



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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29th Sunday A

18th October 2026



*"Go into the world and proclaim
the good news to the whole
creation". (Mt*

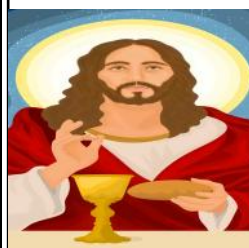
Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 17th	7pm	Angela Mooney, Hunters Court, (1st Anniversary); Also remembering her husband Peter Mooney; Michael, Mary and Michelle Long; Kevin White; Tony Quinn; Billy, Marian and William Anderson; Patricia McCabe Bellew; Rose and Bob McLaughlin; Larry Dunne; Joseph and Margaret Norris.
Shared Mass Intention		
Sunday 18th	9am	Kitty Doran
Donaghmore	10am	People of the Parish
Hospitality in the Parish Centre	11am	Marykutty Luka
	12.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 19th	10am	Jimmy Quinlan
Tuesday 20th	10am	Matt Geraghty
Wednesday 21st	10am	People of the Parish
Thursday 22nd	10am	Maura Hourihan
Friday 23rd	10am	Michael Wright
Saturday 24th	7pm	May McCabe; Margaret and Oliver Kelly; Patrick and Nuala Cully; Terry Houlihan; James O'Donnell; Christopher and Cora Lowe; Annette McDonagh.
Shared Mass Intention		
Sunday 25th	9am	Camilla Morgan and deceased family members
Donaghmore	10am	Matthew, Maura, Christy and Patrick Lambe
Hospitality in the Parish Centre	11am	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	People of the Parish

Reflecting on the Mission We All Have

This Sunday we reflect on the importance of all of us being missionary. Everywhere is mission territory, some missionary regions are young and some go back to the start of Christianity. St. Patrick and St. Declan brought the faith to Ireland and we keep 'the flame lit' today as modern disciples. 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. This we do at all times but especially emphasise today.

First 'Do This In Memory' Mass



Welcome boys and girls enrolling in First Communion. This Sunday is the first of six special weekends in our parish celebrating you who are getting ready to receive Jesus next May in Holy Communion. For this first Mass we are delighted that you are learning the first prayers

at Mass including how you bless yourselves with love for Jesus. You also are learning from your parents, the first missionaries to children, how to come to the altar at Holy Communion time with your arms crossed to show you would like a blessing from the priest or Eucharistic Minister. Parents from St. Mary's School are leading us in the Prayer of the Faithful and prepared the children's board. Boys and Girls, remind your mums and dads to bring you to this special children's board after Mass and in the weeks ahead.

Pray for Pope Leo XIV

Pope Leo XIV underwent a 90-minute surgery on Tuesday at Rome's Gemelli Hospital and was subsequently diagnosed with lung adenocarcinoma - a type of cancer usually found in the outer part of the organ. "The operation was successful and there were no complications," the Vatican said. "After the operation, the Pope awoke normally and returned after a brief period of observation to his room." We keep Pope Leo in our prayers at this time.

Best Wishes to Donaghmore - Ashbourne in today's Men's Meath Senior Club Football Final.



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



Confessions this Saturday 5pm to 6pm.

Donaghmore Autumn Meeting

Tomorrow evening 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.



Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council

On Wednesday evening at 7pm next the Parish Pastoral Council will meet in the Parish Centre. The members will look at the projects they will take on in the coming year and help our parish make decisions going forward.



Confirmation Meetings

The priests of the parish will meet with all parents putting their child forward for confirmation on Tuesday evening next at 7pm in Ashbourne Church. Kay Churm will speak at the gathering. On Wednesday morning Fr. Michael and Fr. Jinse will meet the children being enrolled and outline what is asked of the candidates. At these meetings our parish will formally begin its preparation for this sacrament. Our parish preparatory program is called 'Confirming Our Children'. There will be four special Masses in our parish in the coming months linked to a four part journey of preparation for the candidates being enrolled. Confirmation takes place on Saturday 27 February 2027.



Confirmation Registration Concludes on Thursday

Thank you to all parents who have registered their children already for the parish confirmation programme. Request Forms have been emailed to Catholic parents through our three Catholic Schools and are available from our Parish Office. Parents should discuss with their child what is involved in receiving the sacrament. Proof of baptism is needed for children baptised outside our parish who are being confirmed.



Mass Cards with Depiction of Ashbourne Church



The parish office have new Mass Cards designed by Connie Danaher. The image on the cards is a hand etched drawing of Ashbourne Church. Mass Bouquets and Mass Cards signed by our priests are available through the Parish Office

during its opening hours. €12 covers the Mass stipend, the card and a small donation towards the office administration.

Solemn Vespers At Mullingar Cathedral

Today 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 now go to Rome. Parishioners from across the diocese are welcome to attend the celebration of Vespers in the Cathedral.



Relic of St. Therese to Visit Our Parish Next Sunday



St. Therese is the Patron saint of Missions and is known as the Little Flower. Although she never travelled far from her home or convent she was acclaimed as a true missionary. Next Sunday at our 11am and 12.30pm Sunday

Masses the relics of St. Therese and those of her parents, Louis and Zelig Martin will be in our Church for Veneration. Our priests at these Masses will speak about this remarkable family. We thank the Sweeney family of Kildare for bringing the relics that they are custodians of.

Pope Leo's Message For World Mission Sunday 2026

Pope Leo's message for Mission Sunday 2026 is that we are 'One in Christ, united in mission' and draws from his papal motto, *In Illo uno unum* ("In the One, we are one"). True missionary work flows directly from a deep spiritual communion with Christ



and fellow believers. Pope Leo encourages us, the faithful, to support young or growing missions through prayer, solidarity, and material generosity via the [Pontifical Mission Societies](#). Today marks one hundred years since the Papacy established World Mission Sunday.

"Our world, wounded by war, violence and injustice, needs to hear the Gospel message of God's love and to experience the reconciling power of Christ's grace. In this sense, the Church herself, in all her members, is increasingly called to be a 'missionary church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word ... and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity'." Pope Leo May 2025

Second Collection Today is For The Missions

This Sunday there is an extra collection after communion at our Masses to support the missionary work of the church in the developing world. The money we collect 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. Your support for your parish, and this Sunday for missionaries and the communities they serve, through your prayer and generosity, is deeply appreciated. Last Sunday's collection total amounts were as follows: Offertory Collection: €1445; Envelope/Parish Development Fund: €1035; Shrines: €895. 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.*



Remembering Those who have Died

We pray for our parishioners Aidan O'Donoghue, Deerpark, Angela Harmon, Flenstown, and Fionnuala Farrell, Cornstown, whose funeral Masses took place in Ashbourne Church over the last week. Also we pray for Niamh Flatley, daughter of Tommy and Monica O'Brien, Kilbride. Eternal rest grant onto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them and may they rest in peace. Amen.

