



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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32nd Sunday A

8th November 2026



Stay awake because you do not know either the day or the hour
Matthew 25: 13

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 7th **Shared Mass Intention**	7pm	Kathleen Doherty; Mary Stritch; Eileen Fenton; Mary, Michael and Michelle Long; Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary; Dave Keogh
Sunday 8th	9am	McLoughlin and Tierney Families
Donaghmore	10am	Ellen McGrath
Hospitality in the Parish Centre	11am	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	Aidan O'Donoghue, Deerpark, (Month's Mind)
Monday 9th	10am	James Rogers
Tuesday 10th	10am	Patrick Walsh (Jnr)
Wednesday 11th	10am	Thomas Mintern
Thursday 12th	10am	Bridget Mulvey
Friday 13th	10am	Peggy Hollywood
Saturday 14th **Shared Mass Intention**	7pm	Margaret Burke Daniels; David Behan; Noreen O'Dwyer; Pauline Caulfield; Séan O'Grady; Róisín O'Callaghan
Sunday 15thNov	9am	James Bruton
Donaghmore	10am	Kay Creaby
Hospitality in the Parish Centre	11am	Fionnuala Farrell, Cornstown, (Month's Mind)
	12.30pm	Angela Harmon, Fleenstown, (Month's Mind)

Pope Leo's Pilgrimage to Latin America

We pray for Pope Leo as he begins his Pilgrimage to Latin America. Pope Leo's prayer Intention for November is "Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less."

First 'Confirming Our Children' Masses



This weekend the first preparatory masses for Confirmation next February takes place in Ashbourne Church. At our Masses the children registered for confirmation promise to do their best with their parents, parish and teachers to grow in their faith. Bishop Tom wrote to the 'confirmandi' in September outlining what he asks of them. The children bring to Mass today a letter addressed to the bishop saying why they want to receive the sacrament and the work that they will do in preparation for their reception of the Holy Spirit. For today's Mass the children have learnt about the first coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The candidates will say the traditionally 'Prayer to the Holy Spirit' at Mass with us. We keep the children in prayer and pray that all of us will live Spirit—filled lives.

'Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Annual Remembrance Mass on Saturday Week



The Annual Parish Mass of Remembrance will take place in Ashbourne Church on Saturday 21st November at 7pm. Our priests will concelebrate this last Vigil Mass of the church liturgical year together for all those who have died in our parish over the past year. The list of those we lost over the last twelve months is currently being compiled and will be published next weekend as part of our organisation of this Mass and outreach to the bereaved.

"All I ask of you my son, is that you remember me at the altar of the Lord." (St. Monica at her death to St Augustine)



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

Confessions on Saturday 5pm to 6pm.

In November We Remember …
List of the Dead For The Coming Year

Altar lists of the dead are now available in both our parish churches. The names sent to the parish of all who have died are collected, and Masses are offered every month for those who make up the Parish List. Please place your list and offering together in the envelope available from our churches. Return them either to the Large Safe Deposit Box in Ashbourne Church marked 'List of the Dead' or to the Parish Office. The names given to us each November are entered on Ashbourne/Donaghmore Parish List of the Dead. They are placed on the main altar of our church every First Friday of the year. On that day Mass is offered especially for these deceased with the intention that they have entered rest with the Lord, and that their families, relatives and friends, may be consoled in their loss. We thank everyone who supports their priests through the List of the Dead and all mass stipends received when masses are booked through the Parish Office.



November - Remembering our Beloved Dead



In the month of November, we take time to remember and pray for our departed loved ones. Write a prayer for your loved one, or a special memory of them that you have stored in your heart and that you will cherish forever on a paper tag provided and hang it on the memorial tree.

Parish Pastoral Council



The November meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is on Wednesday evening next, November 11th at 7pm. This meeting will look at the organisation of next Sundays Mass count, the celebration of Advent and Christmas. The recent Synod will be discussed, and we will reflect on ways to continue to build a vibrant faith community that celebrates and unites around the Sunday Eucharist.

Parish Child Safeguarding Meeting



A meeting of our parish safeguarding representatives will take place this week in order to complete the annual safeguarding audit. Our parish safeguarding representatives are Lija Elizabeth M Jos, Kay Churm and Sinead Carroll. At this meeting the members will complete with our priests 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.

Catechesis With Children In The Coming Days



On Tuesday there will be Catechesis at 10.45am for the pupils from our three Catholic Primary Schools who are preparing for First Holy Communion. On Wednesday there is Catechesis at 10.45am for the children preparing for Confirmation from our three Catholic Primary Schools.

Sunday Mass Attendance



A count of parishioners attending Mass will take place on Sunday next (November 15). We thank members of the Pastoral Council and other volunteers who are helping us to do this count. On Sunday March 8th, the Parish Pastoral Council first counted the number of people who attended at Sunday Mass in our parish churches. The total number who gathered that Sunday at one of our five Masses came to 974. The information gathered reveals what Masses are best attended and helps the Parish Council and others get a 'read on our parish'.

Save the Date - 'Carols and Songs'- Sunday December 6th



The Parish Carol Service will take place on Sunday, December 6th in Ashbourne Church. It has been decided to have our gathering to sing carols and songs during the Advent Season as not many people attended during Christmastide in recent years when this was tried. The Parish Pastoral Council decided to chose December 6th as it is the Feast of St. Nicholas. St. Nicholas is one of the great saints of Christmas and is often forgotten or neglected. St. Nicholas is long associated with Ashbourne Parish as the old monastic church in Greenogue is dedicated to this saint. We ask parishioners at this stage to mark the date in their diary.

Feast of the Lateran Basilica



Tomorrow (November 9) we celebrate the feast of the dedication of a particular Church in Rome, the Lateran Basilica. Along with St. Peter's, the Lateran Basilica is a Church associated with the Pope. The readings show us that it is not the physical building that is most important but rather our relationship with God and one another. The Greek word for church is 'ekklesia', which means a community of believers, of people who come together in faith. We thank God for our historic church buildings in Donaghmore and Ashbourne, but most importantly on this feast we thank God for all who play an active part in both faith communities of our parish.

Annual Admission Notices for our Catholic Primary Schools

Parents with children wishing to apply for 2027 Junior Infants enrolment to our three Catholic Primary Schools, St. Declan's N.S, St. Mary's N.S. and Gaelscoil na Cille can do so now on the schools websites.

Second Collection at Masses Next Sunday



There is a second collection at Masses next Sunday. The Second Collection after communion is called the 'November Offering Day'. There are six collections each year to support the basic salary of the priests in our parish. Our parish and priests are sustained by all those who give generously towards their upkeep. We thank all parishioners who give to the Parish of Ashbourne. Last Sunday's collection amounts supporting our own parish were as follows: Offertory Collection: €1925 Envelope/Parish Development Fund: €1160; Shrines: €820. *Mile buiochas.*

Praying For The Deceased



We pray for the repose of Maura Long, Fleenstown, whose funeral took place on Friday in Ashbourne Church. We also pray for Patricia Maxwell, Mother of Ann Lawless, The Hawthorns. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.