



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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2nd Sunday Easter A

12 April 2026



‘My Lord and My God’

John 20: 29

Mass Times and Intentions

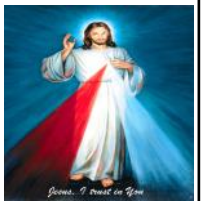
Saturday 11th	7pm	John Clarke and deceased of the Clarke family; Mary and Andy Roche; William McGrath; Patrick and Nora Muldoon; Lorraine and Kenneth Gray and Deceased Family Members; Patrick and Doreen McGrath and Deceased Family Members; Stephen and Angela Daly; Mary Hemeryck
<i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>		
Sunday 12th	9am	Ciarán Finn
Donaghmore	10am	Pat, Anne, James, Eileen and Betty Murphy
	11am	Elizabeth Kane, Racehill Park (1st Anniversary)
	12.30pm	Gerard Dowd
Monday 13th	10am	Thomas Mintern
Tuesday 14th	10am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 15th	10am	Billy and Patricia Dunne
Thursday 16th	10am	Jimmy Dwyer
Friday 17th	10am	Tony O'Connor
Saturday 18th	7pm	Pat Doherty; Frank and Patricia McHutcheon; Bobby Eager (Jnr); Maureen, John and Paul Byrne; Patrick Bruton; Boylan and Garvey families; Michael White
<i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>		
Sunday 19th	9am	Oliver and Mary Walsh
Donaghmore	10am	Mortimer, Catherine and Mary O'Sullivan
	11am	Frances Morgan, Milltown (Month's Mind)
	12.30pm	Margaret Andrews, Castle Close (Month's Mind)



The Easter Octave ends today on this Second Sunday of Easter which is traditionally known as ‘Low Sunday’ after the heights of last Sunday! Some Catholics call today ‘Doubting Thomas’ Sunday as on this day every year we hear of Jesus’ appearance eight days after Easter Sunday to St. Thomas the Apostle. The Easter Octave ends but the season continues until Pentecost Sunday so at Masses we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. The paschal candle is prominent, Holy Water abundant, the priest’s vestments are white. During this season the Book of the Acts of the Apostles is read at Masses and the Alleluia is sung with enthusiasm.

Divine Mercy Sunday

‘O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us. Help us to Trust in You.’ On this Second Sunday of Easter we also mark Jesus’ Divine Mercy. As you look at the Divine Mercy Icon reflect on the



message at the base of the painting ‘Jesus I trust in You.’ Note our risen Saviour’s right hand raised in blessing and his left hand pointing to His Sacred Heart. The red rays that stream out of Jesus’ heart symbolises His blood and the pale blue rays represent the water that justifies souls. St. Faustina, who received this revelation, said that the strongest of faith is of no avail without works. We are asked to exercise divine mercy in three ways, the first by deed, the second by word, and the third in prayer.

First Communion Preparation

First Holy Communion Masses will take place during the Easter season. The final ‘Do This In Memory’ Catechesis for the children, teachers and parents will take place on Tuesday morning at 10.45am in Ashbourne Church.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 10.30am to 8pm + Confessions this Saturday 5pm to 6pm.

Photographs From Holy Week 2026



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Holy Week ceremonies. It was lovely to have had uplifting and well attended liturgies. Thanks to the altar servers, stewards, readers, ministers of the Eucharist, volunteer sacristans, church cleaners, decorators, choir directors and choir members in Ashbourne and Donaghmore. The work that you do on behalf of parishioners to enhance our liturgy is very much appreciated and it allowed many of us experience the deep meaning of the ceremonies. Thank you also to all those who organized the Passover Meal and the wonderful hospitality after the Easter Sunday 11am Mass. It was lovely also to have the boys and girls getting their Easter passport stickers and their chocolate eggs after their Lenten endeavours. Lovely also to have Kasper, a chorister from Winchester Cathedral, sing the *Panis Angelicus* at two of our Easter Masses. Various photographs of our ceremonies have been posted on our Parish Facebook page. Do have a look and give us a like!

Easter A Time To Celebrate Baptism

We congratulate Ariana Janina Dasko who was Baptised at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, and Aislinn Deirdre Carey who was Baptised on Easter Sunday. As we renew our baptismal promises this Easter we pray that all of us will appreciate the gift of a living faith and a personal relationship with Jesus.



Fr. Jinse Gets Wheels



On Tuesday Fr. Jinse got behind the wheel of a car for the first time. He has been saving since his arrival for the purchase of a small car. He is most grateful to those who surprised him before Easter with a gift towards his car loan. He is also grateful to all those who helped organise transport for him around the parish since his arrival in Ashbourne last August.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

A Parish Pastoral Council meeting will take place on Wednesday evening next, 15th April, at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Members will review activities during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. They will look reflect on work done and current projects such as strengthening the parish faith history and the parish celebrations of Pentecost, Corpus Christi, May as a Marian month and the summer pilgrimage to Armagh on Saturday, August 22nd.



Gratitude For Easter Offerings



Thank you to all those who have paid their Easter dues over the past few days. We are most grateful to all of our parishioners who give what they can to support the mission of our parish. The plate and envelope collection on Easter Sunday came to €8700 The candle shrines during Holy Week took in €1140 On Good Friday €1265 was collected for Christians in the Holy Places. *Mile buíochas*.

Return of Any Outstanding Trócaire Boxes

This year's Trócaire Lenten campaign has come to an end. We thank everyone who supported the Trócaire Collection on Holy Thursday and those who have returned their Lenten Trócaire box or envelope over the past ten days. There is a Trócaire basket on our sanctuary for your returns or you can drop your box in to the Parish Office. On behalf of Trócaire and the people they work with we thank you for your generosity and outreach to the poor of Rwanda.



Rest in Easter Peace



We pray for Betty Hussey (Donaghmore) and Frances Kingham (Brindley Park Crescent) whose funeral Masses took place in our parish this first week of Easter. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.