



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Priests of the Parish

Fr. Michael Kilmartin P.P.

Fr. Jinse Jose, C.C.

Parish Secretary - Sinéad Carroll

Telephone: (01) 8353149

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday,
9am - 12.30pm

Website: ashbourneparish.ie

ashbournedonaghmoreparish@gmail.com

Facebook Follow Ashbourne Parish

*Ashbourne is Part of the Meath Diocesan Pastoral
Area of Ratoath, Curraha, Ardcath,
Dunshaughlin and Skyrne*

27th Sunday A

4th October 2026



Mass Times and Intentions

Shared Mass Intention	Saturday 3rd 7pm	Viktoria Curillova, Garristown, (1st Anniversary); Carol Seery and her mother Patty Tobin of Artane (Month's Mind); James and Sarah Reilly; Jimmy Molloy; 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
	Monday 5th 10am	James Dervan
	Tuesday 6th 10am	Tv Joseph
	Wednesday 7th 10am	People of the Parish
	Thursday 8th 10am	Patrick Walsh (Snr)
	Friday 9th 10am	Baby Holly Kane
Shared Mass Intention	Saturday 10th 7pm	Veronica Wilkin, Brindley Park Crescent, (Month's Mind); Terry O'Brien; Mary Keogh; Margarite Gryson; Patrick Lillicrap
	Sunday 11th 9am	Jos Augustine
	Donaghmore 10am	Keith Andrews
Hospitality in the Parish Centre	11am	Terry Houlihan, Deerpark, (Month's Mind)
	12.30pm	Jimmy, Jean and Peadar Lawless

The symbol of the vineyard has occurred several times in the gospel readings of recent weeks. In today's scriptural passage Jesus challenges us to examine our response to God. As Christians, we are called to produce good fruits - the fruits of justice, love and peace. As we ponder the gospel, we ask ourselves where do we see ourselves in the gospel? What kind of fruits are our lives producing?

Today's Local History Meeting



At 3.30pm today there is a gathering of parishioners who have some knowledge on Ashbourne Parish. People who grew up in the parish in the 1940's, 1950's, 1960's and 1970's are invited to

come together in the Parish Centre to share and reflect on some of the history of Ashbourne Church. This photo shows our church when there were few buildings in its vicinity. We 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 thanks this Sunday the children receive a token of appreciation. Our new



Altar Servers are beginning their ministry also this Sunday. The Servers Rotas have been emailed to the respective families and are also available from the rota drawer in the Lady Chapel. We thank Fr. Jinse for organising the training with the families involved. We thank the children above all and wish them the best in the altar server ministry.



Annual Church Meeting

Donaghmore Autumn Meeting: On Monday 19th October, at 7pm in Donaghmore Church, the priests of our parish will meet with those involved in liturgical and pastoral care in the Donaghmore Area. All are welcome.



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



Confessions this Saturday 5pm to 6pm.

October—The Month of Mission

During this month of October we reflect on the mission that all of us as Christians have of building God's kingdom. Mission Sunday falls this year on October 18th. His Holiness Leo XIV has



chosen the theme of all Christians being 'One in Christ, United in Mission'. "We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and dialogue, always open to receive people, with open arms". Pope Leo XIV says "I still consider myself a missionary. My vocation, like that of every Christian, is to be a missionary, to proclaim the Gospel wherever one is." "No baptised person is exempt from this call. It is crucial for the Church's identity for the baptised to be missionary." Speaking to young people, in the Stade de France in Paris, during his recent highly successful visit to France, our Holy Father called for "faith rooted in self-giving love, a defence of life, and a renewed commitment to mission".

October - Month of the Rosary



During this month of October we remember the beauty of praying the Rosary. In the Rosary we learn the discipline of contemplating the mysteries of Christ with Mary, and we invoke the Lord's intercession for the needs of the world.

During this month we are encouraged to make an extra effort to pray the rosary and appreciate its traditional power and beauty. Some people praying the rosary this month to link with mission offer each decade for the church in the five continents. A Rosary Beads has been placed on Our Lady's Statue in Ashbourne Church to encourage reflection on the power of this prayer. The Rosary is recited in Ashbourne Church every day before and after the 10am Mass. We thank all those who lead the rosary apostolate.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us

Confirmation Registration Begins

Registration begins in the coming days for Confirmation on February 27th 2027. Request Forms are being emailed to Catholic parents through our three Catholic Schools and are available from our Parish Office. A parent should discuss with their child what is involved in receiving the sacrament. Proof of baptism is needed for children baptised outside our parish. The priests of the parish will meet with all parents putting their child forward on Tuesday evening October 20th at 7pm in Ashbourne Church.



Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful...

Gathering of Local Parish Pastoral Councils



On Wednesday evening, September 23rd, Ashbourne Parish Pastoral Council welcomed members of the Parish Councils from our neighbouring parishes making up our St. Seachnall's Pastoral Area. We shared ideas, and learnings on how we run our parish sacramental programs. The next such assembly will be hosted by Curraha Parish in early 2027. We thank all the members of Ashbourne Parish Council for the work that they do in helping our parish to be as vibrant and strong as we can be.

Safeguarding Sunday

Across the Diocese of Meath it is Safeguarding Sunday. As a diocese, and with parishes as a constituent, we endeavour always to create a safe and secure place for children in our parish activities. Here in Ashbourne we have 23 children who minister as Altar Servers. Over 140 children in any given year take part in the Parish After School Program. Our parish safeguarding representatives are Liza M. Jos, Michelle Heneghan, Kay Churm and Deepa Baby. Our parish endeavours always to create a safe and secure place for children in our parish activities. We thank parishioners who help us to be vigilant around safeguarding and volunteers who help us in our ministry to children. If anyone has any concern or any historical anxiety around any issue concerning them or anyone else help should be sought.



800 Years Since the Death of St. Francis of Assisi

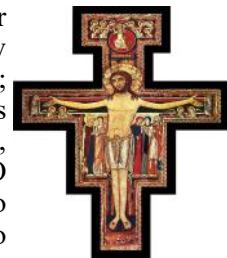


Today, October 4th, is the 800th Anniversary of the death of St. Francis. He lived a life devoted to poverty, humility, and service, leaving a lasting spiritual legacy from his birth in 1182 to his death in 1226. Born in Assisi, Francesco di Bernardone grew up in a wealthy merchant family. In his youth, 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 in Ashbourne Church.

Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen



Supporting Our Parish

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
GENEROUSLY

Last Sunday's collection total amounts were as follows: Offertory Collection: €1210; Envelope/Parish Development Fund: €830; Shrines: €1095. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to our parish, our diocese and the building of our Lord's kingdom. *Mile buíochas.*

Pray for your children and your family?

Mothers prayer meetings are happening on Tuesdays at 11.30am. Founded by a grandmother and her sister in 1995, there are now thousands of groups around the world. To learn more, check <https://www.mothersprayers.org/> If you'd like to join contact Claire Marie, 0857758519.

