

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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11th Sunday B
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'The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed...' (Mark 4, 31-32)



Mass Times and Intentions Ashbourne and Donaghmore Churches

Saturday June 15th Shared Mass Intention	7pm	Nora Rattigan, The Ward (1st Anniversary) Martin Finn; Mary and Dan Landers; Ann Madigan; James Malone; Thomas, Mary & Martin Smyth
Sunday 16th Donaghmore	9am	McLoughlin and Tierney Families
	10am	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	For all Those Doing Exams
Monday 17th	10am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 18th	10am	William and Eileen O'Brien
Wednesday 19th	10am	People of the Parish
Thursday 20th	10am	People of the Parish
Friday 21st	10am	People of the Parish
Saturday 22nd Shared Mass	7pm	Suzanne Milner; Jimmy Molloy; Margaret Corduff ; Sean Byrne
Sunday 23rd Donaghmore	9am	People of the Parish
	10am	Sonny Dwyer
	11am	Edward and Olive Fox All are welcome to Hospitality in the Parish Pastoral Centre after this Mass
	12.30pm	John Beirne

Happy Father's Day



We wish all of the fathers in our parish a very happy Father's Day. Being a father is a wonderful vocation from God. We celebrate today the gift that all fathers are to their families, and we ask God to give them every blessing and grace, that they may always be a sure sign of love and support for their children. There will be a special blessing for all fathers at the end of our Masses this weekend.

Blessing for Fathers on Father's Day

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to the care of St. Joseph, her spouse. Through the intercession of St. Joseph, foster-father of Jesus, bless all fathers and grandfathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience, give them ability to love in a way that reflects your love. Support them in the work they have to do, and protect those who look to them. Grant an eternal rest to our fathers whom you have called from this life to yourself, through Jesus Christ Lord. Amen.



Wedding Congratulations

We congratulate Gerard Owens and Denise Maguire who got married in Ashbourne Church on the first Friday of this month. We wish them all the very best in this new chapter in their lives.



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

Sixth Class Graduation Mass



There will be a special Mass this week for all of the children in 6th class in our primary schools. It will take place on Wednesday 19th June at 11.00am in Ashbourne church. We wish all of the children every blessing as they graduate from primary school. We thank all of their teachers and the staff of St. Mary's, St. Declan's and Gaelscoil na Cille for all of the hard work and support given to the children over the years.

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.



Thanks to our Linesman



A big thank you to Mick McGroarty for painting the lines in the two carparks attached to the Parish Pastoral Centre. It is always wonderful to see people taking initiative for the betterment of our parish. Many thanks Mick. Our photo shows Fr. Michael with Mick during the week.

Sunday Hospitality

Hospitality in the Parish Pastoral Centre will be coming to an end for a summer recess in a few weeks time. Our photo shows Áine, Mary and Mary at hospitality last Sunday. We thank you for pouring us tea and coffee, doing the wash-up and providing us with goodies. All of our parishioners are welcome to come in for a cup of tea and a chat after 11.00am Mass today.



Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will begin on September 10th. Bishop Tom will lead the liturgies at the shrine and Meath Diocesan Choir will sing at the ceremonies. All pilgrims will be accommodated in hotels and there are 4, 5 and 6 night stay options. Booking forms are available from Joe Walsh Tours Telephone (01) 2410800 or online at www.joewalstours.ie. The local contact person in this part of the diocese is Mark Whearty who can be contacted on (086) 8761849.

Coeliacs Receiving Holy Communion

Just a reminder that coeliac hosts are available in both our Churches for parishioners receiving Holy Communion. Please just indicate to the priest or Eucharistic Minister at the time of reception of the Blessed Sacrament that you wish to receive a coeliac host.



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, 11th August. 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. If anyone wishes to organise a bus from the parish please let us know. *Our Lady of Knock, pray for us.*

Second Collection Next Weekend

There is a second collection at our Masses next weekend for St. Peter's Pence. This collection will be taken up after the distribution of Holy Communion. This collection enables Pope Francis to continue the mission of the Universal Church, to support the upkeep of the Vatican offices and missions abroad, and for the discretionary use by the Holy Father for any charitable initiatives he may support within the Universal church, including for the relief of those most in need.



Thank You For Last Week's Generosity



Last Sunday's collection total amounts were as follows: Plate €1300; Shrines €825; Development Fund €885. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to Ashbourne – Donaghmore parish.

Mile buíochas.

Cemetery Devotions

Thank you to everyone who helped our priests with cemetery devotions in our parish over the past few weeks. We were blessed with the weather again this year. It was wonderful to see families coming together to 'do the graves' and to lovingly remember all our deceased loved ones.



Praying for the Deceased



We pray for Patrick Lambe, originally from Greenogue, whose funeral took place in our parish during the week. We pray also for Roseanne Kearney, Co. Armagh (mother of Irene Hopkins). May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.