



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

26 March 2023



Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead

(John 11)

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday March 25th 7pm <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	George Wilton, Alderbrook Glen, (Months Mind) Carmel Campbell, Mary Shanny, Margaret Clarke, Orla Daly, John O'Donnell
Sunday 26th Donaghmore 9am 10am 11am 12.30pm	Joan Stevens Paddy & Elizabeth Murray Terry Tormey, Donaghmore (1st Anniversary) / Centenary Mass for Deceased Members of Donaghmore / Ashbourne GAA Michael & Philomena Allen
Monday 27th 10am	Elizabeth Breslin
Tuesday 28th 10am	Mass of the Holy Souls
Wednesday 29th 10am	Thomas Fitzsimon
Thursday 30th 10am	Gerry Ryan
Friday 31st 10am	James Heffernan
Saturday April 1st 7pm <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	Kenneth & Lorraine Gray, Peggy Lutteral, Marie Weston, John, Mary, Dan & James Landers, Deceased of the Newman Family Paddy & Doreen McGrath Gerry Lillicrap
Sunday April 2nd Donaghmore 9am 10am 11am 12.30pm	Michael Kelly Edward Faherty Brian Kelly, Brindley Park, (Months Mind) Ciarán Gibney, Racehill Lodge (Months Mind)



The third scrutiny for those adults being baptised at Easter takes place at Mass today. We continue to pray for them and each other as we journey through Lent and hear today's gospel of the raising of Lazarus in preparation for Easter.

'Do This in Memory'

We welcome the 1st Communion families to our Masses today. The children have been learning about how a Catholic receives Holy Communion either on the hand or tongue. The children will say the 'Lamb of God' and the 'Lord I am not worthy' Prayers with us for the first time and they will bring forward their art after communion.



Well done to those who received 1st Confession

Congratulations to the children attending St. Mary's Primary School and Gaelscoil na Cille who received the sacrament of confession for the first time yesterday. The children were excellently prepared by their parents and teachers. We thank all involved in this preparation. We hope that all the children receiving the sacrament for the first time these days will always know and celebrate God's forgiveness. Confessions take place in Ashbourne Church every Saturday from 5 to 6pm. All welcome.



Donaghmore/Ashbourne GAA Club Celebrates 100 Years

Today's 11am Mass is offered for Deceased Members of Donaghmore -Ashbourne GAA Club. The club was established in a field in Greenogue one hundred years ago. As the club celebrates its centenary year our Parish wishes the club continued success at engaging people in sport and promoting physical activity. Next Saturday evening at 7pm in the GAA Clubhouse a talk on the club's history will take place and a commemorative plaque unveiled. All are most welcome.



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



Rosary Monday to Friday at 10.30am

Passover Re-Enactment



Exactly a week before Holy Thursday, the parish will re-enact a celebration of the Jewish Passover meal. All Eucharistic Ministers and Readers in Ashbourne and Donaghmore are invited to the celebration taking place at 7pm next Thursday in the hall of the Parish Centre. We can cater for 40 people so if you are interested please let the parish office know by 2pm on Tuesday next. This celebration was last held in Ashbourne parish in 1986 and reminds us of our Jewish heritage as we prepare to celebrate Holy Week.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday

Ceremonies for Holy Week 2023 in Ashbourne are announced below. We thank all those who are helping to organise and put together the liturgies. We especially thank the ministers of the Word, Eucharist, our sacristans and our musicians for the preparations that they are making to help us celebrate the central mysteries of our faith.



Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Ashbourne Church 8pm

Good Friday – Outdoor Way of the Cross

Ashbourne Church Grounds 12 noon

Veneration of the Cross + Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

Ashbourne 3pm Donaghmore 7pm

Holy Saturday Vigil and 1st Mass of the Lord’s

Resurrection

Ashbourne 9pm

Easter Sunday Morning Mass

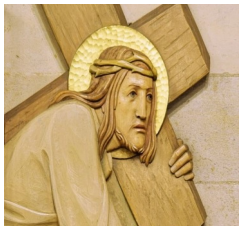
Ashbourne 9am, 11am, 12.30pm Donaghmore 10am

On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday there will be confessions each morning in Ashbourne 10 -11am

We look forward, to celebrating together as a faith community the Sacred Triduum. Please make every effort to attend the ceremonies and make the days truly memorable.



Stations of The Cross



The Stations of the Cross are traditionally prayed during Lent. The reflections in Ashbourne Church remind us of the way Jesus carried the cross and the ways we can walk with Jesus this Lent. As we prepare for the Sacred Triduum please take time to pray the stations and deepen your personal relationship with the Lord.

Supporting Trocaire

The parish supports the fundraising work of Trocaire which was founded 50 years ago by the Irish Church to help those in some of the poorest places in the world. Please do what you can this year to donate to their work.



Due to a recent break-in to the Parish Centre the pedestrian gates are now locked at 8pm in Ashbourne Church grounds.

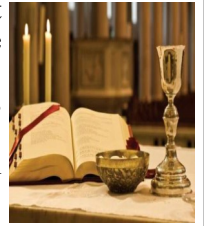
Parish Survey

In the coming months our parish will form a new Parish Pastoral Assembly. This Assembly will build on the work of previous Pastoral Councils. To build a strong foundation for the Assembly we are carrying out a Parish Survey. Survey Sheets are available at all Masses today and our priests are talking about the process. You are asked to take time to reflect on the questions and statements, talk to others including our priests and in your own time respond to them as honestly as you can. Please return your completed survey to the box in Ashbourne or Donaghmore Church or drop it in to the Parish Centre. Alternatively, you can email us on some or all of the issues raised. We hope that all interested will complete their survey by Easter Sunday and by the end of April we will publish the data received. This information will help the new Parish Pastoral Assembly prioritise key pastoral needs over the next four years and will inform decision making in our parish. This survey is part of Ashbourne parish’s ‘Listening Lent’ initiative and carries on the consultative work of the three year Church Synodal process.



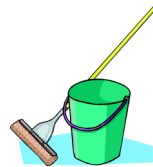
Shared Mass in Donaghmore

The first Shared Mass in Donaghmore Church will be Sunday May 21st. A Shared Mass means that there may be more than one intention on the mass that day. In Ashbourne Church there is one shared mass every Saturday evening at 7pm. All other masses have one intention only as prescribed by Irish church authorities. Booking for all masses is made through Mary in the parish office.



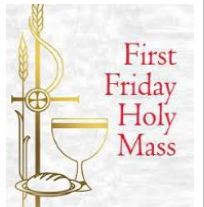
Annual Clean Up of Donaghmore Church

Next Saturday at 11am, April 1st, the parishioners of Donaghmore faith community are invited to help our priests clean the church as we get ready to celebrate Holy Week. There is dusting, cleaning and general tidying to be done. The more help we get the more work can be done. If you can give an hour or two of your time next Saturday it would be great.



First Friday Mass and Visitation

As the first Friday in April is Good Friday the priests of the parish will do their monthly calls this week. Fr. Michael will do his calls on Wednesday and Thursday morning while Fr. Ciarán will do his next Tuesday. If anyone would like to be included for this visitation or would like a priest to visit them please contact the Parish Office by Telephone 01 8353149 and we will do our best to provide the spiritual care needed, including the Sacraments of Confessions, Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.



We thank all those who support their parish. Last weekend’s contribution totals were as follows: Plate €1530.00; St Patrick’s Day €1050.00; Shrines €920.00; Development Fund €935.00. Mile Buíochas.

Marion Anderson, Hickey’s Lane and Marie Murray, Drimnagh.

