

# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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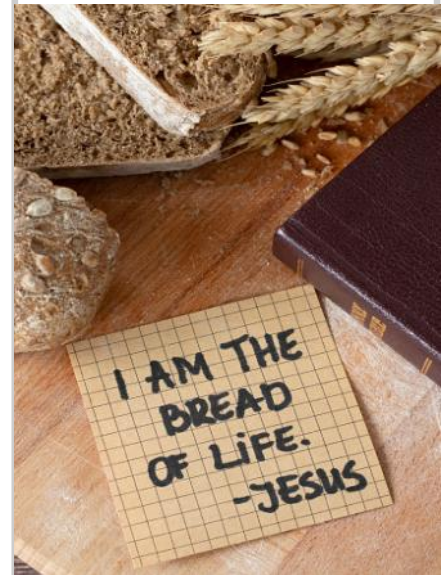
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## Corpus Christi A

7 June 2026



### Corpus Christi Holy Hour

From 5 to 6pm this Sunday afternoon for the Feast there is Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Ashbourne Church. All are most welcome.



### Celebrating Corpus Christi

#### The Importance of Mass

The feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus takes place today. We reflect on the great sacrament of the Eucharist and the Mass described in Vatican II documents as 'the summit and source of the Christian life'. There is no better way to celebrate this church solemnity than to examine how we participate at Mass. Pope Leo XIV emphasises that Holy Communion is built through prayer and a constant commitment to conversion. Mass should always be celebrated by priest and people with heartfelt devotion. Out of respect for Jesus' Body and Blood we are always asked to come to Mass on time and to rid our minds of distractions, so that we can worthily pray and listen to the Word of God. At communion time we should be conscious of the blessed Sacrament being given to us. We say the word 'Amen' and consume the Blessed Sacrament welcoming Jesus 'under our roof'.



### Celebrating Corpus Christi

#### The Importance of Eucharistic Adoration



Alongside Mass Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is paramount. The Eucharist is reserved in the tabernacle in Ashbourne Church and our church is open each day for private prayer from 9am until 8pm.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Thursday in our parish from 10.30am to 8pm. We encourage people of faith to continue to pray before the Lord before the Blessed Sacrament.

*"Make time, for Eucharistic adoration; meditate faithfully on the Word of God, so that you may put it into practice actively and fully in the sacramental and ecclesial life of the Church. In this way, you will come to know the Lord."*  
*(Pope Leo, April 2026)*

#### Mass Times and Intentions

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Saturday 6th June	7pm	Mass for all those interred in St. Declan's Cemetery
Sunday 7th	9am	Imelda O'Riordan
Donaghmore	10am	Bernie, Mick and Martin Boland; Mon Skelly
Hospitality in the Parish Centre	11am	Liam Tierney, Huntsgrove, (Month's Mind)
	12.30pm	Joe Mc Quaid
Monday 8th	10am	Deceased Members of the Dunne Family
Tuesday 9th	10am	Mary and Brian Moore
Wednesday 10th	10am	Catherine O'Connell
Thursday 11th	10am	Deceased Members of the Kelly and Flaherty Families
Friday 12th Sacred Heart	10am	John D Curtin
Saturday 13th	7pm	Andrea Donnelly, The Bailey, (1st Anniversary); James Malone; John and Maggie Beggy; Séan Byrne; Tom Cotter and deceased of Cotter and McDonald Families; Mary and Dan Landers; Aidan McManamy
Sunday 14th	9am	People of the Parish
Donaghmore	10am	Finbar O'Mahony, The Rath, (1st Anniversary)
Hospitality in the Parish Centre	11am	Robert Murphy, The Hawthorns, (Month's Mind)
	12.30pm	Frank Carroll, Castle Crescent, (1st Anniversary)

## Feast of the Sacred Heart is on Friday



The Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus occurs on Friday next. There will be Mass in Ashbourne Church at 10am to mark and celebrate the feast. Our church in Ashbourne, like many churches in Ireland, has a side altar with a prominent Sacred Heart statue with our Lord pointing to his heart to highlight his mission to reveal God's love. The candles at this altar are red to reflect this feast.

### Tridium to the Sacred Hearts

There will be a Tridium in honour of the Three Sacred Hearts on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. The Tridium is three days of prayer and preparation for the Feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday. At the 10am Mass on Wednesday we will reflect on the Sacred Heart of St. Joseph. The following day (Thursday) the 10am Mass will celebrate the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On Friday we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Did you know that the theological virtues of 'Faith, Hope and Love' are reflected in the three 'Sacred Hearts of Jesus, Mary and Joseph'. Each evening of these days dedicated to the Sacred Hearts there will be 33 minutes of Exposition and silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition will begin with the ringing of the bell at 7.27pm and end at 8pm. All are welcome.



### Sacrament of Reconciliation



As we reflect on the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the constant call to conversion one of the best ways to come to the Lord is to go to confession. The priests in our parish hear confessions every Saturday from 5 to 6pm.

### Supporting Those Doing Exams

We continue to wish all our young parishioners every blessing and success in their state exams. Prayer is always a wonderful support and help to someone you know sitting examinations. Do light a candle, write a petition, and say a prayer for our young people.



### Congratulations to Those Confirmed in Mullingar

On Pentecost Sunday six of our parishioners received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Tom in Mullingar Cathedral. We congratulate the candidates and pray that they will always know the power of the Holy Spirit. We thank Kay, Brendan and Aine for their instruction and for being such great faith friends.



## St. Declan's Cemetery Devotions



This Saturday evening's 7pm Mass is offered for all those interred in St. Declan's Cemetery with the blessing of the graves afterwards at 8.15pm. St. Declan's Cemetery is run by the municipal authorities and we thank Paul Beggy and Meath County Council staff for welcoming us and for the

work they do in looking after this cemetery. The first decade of the rosary will be said in the new part of the cemetery on the right hand side, and the second decade will be said in the old part of St. Declan's on the left hand side. During each decade the graves are blessed with Holy Water. We thank parishioners and friends for joining us, and all those who have their family plots looking so well as we honour our beloved dead.

### Ongoing Improvements to Killeglad Cemetery

The parish very much welcomes the work being done at the moment in Killeglad Cemetery. A heritage conservation report is being carried out by Meath County Council. Also, in recent months overgrown shrubs, rubbish and weeds were taken away from the environs of the historic stone wall of the cemetery. The old pedestrian gate into the cemetery is being repaired at the moment, with the cost being covered by Ashbourne Tidy Towns and Ashbourne Historical Society. We thank all involved in this heritage project to preserve Killeglad Cemetery and the ruins of the old Abbey. These works are part of our parish plans to mark next year the 300th anniversary of the burial of Ashbourne's former parish priest, Fr. Michael Plunkett, in the abbey apse.



### Proclaiming the Word of God

Would you be willing to become a reader in our parish? There are always vacancies on our rota for readers on a Sunday. If you could help us deliver this important lay ministry Fr. Michael, or the Parish Office, would be delighted to hear from you. We need people who are confident in public speaking and dependable. A small amount of training will be provided and there is a page prepared with practical tips and guidelines for this ministry in our parish.



Lay Readers

### Collection at Masses

We thank all those who ensure the financial viability of our parish. Last Sunday's Collection Totals were as follows: Plate €1640; Shrines €1145; Development Fund €1015. The June Priests Offering Second Collection was taken a week early in error. Any envelopes received for this purpose this Sunday will go towards this fund and the total will be given in next week's newsletter.



### Thanks to Those who Helped with Cemetery Devotions

As this year's cemetery devotions come to an end, we thank all the volunteers who help look after the various cemeteries in Ashbourne and Donaghmore. We thank also all parishioners who maintain their graves so beautifully. The collection at last weekend's Ashbourne Church Cemetery devotions raised €710. *Mile buíochas*. We wish the new cemetery committee in Donaghmore all the best as they get themselves established.

*Thank You*

