



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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26th Sunday A

27th September 2026

Which one did
his father's will?



The Parable of the Two Sons

(Matthew 21:28-32)

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 26th Shared Mass Intention	7pm	Anne and Jimmy Gough and deceased members of the Gough family; Jack Barrett; Brendan Reddington; Catherine O'Connell; Finbar Daly; Odhrán O'Donnell, Liam Keating
Sunday 27th	9am	People of the Parish
Donaghmore	10am	People of the Parish
Hospitality in the Parish Centre	11am	Mick Russell
	12.30pm	Fingal Old IRA Remembrance Mass
Monday 28th	10am	Joe Rooney
Tuesday 29th	10am	Deceased members of the McLoughlin and Tierney families
Wednesday 30th <i>Jerome</i>	10am	Mary Ryan, Robertstown, (Month's Mind)
Thursday 1st <i>Thérèse of Lisieux</i>	10am	Michael Reilly and Ciaran Hennelly
Friday 2nd	10am	Parish List of The Dead
Saturday 3rd Shared Mass Intention	7pm	Viktoria Curillova, Garristown, (1st Anniversary); James and Sarah Reilly; Jimmy Molloy; Carol Seery; Declan Conroy; Christopher O'Reilly
Sunday 4th	9am	People of the Parish
Donaghmore	10am	People of the Parish
Hospitality in the Parish Centre	11am	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	People of the Parish

In today's Gospel Jesus has a confrontation with the chief priests and the leaders of the people. He criticises them for being "yes men," whose fine words are not matched by fine deeds. They are great at making promises but not very good at living up to them.

1st Communion Meeting For Parents

A meeting for all parents who wish their child to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion next May will take place tomorrow evening (Monday) at 7pm in Ashbourne Church. This meeting is for parents both with eligible children in our three catholic schools, and those with children taking part in the after school parish program of sacramental preparation for Holy Communion. Our priests will be in attendance, as will some members of the Parish Pastoral Council, 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. Parents in our Catholic Schools are reminded to register their child with the Parish Office before Thursday afternoon next.



A Gloomy Front Approaches Ashbourne as Fr Ignatius Returns to the Italian Sun ...



Fr Ignatius will be finishing with us on Wednesday next. His last Mass and weather report will be on that day! We are very grateful to Ignatius for his time with us these past two months. In the coming weeks Fr. Ignatius will have a significant birthday and we surprised him last Sunday with a cake. We wish Fr. Ignatius all the best in his ministry and hope he keeps us in his prayers, and we look forward to his return when an opportunity arises.



Battle of Ashbourne Remembrance Fingal Old IRA join us for our 12.30pm Mass this Sunday at which we pray for the local men and women who fought for Irish freedom between 1916 and 1921.



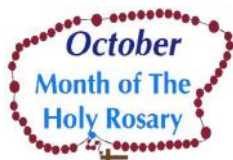
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Thursday 10.30am to 8pm



Confessions this Saturday 5pm to 6pm.

October - Month of the Rosary

During the month of October we remember the importance of praying the Rosary. A large Rosary Beads has been placed at Our Lady's Statue in Ashbourne Church to remind people of this important Marian prayer.



Rotas 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 have been emailed and are also available from the Parish Office. We thank all those involved in these ministries and welcome new members to these liturgical ministries. We thank you for volunteering and hope you benefit from it.

First Friday Mass and Communion Calls

Friday next is the First Friday of October and Mass on the Feast of the Guardian Angels is offered for all those enlisted on the Ashbourne- Donaghmore Parish List of the Dead. We remember all our deceased and pray for their repose in the kingdom of heaven. Fr. Jinse will do the Holy Communion Calls for the First Friday.



October 1st, Feast of the Little Flower



Thursday is the first day of October and the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux. St Therese was a Carmelite nun who wrote a diary called "The Little Way". She believed that little things could be done in a loving way that promoted Jesus. She reminds all of us

that we have the power to bring Jesus to ourselves and others. Getting to Heaven is not about doing anything extraordinary but in doing the ordinary in a spiritual way. Relics of St. Therese and her parents, will be in Ashbourne Church on Sunday, October 25th. More details in the weeks ahead. St. Therese was canonised a Saint 101 years ago and her feast brings a month focussed on Mission.

800 Years Since the Death of St. Francis of Assisi

October 4th is the 800th Anniversary of the death of St. Francis. He lived a life devoted to poverty, humility, and service, leaving a lasting spiritual legacy from his birth in 1182 to his death in 1226. Born in Assisi, Francesco di Bernardone grew up in a wealthy merchant family. In his youth, he lived a carefree life but underwent a spiritual transformation that led him to embrace poverty and simplicity. He founded the Franciscan Order, dedicating himself to serving the poor, preaching, and following Christ's teachings. Renowned for his love of nature and animals, he saw all creatures as brothers and sisters under God. His piety and humility attracted followers, inspiring them to live in imitation of Christ's example. His prayer before the Crucifix is over the Shrine of St. Anthony.



Blessing of Pets on Saturday Next

Next weekend we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of animals and the environment. At 4pm on Saturday (on the eve of St. Francis) there will be a blessing of pets and pet owners at our Lady's statue 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 fourth year we did this blessing, and hopefully, this year again it will be a great success.



Recalling Past Events and People of Ashbourne



On Sunday next October 4th at 3.30pm there will be a gathering of parishioners who have some knowledge on Ashbourne Parish. The hope is that people who grew up in the parish in the 1940's, 1950's, 1960's and 1970's would

come together in the Parish Centre to share and reflect on some of the history of Ashbourne Church. People are asked to reflect on the changes that have occurred over the years. If anyone has any old photos of buildings, events or people, please bring them along. There will be tea and coffee available and we hope to be concluded by 5pm.

New Altar Servers Begin Their Ministry

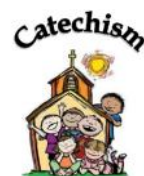
We are very grateful to the nineteen children who have served Mass over the last twelve months. As an expression of appreciation on Sunday next the children will be presented at Masses with a token of appreciation. Our new Altar Servers are being trained at the moment and will begin their ministry next Sunday. The Servers Rotas have been emailed to the respective families and are available from the rota drawer in the Lady Chapel. We thank the children involved and wish them the best in the altar server ministry.



At the end of this first month of the new school term our parish schools are coming together to pray God's blessing upon them. The children and staff from the senior half of St. Mary's School will be with us at the 10am Mass on Tuesday morning, St. Declan's on Wednesday and Gaelscoil na Cille on Thursday next. The children will lead the music and the Liturgy of the Word at these Masses.

Holy Communion Catechesis Begins on Tuesday

Fr. Michael and Fr. Jinse are meeting the Holy Communion parents on Monday evening, but they meet the children and teachers for Holy Communion on Tuesday morning next at 10.45am in Ashbourne Church. This will be the first of six catechesis in preparation for the six preparatory Masses corresponding to six parts of the Mass. On Sunday October 18th the first of the preparatory 'Do This In Memory Masses' will take place.



Supporting Our Parish



Last Sunday's collection total amounts were as follows: Offertory Collection: €1335; Envelope/Parish Development Fund: €1180; Shrines: €1000. Fleming Fund (Diocesan Fund for Sick and Retired Priests) €2020. Gratitude is expressed to

all those who generously give to our parish, our diocese and the building of our Lord's kingdom. *Mile buíochas.*

Remembering Those who have Died

We pray for Adèle Vance of Brookville whose funeral Mass took place in Ashbourne Church on Friday morning and whose interment took place in St. Declan's Cemetery. Our parish extends sympathy to her husband Edward, family and friends at this time. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her and may she rest in peace.

