left hand side. During each decade the graves are blessed with each Holy Water. 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 Volunteers Requested

For the sixtieth anniversary of the cemetery beside Ashbourne Church Fr. Michael would like to establish a committee to enhance this sacred space. Would you be willing to get involved for this good cause and work with him? 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? During these summer days you might consider putting your name forward. Simply email the parish in the coming weeks and we will get back to you at the end of August to take it from there.



Thursday is the Feast of St. Anthony



Thursday next is the Feast of St. Anthony. St. Anthony is one of the most popular saints in Ireland. Anthony was born in Lisbon. He heard about the life of St. Francis and became a Franciscan friar. He dedicated his life to making the gospel real for people. Many miracles are attributed to St. Anthony and people pray to St. Anthony especially when they lose something and light a candle invoking his intercession. He died in Padua in Northern Italy and many pilgrims visit his remains and pray through him. Above the shrine in Ashbourne Church the statue of St. Anthony shows him holding the child Jesus. This reminds us that we must become childlike in the way we treat the world and trust in God.

Tridium Reflection on St. Anthony

At the 10am Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we will reflect on three aspects of St. Anthony's life corresponding to the three main symbols associated with his life

Tuesday— Anthony and the Child Jesus

Wednesday—Anthony with the Book and Lily

Thursday—Anthony and the Bread



Visit of the Relic of Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska



We had a beautiful mass last Tuesday with a relic of Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska present in Ashbourne Church. A friend of Pope St John Paul II Hanna was beatified at the Shrine of the Divine Mercy in 2018. She is the first lay nurse to be on the road to canonisation. Our photo shows Ms

Gosia Brykczynska, Loretto Browne and Fr. Michael and Fr. Stephen after the celebration of Mass for the Sick. Gosia is the European President of the International Guild of Catholic Nurses and introduced Hanna's life to our parish. Our parishioner Loretto is a member of the Irish Guild of Catholic Nurses and organised the visit of this relic to Ashbourne prior to its installation at the Irish shrine of the Divine Mercy in Dominick Street.



Parish Pastoral Assembly Meeting



The June meeting of the Parish Pastoral Assembly took place on Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre. Those present reflected on the content for newsletters supporting parents with children for First Holy Communion. We reviewed our parish celebrations of Pentecost

and Corpus Christi. We talked about the need to pray for Vocations and work with our diocese in planning for the future with less priests. The need for people of faith to live their baptismal calling and to support their parish was emphasised. The September meeting was then organised. As the Parish Pastoral Assembly is six months in existence Fr. Michael thanked all members for the wonderful work that they are doing in helping our priests make decisions and deliver pastoral projects for Ashbourne.

Principal's Meeting

The priests of the parish met with the principal's of our three parish schools last Friday. At the beginning and end of each year these meetings take place. We reviewed Catholic Schools Week, school preparation for the sacraments and creating a strong and vibrant Catholic ethos in our school communities. The meeting looked ahead to next year and put plans in place for the new academic season. Fr. Michael thanked the principals, the school children and staff and his fellow priests for their work.



Thank You For Last Week's Generosity



Last Sunday's collection total amounts were as follows: Plate €1710; June Priest's Offering €2480; Shrines €1268; Development Fund €1000. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to Ashbourne – Donaghmore parish.

Mile buíochas.

Praying for the Deceased

We pray for Eileen Doherty of Killelland Walk whose funeral took place on Saturday with burial in Enfield Parish. May her soul and those of all the faithful departed rest in the peace of heaven. Amen.

