



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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12th Sunday A

21 June 2026

Do not
be afraid,
I am
always
with you!

Jesus

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 20th June 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	7pm	Paul Millar, Brindley Park Road, (Month's Mind with Burial of Ashes in the Parish Columbarium) Paul Cassidy, Bourne View, (1st Anniversary); Peter Fitzpatrick; Jimmy Molloy; Johnny McCabe; Nora Rattigan; Alex Chimblonda	Today's Gospel is part of Jesus' mission discourse. Twice the disciples are told, "Do not be afraid." The first time, it is intended to inspire boldness in their preaching. The second time, it is to encourage the disciples to remain steadfast in the face of persecution. Jesus tells us that God is so close to us that he has counted every hair on our head. Liturgy of the Word on Wednesdays Fr. Michael, our parish priest, is covering the parish on his own at the moment as Fr. Jinse has returned home. There will be Rosary and a short Liturgy of the Word at 10am on Wednesday mornings for the coming month. This will start this Wednesday. If there is a funeral Mass on any of these Wednesdays they will be scheduled for 10am. We thank those who lead the Rosary, and all the lay people who help with prayer ministry in Ashbourne parish.
Sunday 21st	9am	Pat Heneghan, Brindley Park Road, (Month's Mind)	
Donaghmore	10am	Paddy and Phyllis Woods	
Hospitality in the Parish Centre	11am	Dave Jordan, Castle Park, (1st Anniversary)	
	12.30pm	John Beirne	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.
Monday 22nd	10am	People of the Parish	
Tuesday 23rd	10am	Jimmy Molloy	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.
Wednesday 24th St. John the Baptist	10am	Liturgy of The Word <i>If there is a funeral on this day it will replace the liturgical service</i>	
Thursday 25th	10am	Joan O'Sullivan	
Friday 26th	10am	Rita Fitzsimons	
Saturday 27th 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	7pm	Margaret Corduff; Anne Madigan; Patrick, Julia, and Vincie Gough and Deceased Members of the Gough family; Liam Tierney	
Sunday 28th June	9am	Deceased Members of the Hussey and Collins Families	
Donaghmore	10am	Betty Hussey, Donaghmore, (Month's Mind); Sonny Dwyer	
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Thursday 10.30am to 8pm  Confessions this Saturday 5pm to 6pm.

Celebrating St. Oliver Plunkett, Bishop and Martyr



St. Oliver Plunkett's Feast Day is on the first day of July. When Oliver Plunkett was Archbishop in Armagh he wrote letters to his cousin Fr. Michael Plunkett who was a priest and vicar general of our diocese. The last letter Oliver penned a few hours before his execution in London tells Fr. Michael that he held no bitterness against those who persecuted him for spreading the catholic faith. Fr. Michael died as Parish Priest of Ratoath and was buried in the ruins of the old abbey of Killeland, here in Ashbourne. It is thanks to Fr. Michael's archive of letters that we know the story of St. Oliver Plunkett. In 2027 the Killeland grave will be 300 years old. The Annual Mass in the birthplace of St. Oliver takes place on Sunday next 28th June in Loughcrew Gardens, Oldcastle at 3 pm. As part of marking our parish connection with St. Oliver the Parish Pastoral Council are organising a pilgrimage to the city of Armagh on Saturday August 22nd. Enroute North the pilgrimage will visit the Shrine of St. Oliver Plunkett in Drogheda, and the birthplace of St. Brigid in Faughart, Co. Louth. The pilgrimage will leave Ashbourne Church at 8am and return at approximately 8pm. The bus fare per pilgrim is €25, and places are allocated through the Parish Office. Bookings are now being taken.

Sixth Class Graduation Mass



Fr. Michael celebrated Mass on Wednesday for all of the children in 6th class in our Catholic primary schools who are transitioning to post primary education next September. We wish all of the children every blessing as they graduate. We thank all of their teachers, the staff and Boards of Management 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. Best Wishes to everyone as the School Holidays begin. We hope you have an enjoyable summer.

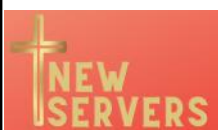
Thanks to Those who Organise Hospitality

Hospitality after the 11am Sunday Mass concludes next Sunday morning. We are grateful to the volunteers who get the milk, set up the tables and put on the kettles for our faith community throughout the year. Without Aine and your involvement this would simply not happen. It is a great blessing and a strong 'community builder' that we can be rightly proud of. Míle buíochas.



New Altar Servers Welcome

Parents and guardians of faith, we invite you to have a conversation with the child in your care, about the opportunity to support the faith community by serving Sunday Mass in Ashbourne Church. Children must have made their First Holy Communion and be willing to work as part of a team with the priests and fellow altar servers. Fully supervised training will be given in early September before the new recruits begin. Consent Forms are available from our priests after Sunday Mass.



Day For Life 2026



'Day for Life' is observed by Catholics in Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales and raises awareness of the dignity and value of human life from a Catholic perspective. On this Sunday, we reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception. We remember how the Lord Jesus Christ Himself Sanctified and experienced the

beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God - God and man - as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His Birth. To read the full Bishops' message visit www.councilforlife.ie

Proclaiming the Word of God

Would you be willing to become a reader in our parish? There are always vacancies on our rota for readers on a Sunday, and we always want to have as big a team involved as possible in both our churches, so that the ministry is shared and is as light as possible. If you could help us deliver this important lay ministry Fr. Michael, or the Parish Office, would be delighted to hear from you. We need people in Ashbourne and Donaghmore who are confident in public speaking and dependable. A small amount of training will be provided, and there is a page prepared with practical tips and guidelines for this ministry in our parish.



Parish Finance Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will take place on Tuesday evening next. The committee will examine a report from the Parish accountant on our last financial year. Following this meeting the 2025 Income and Expenditure will be published. Other items on the agenda are briefing on ongoing works on the porch and windows of Ashbourne Church. Costings and a financial plan for cleaning works on the gutters and drains of Ashbourne Church and Parish Centre will also be brought to the meeting.



Second Collection Next Weekend

There is a second collection at our Masses next weekend for St. Peter's Pence. This is one of ten such second collections taken during the year. This particular collection happens worldwide at this time, and enables Pope Leo 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. The church collection amounts for last week were as follows: Offertory/Plate €1550; Shrines €1045; Development Fund €950. Gratitude is expressed to all those who contribute, collect and count monies given to our parish.



Praying for Those Who Have Died

We pray for Elsie Moran of Brookville whose Funeral Mass took place in Ashbourne Church on Monday morning last with interment in Donaghmore Church Cemetery. Our parish extends sympathy to her family and friends. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen. *Suiamhneas Siorai.*

