



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

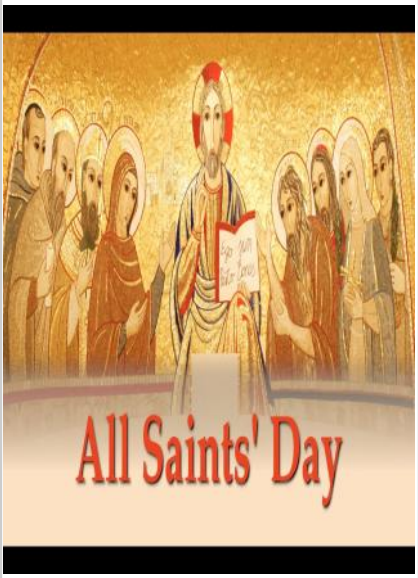
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31st Sunday A

1st November 2026



Mass Times and Intentions		
Saturday 31st **Shared Mass Intention**	7pm	Robert and James Galway; Betty Meleady; John Ward; Kathrina Hurley; Austin, Noreen, Mary and Geralyn Corcoran; James Keating; Mary and Martin Guinnane
Sunday 1st Nov *All Saints Day*	9am	Niamh Flatley, Castlehyde, Fermoy (Month's Mind)
Donaghmore	10am	Betty O'Connell
Hospitality in the Parish Centre	11am	**Mass on Feast of All Saints'**
	12.30pm	Kathleen Fanning
Monday 2nd *All Souls Day*	10am	**Mass and Rosary on The Feast of All Souls'**
Tuesday 3rd	10am	Maureen and Jim Mullen
Wednesday 4th	10am	***'Liturgy of The Word 'replaces Mass***
Thursday 5th	10am	Jackie Fitzsimons
Friday 6th	10am	**Parish List of the Dead** *Mass on All the Saints of Ireland*
Saturday 7th **Shared Mass Intention**	7pm	Kathleen Doherty; Mary Stritch; Eileen Fenton; Mary, Michael and Michelle Long; Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
Sunday 8thNov	9am	McLoughlin and Tierney Families
Donaghmore	10am	Ellen McGrath
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	12.30pm	People of the Parish

Annual Mass For Deceased Parishioners
Saturday, November 21st, 7pm

November is a time when we, as Catholics, traditionally reflect on the meaning of life, and the bridge between earth and heaven. Today is All Saints' Day and tomorrow is All Souls' Day.

The Saints are ordinary people who, despite their sins and weaknesses, reveal a glimmer of how God's grace can work here on earth. The canonised saints inspire, challenge and encourage us to be an image of God. We thank God for 'the communion of saints' who accompany us and help us to respond to the call to holiness. We pray that we might join them in heaven at the end of our earthly lives.



Tomorrow, November 2nd, Mass throughout the world is offered for those who have died. We remember especially the souls in purgatory, and those who have no one to pray for them. You are encouraged to make an extra effort on November 2nd, and for the Month of All Souls, to visit the graves of loved ones, light a candle in their memory, do a good turn for the deceased and to pray for their happy repose.

Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed
All Souls' Day Mass - Monday 10am
Ashbourne Church
Followed by
Rosary in Ashbourne Church Cemetery
at 10.30am

A Plenary Indulgence is obtained for the souls of the departed by receiving Holy Communion, going to confession and reciting the Our Father and the Creed during this first week of All Souls' Month.

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

Confessions on Saturday 5pm to 6pm.

First Friday Mass and Communion Calls to the Sick



This coming Friday is the first Friday of November and the last monthly Mass offered for those on the current 'List of the Dead'. The old list will be burnt privately as a symbolic offering after this Mass as the focus turns to the compiling of a new list. The priests of the parish will do their monthly calls to the sick and housebound on the First Friday. If anyone is sick or infirm and unable to get to Sunday Mass, and would like the priest to bring them Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

List of the Dead 2027



Altar lists of the dead and envelopes for the coming year are available in both Ashbourne and Donaghmore Churches. Names of those who have died are collected, and Masses are offered on the First Fridays of the coming year for those who make up this Annual Parish List. When your list is completed please return it with your offering in the envelope. You can return them either to the Large Safe Deposit Box in Ashbourne Church marked 'List of the Dead' or to the Parish Office.

Liturgy of The Word on Wednesday



Our priests, Fr. Michael and Fr. Jinse, will attend a day long diocesan conference on Wednesday of this week. A 'Liturgy of the Word' ceremony will replace Mass at 10am on Wednesday morning next and there will be no funeral Masses scheduled for that time. The conference will look at various pastoral issues pertaining to their priestly work and identity.

Pope Leo XIV To Visit Latin America



Pope Leo will travel to South America on Friday next, November 6. He will visit Uruguay, Argentina and Peru. The trip has him visiting ten cities over twelve days. Pope Leo is due to visit the country that gave us his predecessor, Pope Francis, and he looks forward to visiting the diocese of Chiclayo in Peru where he was a missionary bishop for eight years before he moved to Rome. His holiness will learn more about the Church in these countries and strengthen their bond with the Holy See. He will lead Masses and engage in various activities to do with the Church. He will also meet survivors of abuse committed by clergy, and other members of the Church, as he has on his recent apostolic journeys to Spain and France. We continue to pray for Pope Leo XIV as the 267th successor of St. Peter.

Parish Child Safeguarding Meeting



A meeting for our parish safeguarding representatives will take place next week. Our parish safeguarding representatives are Lija Elizabeth M Jos, Kay Churm and Sinead Carroll. At this meeting the members will complete the annual parish audit and review procedures in our parish jurisdiction. Our parish endeavours always to create a safe and secure place for children in our parish activities. We are grateful to all the volunteers whose ministry involves children and young people. If anyone has any concern, or any historical anxiety around any issue concerning them or anyone else, help should be sought. Our Designated Liaison Persons are Marie O Sullivan and Marie Willoughby.

First 'Confirming Our Children' Mass Next Sunday



All candidates for Confirmation and their families are invited to Mass next Sunday as part of their Confirmation Preparation. In September Bishop Tom wrote a letter to all the children in the Diocese of Meath enrolling for the Sacrament next Spring. Confirmation in Ashbourne will take place on Saturday 27 February 2027. Parents of children in Ashbourne schools recently registered their children for the parish preparatory program that is called 'Confirming our Children'. Over four special weekends in the coming months the children will celebrate different aspects of the sacrament. For the first 'Confirming our Children' Mass next weekend the boys and girls will enrol for the sacrament and bring with them a letter responding to Bishop Tom saying why they want to receive Confirmation, and the work that they will do in preparation for their reception of the Holy Spirit. The children are learning about Pentecost and will say the 'Prayer to the Holy Spirit' at Mass with us next weekend.

Keeping Our Churches Tidy and Warm



The heat is now on in both our churches and we ask that parishioners work together to ensure that all doors in both Churches are kept in the closed position. Our buildings are large and old, and this makes them extremely hard to heat, and keeping the doors shut helps the building retain heat, and is the best possible and most responsible conservation of energy. We thank all those who help us in a variety of ways look after our churches. We thank our volunteers who clean our churches each week. On a Sunday parishioners are asked to either take home the Parish Newsletter, or return it to one of the tables at the back of the church at the end of Mass.

Meetings for those involved in Church Ministries

During this month of November there will be a meeting in Ashbourne Church for all those who serve the parish as Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Sacristans and Stewards. Dates and times will be announced in the coming weeks. If anyone has any aspect of their ministry they want explained, or any practical details looked at, please let Fr. Michael or Fr. Jinse know or email the Parish Office.

In the Spirit of Giving



Last Sunday's collection amounts were as follows: Offertory Collection: €1560; Envelope/Parish Development Fund: €810; Shrines: €1155. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to our parish and the building of our Lord's kingdom. The Parish Finance Committee will meet on November 18th to look at the current parish income and expenditure. Members will discuss projects it hopes the parish can undertake in 2027, and the drawing up of the January statement to parishioners. We thank all those who serve on this parish committee and help our parish in any way to grow and develop. *Mile buíochas.*

Suaimhneas Shíoraí



We pray for the repose of Peter Cullinan of Dublin Road whose Requiem Mass took place on Saturday. We extend sympathy to all of his family members. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.