



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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28th Sunday A

11th October 2026

THE PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST MATTHEW 22:1-14



Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 10th Shared Mass Intention	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
Monday 12th	10am	Alice and James Dervan
Tuesday 13th	10am	Deceased members of the Reidy and Keane families
Wednesday 14th	10am	Margaret Molloy
Thursday 15th	10am	People of the Parish
Friday 16th	10am	People of the Parish
Saturday 17th Shared Mass Intention	7pm	Angela Mooney, Hunters Court, (1st Anniversary); Also her husband Peter; Michael, Mary and Michelle Long; Kevin White; Tony Quinn; Billy, Marian and William Anderson; Patricia McCabe Bellew; Rose and Bob McLaughlin
Sunday 18th	9am	Kitty Doran
Donaghmore	10am	People of the Parish
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The emphasis in this Sunday's wedding feast parable is on the invitation. Some people treat the invitation to the wedding with no respect. In doing so, they exclude themselves. The wedding feast is the eternal banquet in heaven. The good news is that we don't have to worry about being invited to the heavenly feast. We have all been invited through our baptism. It is our response to the invitation that concerns Jesus. We are asked to respond wholeheartedly to this invitation by living in tune with the values of the Kingdom.

Confirmation Registration Has Begun



Registration is underway for Confirmation on February 27th. Request Forms have been 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.

Booking of Masses 2027

The parish will begin taking mass intentions for 2027 on the last week of October. At that stage the parish will have received its new liturgical calendar. As usual the 11am Sunday Mass and every second 12.30pm will be reserved for those booking a Month's Mind Mass or 1st Anniversary. The 'Shared Mass Intention' celebration will once again be the 7pm weekly Saturday Vigil Mass for the Sunday. All public Masses in our Parish that are named are for loved ones who have died.



Preparatory Mass For First Communion



Next Sunday is the First Preparatory Mass for Children Enrolling For Holy Communion next May. We pray for all families that they prepare well.



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



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



Confessions this Saturday 5pm to 6pm.



A massive thank you to all those who gathered in the Parish Centre on Sunday afternoon last to help with the recording of the history of Ashbourne - Donaghmore Parish. It was a lovely happy occasion. Fr. Jinse for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi blessed 25 pets that live in Ashbourne. We thank their owners for bringing them along.

Pope's Highlights 'For Mental Health Ministry'

Pope Leo XIV dedicates his October prayer intention to mental health ministry. In his video Pope Leo calls on the Church to listen without judging, and accompany those who suffer without excluding them. The Pope holds an image of Saint Dymphna, patroness of people suffering from mental disorders and of mental health professionals. He asks us to pray for those who carry 'silent wounds that sometimes no one sees'. He prays for those who suffer with anxiety, depression or any form of mental illness. Pope Leo asks for forgiveness for the times Christians contributed to stigma and discrimination against people with mental illness. Our Church in Ashbourne has a window to St. Dymphna and is a permanent reminder to us to pray for those suffering from mental health issues.



Recruitment of New Members to the Diocesan Choir

The Diocesan Choir is currently recruiting new members and is hosting an information night tomorrow evening at 7.30pm in St. Anne's chapel attached to Navan Parish Church. The membership is comprised of people from throughout the Diocese most of whom sing in their Parish Choir. The Director of the choir is Jim Walsh with Jane Lynch as the Accompanist.



Solemn Vespers At Mullingar Cathedral

On Sunday next 18th October at 4pm Bishop Tom will formally close the Diocesan Investigation into the cause of Fr Willie Doyle, SJ. Father Doyle was an Irish Jesuit priest who served as a British Army Chaplain in World War One and gave his life ministering to soldiers at the Battle of Passchendaele in 1917. This is the first time in over forty years that a Cause has successfully concluded in Ireland, the last being of Nano Nagle. The documentation will then go to Rome. Parishioners from across the diocese are welcome to attend the celebration of Vespers in the Cathedral on Sunday next at 4.00pm.



100 Years of World Mission Sunday

In 1926 Pope Pius XI established October as a month to reflect on Mission. He declared that World Mission Sunday should be celebrated every year on the second last Sunday of October. Pope Leo XIV, is the first pontiff in modern history to have served most of his priestly ministry as a missionary before becoming a successor to St. Peter. When he served as a missionary priest and bishop in Peru, he saw first hand how the faith, prayer and generosity shown on Mission Sunday can transform entire communities. He continues to say to us "We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and dialogue, always open to receive people into the faith, with open arms, and to bring others to the person of Jesus." We are tasked with mission through our baptism. All of us are called to grow in faith every day of our lives. We also need to realise that many people around us have not experienced Jesus. Some do not have a real relationship with the Lord, or see him as a friend. Some of our family members and friends, for different reasons, are lapsed in their belief or are merely 'cultural Catholics'.



Today's Ireland is mission territory. Our diocese of Meath relies currently on 21 Priests from the developing world. These priests are from India, Nigeria, Romania and Uganda. Our parish welcomed last year Fr. Jinse, from the Syro-Malabar Catholic tradition, as our new curate to help us live our faith and celebrate the sacraments. Alongside the mission to build the kingdom of God in our own locality we are encouraged to always support the work and growth of missionary activity abroad. The church is young and growing in several parts of the world. At this time, we support our new brothers and sisters in Christ overseas through prayer and finance.

Coeliac or Gluten Free Hosts

Parishioners are reminded that a gluten free host is available from the priest at communion time. If you are gluten intolerant please indicate that you wish to receive this host when you come forward for communion. The Pyx with these hosts is contained within the large Ciboria to emphasise the oneness of all God's people around the Eucharist.

Second Collection Next Sunday For The Missions

Next Sunday there is a collection after communion at our Masses to support the missionary work of the church in the developing world. The money we collect at Mass next weekend goes towards supporting missionary programmes to provide basic infrastructure, train future leaders in the church, and care for the spiritual and physical wellbeing of children and adults. 'Missio Ireland' is the Pope's Irish charity which organises the annual Irish church appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. Over €1.3 million was collected on Mission Sunday last year. Last Sunday's collection total amounts in Ashbourne and Donaghmore were as follows: Offertory Collection: €1655; Envelope/Parish Development Fund: €1070; Shrines: €1230. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to our parish, and the building of our Lord's kingdom around the world. *Mile buíochas.*

