



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

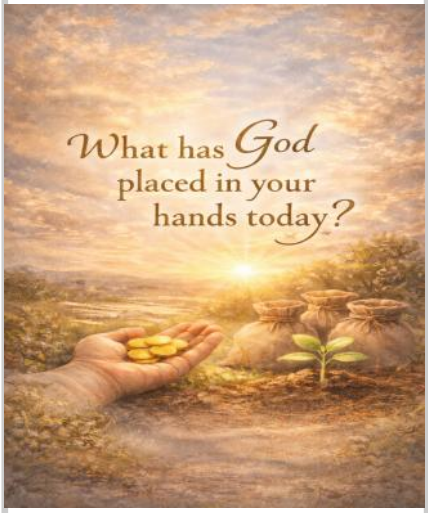
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33rd Sunday A

15th November 2026



Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday Mass Attendance A count of parishioners attending Sunday Mass takes place this weekend. We thank members of the Pastoral Council and other volunteers who are taking on this task.



Mass Times and Intentions		
Saturday 14th **Shared Mass Intention** (5)	7pm	Margaret Burke Daniels; David Behan; Noreen O'Dwyer; Séan O'Grady; Róisín O'Callaghan
Sunday 15th	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)
Monday 16th	10am	Eddie Mulvey
Tuesday 17th	10am	Elizabeth Kelly
Wednesday 18th 'Red Wednesday'	10am	Mary Conlon **Remembering Persecuted Christians**
Thursday 19th	10am 7pm	John Traynor Aoife and Baby Ailbhe Bird, Trim (1st Anniversary)
Friday 20th	10am	Stephen and Margaret Carty + DFM
Saturday 21st **Vigil of Christ the King**	7pm	**Annual Remembrance Mass for those who have died in the Parish over the Past Year**
Sunday 22nd	9am	**Feast of Christ the King**
Donaghmore	10am	Tommy and Olive Morgan with Interment of Ashes after Mass
Hospitality in the Parish Centre	11am	Suzanne McLoughlin, The Bailey (1st Anniversary)
	12.30pm	Mick Russell, Bourne Avenue, (1st Anniversary)

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Today's gospel reminds us to use our talents, knowledge and abilities to build God's kingdom on earth. Are we using our talents to give glory to God? When the day of reckoning arrives for each of us, which of the three servants will we be most like?

Saturday's Annual Remembrance Mass



The Annual Parish Mass of Remembrance for those whose funerals took place in our parish over the past twelve months will take place on Saturday evening next at 7pm. The 54 families who grieve loved ones are invited to this Mass and each family can bring forward a candle to be placed on the altar as we remember the 'eternal light'. The List of the Dead for the coming year is being compiled also at this time. The names already given to the parish are currently part of Ashbourne Church remembrance display, and Masses will be offered on the First Friday for all names received. 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.

Pope Leo's Pastoral Visit to South America



Pope Leo is currently on pilgrimage in Peru, in the country where he worked as a priest and bishop and became a citizen. In Argentina on Tuesday he met Pope Francis' family, and while in Buenos Aires he celebrated Mass for two and half million Catholics. In Uruguay, one of the most secular countries to be a Catholic, he said that the 'Christian family remains a pillar in the midst of the insecurities of our time.' 'Faith is a great blessing, and Catholics are asked by Christ to live and celebrate their faith'. Pope Leo spoke passionately on the care for the disabled, prisoners, and those wounded by abuse.



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

Confessions on Saturday 5pm to 6pm.

Visitation of Diocesan Catechists to Ashbourne

Each year a team of Primary School Catechists visit our catholic primary schools to support and encourage teachers in transmitting the Primary School 'Grow in Love' Catechetics Programme. A team will be visiting the three Catholic Schools in Ashbourne parish in the coming weeks. The advisors begin their visit this week to the After School Parish Classes. We thank all the teachers in our parish schools, and on the parish sacramental program, for the work that they do in supporting our parents and priests in passing on Catholic values and faith.

'Festive Carols and Songs'on the Feast of St. Nicholas

Our parish carol service this year will take place on Sunday, December 6th, the Feast of St. Nicholas. Both our parish choirs will be in attendance. It will begin at 6pm that Sunday evening and last for about 45 minutes. After the singing of carols, there will be a function for parish volunteers in the Parish Centre. The gathering will be about saying thanks, and building a sense of community among people who give time and talent to our parish faith community. St. Nicholas is one of the great saints of Christmas and he 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.

'Red Wednesday' - Praying For Persecuted Christians

At the invitation of 'Aid to the Church in Need - Ireland', on Wednesday, our parish will pray for all those who are suffering for their faith in various parts of the world, and to remember the martyrs of yesterday and today. As we commemorate them, we pray for a little of their strength and conviction, and for the determination to be true to our Christian faith despite any suffering it may bring. Did you know that 220 million Christians live in countries where they are directly exposed to persecution, while 413 million Christians live in countries where religious freedom is severely violated.

40 Hours of Adoration in Mullingar Cathedral



Bishop Tom is calling each parish in the Diocese of Meath to make a Eucharistic pilgrimage to our Cathedral, to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration begins on Friday next at 7.30pm and ends on the Solemnity of Christ the King, at 4pm with Benediction and reflection led by Bishop Fintan Monahan of Killaloe Diocese. Our diocesan Cathedral was opened in Mullingar in 1939 and is the first building to receive the title 'Christ the King'. Our Cathedral is among one of the finest and beautiful churches in Ireland.

Second Collection at Masses Today

There are two collections at Mass this Sunday. The first collection at offertory time supports the running of our parish. The second collection is called the 'November Offering Day' and takes place after communion on this Sunday each November. This is one of six yearly collections that make up the payment of a salary and living costs to support priests in our parish. We express gratitude to our parishioners who support the priests in their ministry and service. Last week's collection total amounts were as follows: Sunday Offertory Collection: €1480; Envelope/Parish Development Fund: €1250; Shrines: €1015. *Mile buíochas.*



Our priests will concelebrate the last vigil Mass of the liturgical year for the happy repose of the following souls.

November 2025
Kathleen Fanning Tudor Grove
Máirín Uí Ghríofa, Castle Park
Mick Russell, Bourne Avenue
Aoife and Baby Ailbhe Bird, Trim

December 2025
Joan Rushe, Brindley Park Green
Raymond Lynch, Castle Close
Jack Slattery, Pinewood Court
Séan Bruton, The Briars
Patricia Murphy, Fleenstown Little

January 2026
Sarah Jane Hallinan, Baltrasna
Veronica Walker, Castle Park
Rita Stewart, Bachelors Walk
Johnny May, Brookville
Charles Bobbett, Fleenstown
John Wilson, Johnswood Drive

February 2026
Caroline Crean, Brookville
Mary Chubb, Brindley Park Green
Elizabeth O'Dowd, Broadmeadow Green

March 2026
Margaret Andrews, Castle Close
Frances Morgan, Milltown Estate

April 2026
Frances Kingham, Brindley Park Crescent
Betty Hussey, Donaghmore
Margaret Walsh, Robertstown
Thomas Cullen, Donaghmede
Paul Millar, Brindley Park Road
Joanne Boylan, The Heath Alderbrook
Rosemary Hedderman, Newtown, The Ward
Jerome Brennan, Deerpark

May 2026
Liam Tierney, Huntsgrove
Robert Murphy, The Hawthorns
Patrick Heneghan, Brindley Park Road

June 2026
Siobhán Brennan, Brindley Park Square
Delia Donnelly, The Glen, Alderbrook
Elsie Moran, Brookville
Maura Heneghan, Artane

July 2026
Amy Arkins Connolly, Ardcath
Breda Barry, Wotton, The Ward
Maureen Lawless, Killegland Court
Susan Mullen, Castle Close

August 2026
Anna Kleibauer, Brindley Park Square
Mary Ryan, Robertstown

September 2026
Veronica Wilkin, Brindley Park Cresent
Terry Houlihan, Deerpark
Margaret Morgan, Milltown
Adèle Vance, Brookville

October 2026
Niamh Flatley, Castlehyde, Fermoy
Aidan O'Donoghue, Deerpark
Angela Harmon, Fleenstown, The Ward
Fionnuala Farrell, Cornstown
Declan Daly, Deerpark
Mary Ferguson, Huntsgrove
Peter Cullinan, Dublin Road

November 2026
Maura Long, Fleenstown