



Ashbourne Donaghmore Parish Bulletin



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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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MASS INTENTIONS

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

Sat 26th Dec	6.00pm	Av. Sean Browne
Sun 27th Dec	9.00am	Remembrance Gerard & James McGrath
Sun 27th Dec	11.00am	Months Memory Michael John Flanagan
Sun 27th Dec	12.30pm	Av. Sean Conway
Mon 28th Dec	10.00am	Av. Paudge Murphy
Tues 29th Dec	10.00am	Av. Derek Tysom
Wed 30th Dec	10.00am	Av. Mary Fanning
Thur 31st Dec	10.00am	Mary Stevens R.I.P.
Fri 1st Jan	10.00am 8.00pm	Parish List of the Dead Parish List of the Dead
Sat 2nd Jan	10.00am	See Special Memorial List in Church Porch
Sat 2nd Jan	6.00pm	Av. Patrick & Mary Browne and their daughter Mona
Sun 3rd Jan	9.00am	Remembrance Catherine Walsh
Sun 3rd Jan	11.00am	People of the Parish
Sun 3rd Jan	12.30pm	Av. Jody Murray

Church of St. Patrick, Donaghmore

Sun 27th Dec	10.00am	Av. Alfie Donnellan
Sun 3rd Jan	10.00am	Deceased of Henry Family

TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS

Thank you for your support in 2009.

We wish you a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Bereavement Notices

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord:

Peter Kinsella, Huntsgrove;

David Bolster, brother of Victor Bolster; Tom Ford, son of Mrs. Ford N.T.

Barry Maguire whose anniversary occurs at this time.

A Word of Thanks

Fr. Jim & Fr. Derek would like to acknowledge the enormous contribution of the many volunteers and parishioners who give so much commitment to the life of our parish. Rainbows Team; Liturgy Group; Ministers of the Word and Prayers of the Faithful; Ministers of Holy Communion; Sacristans; Bethany Bereavement Support Group; Collectors and Counters; Irish Red Cross; the many who ensure the church is decorated throughout the year; the many groups who add so much to our parish liturgies; Folk Group; Ashbourne Church Choir; soloists and musicians; instrumentalists and vocalists; the Team who clean our church regularly; Boards of Management; Staff & Students of St. Declan's Primary School; St. Mary's Primary School and Gaelscoil na Cille and all at ACS; those who maintain Donaghmore Church and its environs; Donaghmore Choir; Parish Pastoral Council; Finance Committee; Altar Servers and co-ordinators and parents who supervise and co-ordinate rotas; those who maintain our Parish Cemeteries; Legion of Mary; Eucharistic Adoration Group; Pioneer Total Abstinence Association; St. Vincent de Paul Society; Family Mass Group; Baptism Team; Sporting Organisations and bodies who are essential to the wellbeing, life and vitality of our parishioners; Deirdre McMahon and Joe Finn in the Parish Office; Marivic Quilab & Lenette Toledo, Phillipine Islands - our Lay Missionaries, for being missionaries among us.

To one and all we ask the Lord to bless you with peace and contentment this New Year.

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MARY'S CHRISTMAS DREAM

I had a dream Joseph.
I don't understand it,
but I think it was
about the birthday celebration of our Son!

The people had been preparing for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They had gone shopping many times and bought many elaborate gifts. It was peculiar though, because the presents weren't for our Son!

They wrapped them in beautiful paper and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree Joseph, right in their homes! They had decorated the tree full of glowing balls and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure like an angel on top. Oh, it was so beautiful! Everyone was laughing and happy.

They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our Son! I don't think they even knew HIM! They never mentioned His name. I had the strangest feeling that if our Son had gone to the celebration He would have been intruding.

Everything was so beautiful Joseph and everyone was so happy. But it made me want to cry; how sad for JESUS not be wanted at HIS own birthday party.

I'm glad it was only a dream.

Sacraments and Devotions

Morning Masses:

Mon. to Sat. At 10.00am in Ashbourne

Holy Hour:

Tues. 10.30 to 11.30am; Thursday 8-9pm

Confessions:

Saturday after 10.00am Mass

Before the Vigil Mass on Sat evening.

Rosary: Ashbourne Church Mon.-Fri.

7.30pm and Mon-Sat. 9.30am

Baptisms

Ashbourne:

1st and 2nd Sunday of the
month at 1.30pm.

3rd Saturday of the Month at 4.00pm

Donaghmore:

31st January, 2010.

Pre-Baptism Meeting

Next talk will take place on Monday
11th January in the Parish Office,
Church Grounds at 8.30pm.



Parish Notices

JOIN US for tea or coffee after the 11 a.m. Mass each Sunday in the Meeting Room, Church Grounds. All welcome.

THE LEGION OF MARY meet every Monday at 8.00 p.m. In Room 3, Parish Office. All welcome.

MEDITATION this coming Wednesday 9th December at 8 p.m. in the Parochial House. All welcome.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Drop-in Centre on 3rd Tues. each month 8-9 p.m. and 3rd Wed. of each month by appt. Tel. 087 2715222.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Meetings daily in Ashbourne - 'Phone 01 8420700 (daytime) or 1890 412 412 (evenings/weekends).

THE PARISH OFFICE will re-open on Monday 4th January, 2010.

WORLD DAY OF PEACE—1st JANUARY, 2010

'If you want to cultivate peace, protect the creation' is the theme chosen by Pope Benedict XVI for his Message for the 43rd World Day of Peace. The theme aims to raise awareness about the strong bond that exists in our globalised and interconnected world between protecting the creation and cultivating peace. This close and intimate tie is further accentuated by the many problems concerning our natural environment, such as the use of resources, climate change, the application and use of biotechnology, and demographic growth. If the human family is unable to face these new challenges with a renewed sense of social justice and equity, and of international solidarity, we run the risk of sowing seeds of violence among peoples, and between current generations and those to come.

The protection of the environment is a challenge for all humankind. It is a shared and universal duty to respect a collective asset destined for everyone. Ecological questions must be faced, not just because of the dreadful prospects that environmental degradation presages; they must be translated, above all, into a strong motivation to cultivate peace (see *Caritas in Veritate*, 48-51).

FIR TREE FROM THE ARDENNES DECORATES ST. PETER'S SQUARE

The fir tree which dominates St. Peter's Square this Christmas originates from the Ardennes, one of the most wooded areas in Europe. It is thirty metres high, its trunk has a diameter of seven metres, it weighs fourteen tons and its lower branches reach a length of ten metres. The main tree is accompanied by forty-five smaller trees which will be positioned in various sites around the Vatican.

"The role of this tree", said the Pope in his address thanking the delegation from Wallonia, "is similar to that of the shepherds who, watching through the shades of night, saw how the darkness was illuminated with the message of the angels.....Standing next to the nativity scene the tree indicates, in its own particular way, the great mystery present in the poor and simple grotto. It proclaims the arrival of the Son of God to the inhabitants of Rome, to pilgrims and to everyone who sees St. Peter's Square on television. Through this tree your land, and the faith of the Christian communities in your region, greet the Christ Child".

Collections

Donaghmore Plate Collection: €170; Ashbourne Plate Collection €1,586; Development Fund: €1,375. Mile Buiochas
Many thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Offerings for the priests of the parish.

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE EASTER OFFERINGS FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH