

# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER



**Trinity Sunday A**

31st May 2026



TRINITY SUNDAY

*'God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son.'*

John 3:16

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## Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 30th May	7pm	<b>Mass for all those interred in Ashbourne Church Cemetery and Killeglad Cemetery</b>
Sunday 31st	9am	Jerome Brennan, Deerpark, (Month's Mind)
Donaghmore	10am	<b>Mass for all those interred in Donaghmore and Greenogue Cemeteries</b>
<b>Hospitality Resumes Next Sunday</b>	11am	Thomas Cullen, Kilbrew, (Month's Mind)
	12.30pm	Tommy Harrington, Milltown, (1st Anniversary)
Monday 1st June	10am	Bernadette Keating, Milltown, (1st anniversary)
Tuesday 2nd	10am	Tommy, Mollie and Martin Smyth and deceased members of Smyth Family
Wednesday 3rd	10am	Carmel Campbell
Thursday 4th	10am	Tom Hollywood
Friday 5th	10am	First Friday - Parish List of The Dead
Saturday 6th	7pm	<b>Mass for all those interred in St. Declan's Cemetery</b>
Sunday 7th	9am	Imelda O'Riordan
Donaghmore	10am	Bernie, Mick and Martin Boland; Mon Skelly
	11am	Liam Tierney, Huntsgrove, (Month's Mind)
	12.30pm	Joe Mc Quaid

**Holy! Holy! Holy!**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

This Sunday is the Feast of the Blessed Trinity and we reflect on our God being made up of three persons. It is a central mystery of our faith. St. Patrick cleverly used the shamrock to explain to our ancestors how God is the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. It is good to make the sign of the Cross in the name of the Trinity at the beginning and end of each day. When you make the sign of the Cross do it slowly: pronounce carefully the names of the persons of the Trinity. In doing so, you bring alive today's feast day.

**Senior Infants Art For Our Lady**

Today is the last day of May. The Senior Infants in our Catholic Schools have been learning about Mary this month of May. The children bring to Mass today some art depicting our Lady, and as part of the Prayer of the Faithful will say the 'Hail Mary' with us as Mary's month comes to an end.



**Supporting Those Doing Exams this June**

We wish all our young parishioners doing Junior and Leaving Cert exams every blessing and success. Never underestimate the power of prayer as a support and help to our young. Do let people know that you are remembering them by lighting a candle and saying a prayer for them. Here is a prayer that you might give to someone you know doing exams, or that you might adapt and pray.



*Loving God, be with me now as I sit my exams. Calm my heart and clear my mind. Help me to do my best, to remember all that I have studied, and to approach each exam with courage and confidence. Bless my efforts and guide me in the days ahead. Whatever the results, may I always know my worth in your eyes and trust in the plans you have for me. Amen.*



Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. On June 12th we will celebrate the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. On Sunday June 14th, we return to the 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A.



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



Confessions this Saturday 5pm to 6pm



A massive thank you to all those involved in the Pentecost Sunday celebrations last weekend. It was lovely to celebrate the Holy Spirit in such a vibrant way. Thanks to Jana, her family, members of the Parish Pastoral Council, church decorators, and all the other parishioners who took part in the liturgy. We also those who brought international foods for the food fayre and hospitality afterwards. This Sunday the hospitality team take a well deserved break.

### Celebrating Corpus Christi

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus takes place on Sunday next. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on this feast day from 5pm to 6pm in Ashbourne Church. Pope Leo XIV emphasises that Holy Communion is built primarily on our knees through prayer, and a constant commitment to conversion. There is no better way to celebrate this church solemnity than to attend Mass and to celebrate it 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' as we welcome Jesus 'under our roof'.

### Sacred Heart Tridium 2026

Our parish will once again have a Sacred Heart Tridium from Wednesday June 10th to Friday June 12th. At the three daily Masses of the Tridium our parish will reflect on the theological virtues of 'Faith, Hope and Love' as we pray to the 'Sacred Heart'. Each evening of these days dedicated to the Sacred Heart 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. In the French town of Paray-le-Monial in 1675 St. Margaret Mary received messages from God, centred on the Heart of Jesus. Jesus, lived on earth for 33 years and brought God's Love to the world.



### First Friday Mass and Calls to the Housebound

Friday next is the First Friday of June. The 10am Mass will be offered for all those on the Ashbourne - Donaghmore Parish List of the Dead. Our priests will bring Holy Communion on Friday to those who are housebound and wish to receive the Blessed Sacrament.. Any person of faith who is unable to get to mass and would like to receive the Blessed Sacrament each month should contact the Parish Office.



## THE BLESSING OF GRAVES

## Annual Cemetery Devotions

Mass for those interred both in Ashbourne Church Cemetery and Killeglad Cemetery takes place in Ashbourne Church this Saturday evening. The blessing of the graves in Ashbourne Church grounds takes place immediately afterwards at 7.45pm. The graves in Killeglad Cemetery will be blessed at 8.15pm. The graves in Donaghmore will be blessed at 10.45am following this Sunday's 10am morning Mass in Donaghmore Church. Devotions in Greenogue take place at 11.30am. Next Saturday evening (June 6th) the 7pm Vigil Mass will be offered for those interred in St. Declan's Cemetery with blessing of the graves afterwards at 8.15pm.



As you can see many improvements have been carried out in the church cemeteries in the last year. Many parishioners have expressed how pleased they are with these improvements. We appeal for your generosity in the cemetery and church collections to help defray the cost of these improvements and ongoing cemetery maintenance. Your generosity and support is much appreciated.



Grave holders are asked to make sure that their graves are kept well especially at this time. Please remove all weeds and old pots with dead flowers from the cemetery and columbarium wall. These should be brought home and not dumped in the cemetery.

### Final Appeal on Information on a Grave in Ashbourne

The parish is looking for information on this grave in Ashbourne Church Cemetery. Two families, Finegan and Coleman, were meant to buy two single plots but it seems this never materialised, and the parish has been cutting the grass and looking for family members to come forward to say if they intend using the grave or not. If no one comes forward in the coming two months the two single graves will be given to someone else seeking their use.



### Second Collection at Masses This Weekend

There is a 2nd Collection at our Masses this weekend. The collection takes place after communion and is the June Offerings for the Support of the priests of the parish. Last Sunday's Collection Totals on Pentecost Sunday were as follows: Plate €1745; Shrines €980; Development Fund €1010. Gratitude is expressed to all those who support our parish.

## 2nd Collection

### Praying for Those Who Have Died

We pray for Tommy Newman, Oldtown and late of Milltown (brother of Moira Carey and Esmon Newman). May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen. *Suiamhneas Siorai.*



We wish all our parishioners a very enjoyable June Bank Holiday Weekend.