

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

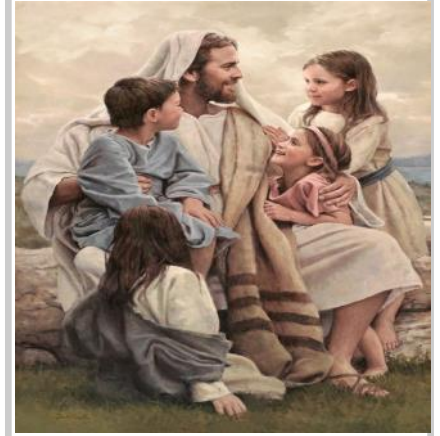
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25th Sunday B
22 September 2024



'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me, welcomes the one who sent me'. Mk 9: 37



Mass Times and Intentions Ashbourne and Donaghmore Churches

Saturday 21st September <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Ann O'Neill, Wotton (Month's Mind); TV Joseph; Michael, Mary & Michelle Long; Odhran O'Donnell; Thomas Hardy
Sunday 22nd	9am	McLoughlin & Tierney families
Donaghmore	10am	Pat Moran
	11am	Vera Tuttle, Baltrasna (Month's Mind)
	12.30pm	Patrick, Mary and Members of McDonagh family
Monday 23rd	10am	Gerard McGrath
Tuesday 24th	10am	Agnes & Peter Lawless
Wednesday 25th	10am	Ronnie & Betty Quigley
Thursday 26th	10am 1.30pm	Bridget Slattery Wedding—Ashbourne Church
Friday 27th	10am	John & Molly Fay
Saturday 28th Shared Mass Intentions	7pm	Jack Barrett; Joe Rooney; Eamon Lacy; Brendan Reddington; Liam Keating; Ciaran Hennelly; Declan Conroy
Sunday 29th	9am	Kathleen & Jimmy Lee
Donaghmore	10am	People of the Parish
	11am	Gerard McCann, Milbourne (1st Anniversary)
	12.30p	Michael & Philomena Allen

First Communion Information Night



**First Communion
PARENT MEETING**

A meeting for all parents who wish their child to receive the sacrament of First Communion in 2025 will take place tomorrow evening (Monday) at 7pm in Ashbourne Church. Elaine Campbell, Diocesan Director of Faith Development, will share her experience as a parent of passing on faith, and give practical tips to parents on how to pass on Christian belief in an increasingly secular world. Our priests will be in attendance as will some members of the Parish Pastoral Assembly who hope to support parents wishing to prepare their child well for reception of this sacrament. At this meeting, the 'Do This In Memory' program will be outlined, and dates announced for next year's first Holy Communion Masses. All parents must request the sacrament for their child and should be at this important parish meeting.

Thanking Our Altar Servers

We are very grateful to the thirteen children who have served Mass over the last twelve months. As an expression of appreciation on Sunday next the children who have completed one year will be presented at Masses with a token of appreciation. Parents of children are thanked and reminded that if their son or daughter wishes to continue serving a new Altar Server Registration Form should be completed. These forms are available or you in the sacristy. As two of our Altar servers retire we are now recruiting new altar servers. Are you in 3rd class, or any class above that grade, and interested in becoming an Altar Server at Sunday Mass? If you would like to sign up please ask one of our priests for an Altar Server Registration Form. We will begin training for new servers in the coming days.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Thursdays 10.30am to 8pm

Confessions Saturday 5 to 6pm - Ashbourne Church

Padre Pio's Stigmata Glove

Padre Pio's feast day is tomorrow. Padre Pio was a Capuchin priest who lived in Southern Italy and worked tirelessly for the Christian cause by celebrating the sacraments and building hospitals for the sick. For fifty years he carried the wounds of Christ and offered his suffering for the salvation of souls. On Tuesday a glove of Padre Pio will be at the 10am Mass in Ashbourne Church. The Sacrament of Holy Anointing of the Sick will take place at this Mass alongside blessing with this second class relic. The glove was given to the late Mairead Doyle who was an 'Irish friend' of Padre Pio. For several years Fr. Michael accompanied members of the Mairead Doyle Prayer Group on return visits to San Giovanni Rotondo and the tomb of Padre Pio.



Return of the Relics of St Killian



The sacred relics of St Killian are returning to their home country for the first time in 1,400 years and will be in Cavan from October 1st to 6th. Born in Mullagh in County Cavan in 640AD St. Killian received his religious training in Rosscarbery in Co. Cork before founding his own ecclesiastical settlement where he trained monks. This was the era known as the time of 'saints and scholars'. Killian and his followers were invited to bring Christianity to Germany and modern day Bavaria. Three Irish monks led by Killian established a monastery in Wurzburg in 686 AD. Just three Killian and his two friends Colman and Totnan were killed. The lives of these Irish missionaries are remembered in Bavaria and relics of the three saints (their skulls) have been kept for centuries in the Cathedral of St. Killian in Wurzburg. In recent years here in Ireland the boy's name Killian is growing in popularity, but it is noteworthy that more people in Germany know about this saint than in Ireland. In 2019 President Michael D. Higgins made an official state visit to Germany, prayed before the relics of St. Killian, and attended the annual Bavarian festival in St. Killian's honour. For more information on the visit of these relics visit the Cavan County Council website or that of the Diocese of Kilmore.

St. Vincent De Paul

The Feast of St Vincent de Paul takes place on Friday next. St. Vincent was an outstanding saint of the church who worked night and day to alleviate the poor. In his name local parishes support the work of the global St. Vincent de Paul movement. The St. Vincent De Paul work to alleviate poverty and campaign for social justice among all peoples. Through fundraising and running charity shops they do their work. We are very grateful for all the SVP volunteers in Ashbourne and throughout our country. The St. Vincent de Paul helpline is 1800677777 and their website is www.svp.ie.



Blessing of Pets on the Feast of St. Francis



On Friday October 4th we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of animals and the environment. At 4pm there will be a blessing of pets and pet owners outside Ashbourne Church. If you have a dog or cat or any pet at home why not bring it for a blessing as we celebrate the great Saint who loved animals and life in all shapes and forms. Last year was the first year we did this blessing and hopefully this year again it will be a great success.

Rota's For Various Ministries



Rotas for Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist for the months of October and November are now available. The rotas are in 'rota drawer' in the Lady Chapel and will be placed on our noticeboards at the end of this month. We thank all those involved in these ministries and welcome two new readers on board. We thank you for volunteering and hope you benefit from it.

LMFM Radio Mass

The vigil Mass on Saturday evening October 5th will be recorded on Saturday evening to be broadcast on LMFM on Sunday morning. Ashbourne Parish webcam facility allows the radio station to do this and we are happy to give permission for this to happen.



Opening of the School Year Masses

During these first weeks of the new school term our parish schools are coming together to pray. St. Declan's School had a lovely celebration in our church on Wednesday morning last. The school communities of St. Mary's and Gaelscoil na Cille will have their Opening of the Year Masses in the coming fortnight.



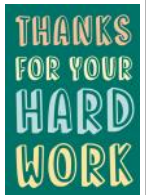
After School Classes Begin

The After School Sacramental Program begin in the Parish Pastoral Centre this week. Registration is now complete. We thank Kay for all the work that she does to co-ordinate with the teachers and pupils in the after school program. There is a lot of administration work around running these classes and we thank all involved. Parents should have received an email from Kay detailing the name of their child's teacher and the class schedule for the coming term. We look forward to working with the children and parents in preparing the children for reception of the sacraments of Confession, Communion and Confirmation.



Parish Finance Committee Meeting

On Wednesday evening next at 5pm there will be the last meeting of the present Finance Committee. The parish is very grateful to all those who have served on this committee over the past six years. We thank Liam for his chairmanship of the committee and his close work with Fr. Derek, Fr. John and Fr. Michael. We thank Jonathan, Jan, Evelyn and Philip for their time, dedication and support in moving our parish forward and making collective financial decisions to do with our parish.



2nd Collection At Masses This Weekend

This Sunday a second collection will take place at our Masses for our parish's contribution to the Fleming Fund which supports retired and sick priests in the Diocese of Meath. Last Sunday's collection total amounts were as follows: Offertory Collection: €1270; Envelope/Parish Development Fund: €900; Shrines: €890. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to our parish and the building of our Lord's kingdom. *Mile buiochas.*



Praying For The Deceased

We pray for Anne McElligott of White Ash Park and late of Baltrasna who has died. Anne's funeral Mass took place on Thursday morning in Ashbourne Church with interment afterwards in St. Declan's Cemetery. *Suaaimhneas Sioraí.*

