



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

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MASS INTENTIONS

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

Sat. 21st Nov.	6.00pm	Av. Vera Smith
Sun. 22nd Nov	9.00am	Deceased members of the King family
Sun. 22nd Nov.	11.00am	Months Memory Michael Allen
Sun. 22nd Nov.	12.30pm	Av. Patrick, Mary, Christy & Michael Geraghty
Mon. 23rd Nov.	10.00am	Special Intention
Tues. 24th Nov	10.00am	Av. Essie Murphy
Wed. 25th Nov.	10.00am	Special Intention *
Thurs. 26th Nov.	10.00 am	Av. Mary Teresa Browne
Fri. 27th Nov.	10.00 am	Av. Charlie & Nancy Moore
Sat. 28th Nov.	10.00am	Av. Pat Hopkins
Sat. 28th Nov.	6.00pm	Av. Ted Cantwell
Sun. 29th Nov.	9.00am	Av. James Enright & also remem. his son Liam
Sun. 29th Nov.	11.00am	Months Memory Michael Long
Sun. 29th Nov.	12.30pm	Av. John McAleese

St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

Sun. 22nd Nov.	10.00am	Av. Brigid & Walter Mulvey
Sun. 29th Nov.	10.00am	Av. Stephen Ledwith Av. Tom O'Reilly

AN EXCITING SUMMER IN 2016!

Ireland this week booked a place in Euro '16. So next summer already promises much excitement. Why not make it an even better summer by booking a place on the bus to World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland! WYD is a gathering of young Catholics from around the world with Pope Francis in July 2016. It is for young people (18-35) who wish to deepen, share and celebrate their faith. To travel with the Diocese of

Meath for this amazing event, please find information and booking forms available at www.dioceseofmeath.ie/youth

PARISH WORKS

The first phase of work on the St. John Paul II Oratory (formerly the 'Crying Room') was completed this week. The second phase will commence in the New Year.

A Prayer for those who have entered Eternal Rest:

Fintan Holleran, Alderbrook

Tommy Rowe, brother-in-law of Deirdre McMahon. Bourne Ave.



Josephine & Peter Comey whose anniversaries occur at this time.

*May they rest in the peace of the Risen Christ.
Amen.*

POPE FRANCIS ON PRIESTLY LIFE

Priests are not "mushrooms" that magically sprout at ordination, but they have a history, a community and a family that both they and their superiors must keep in mind, Pope Francis said on Friday. "On the day of their ordination, I always say to the new priests: 'Do not forget where you came from; from the flock. Do not forget your mother and your grandmother. This means that you cannot be a priest believing that you were created in a laboratory. No, it begins in the family with the tradition of the faith and all the experiences of the family. That is why it is important to not cut the roots from which you came.'"

Priests, the pope continued, also must be mindful of their duty to serve others and remember that "our own sanctification is closely linked to that of the people." He also stressed that priests must learn to rejoice and not become rigid authoritarians with the flock entrusted to them.

"I tell you sincerely: I am afraid of rigid (priests). I am afraid," the pope said. "Rigid priests, keep them far away, they bite! The words of St. Ambrose come to mind: 'Where there is mercy, there is the spirit of God. Where there is rigidity, there are only his ministers.' And a minister without the Lord becomes rigid. This is a danger for the people of God. Be pastors, not officials."

2016 VOCATIONS CALENDAR

A calendar for 2016 has been prepared by the Diocesan Vocations Committee, featuring a number of priests from the Diocese of Meath, including Bishop Smith and our new curate Fr Ciarán Clarke (Fr. February!). The calendar is now on sale in the Sacristy or the Parish Office for only €5, the proceeds of which will assist in the promotion of vocations in our Diocese. The calendar aims to create awareness regarding vocations to priesthood, to encourage families to talk about and to pray for vocations and to create a strong culture of vocations in our diocese. Please keep vocations to the priesthood in our Diocese firmly in your prayers. If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, you can contact Fr Joe Campbell (frjoecampbell@gmail.com) or Fr Shane Crombie (frshane@gmail.com).

CAR PARK RESTRICTIONS

Work on cleaning the outside of the Church continues this week. There will be no parking outside the immediate rear of the church. The carpark in front of the Parish Office will be accessible during the works which will take approximately three weeks to complete.

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Fr. Derek Darby P.P. - 8350547
Fr. Ciaran Clarke C.C. - 8350406
Priest on Duty Fr. Ciaran 01 8350406

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

9.30 a.m.—12 Noon Mon. to Fri.
10.00 a.m.—12 Noon Sat.
Phone: 01 8353149

PARISH HALL

Bookings for the Parish Hall can be made with Greg on 086 7327737 or parishhall2014@gmail.com

PARISH NOTICES

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

MEDITATION every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

YOUTH 2000 Prayer Group meet on Tuesdays 8-9 pm in St. Declan's Room, Parish Office ages 16-35 years. All welcome.

ADVENT: Begin your Christmas preparations. Advent candles available from the Parish Office.

THE MEN'S SHED open every Wednesday 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pre-fab Building,, Church Grounds, Ashbourne.

ASHBOURNE CRAFT GROUP are holding a Craft Fair on today 22nd November in the Parish Hall 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ANNUAL CURRAGHA N.S. Christmas Fair on Sunday 29th November in the hall after 11.30 a.m. Mass. All welcome.

SOCIAL DANCING in the Ashbourne House Hotel every Thursday night 9.30 p.m. to 12. All welcome.

ACS GERMAN DEPT. will host a Christmas Market in the Sports Hall on Fri. 24th Nov. from 12 noon to 4 p.m.



Ashbourne:

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

3rd Saturday of the month at 4.00pm.

Donaghmore:

Sunday 29th November, 2015 after 10am Mass.

Pre-Baptism Meeting

Next talk will take place on Monday 14th December, 2015. in the Parish Hall, Ashbourne at 8pm.

Baptism Registration Forms are available on the Parish Website.

POPE CONDEMNS PARIS ATTACKS



"Here in the Vatican we are following the terrible news from Paris. We are shocked by this new manifestation of maddening, terrorist violence and hatred which we condemn in the most radical way together with the Pope and all those who love peace. We pray for the

victims and the wounded, and for all the French people. This is an attack on peace for all humanity, and it requires a decisive, supportive response on the part of all of us as we counter the spread the homicidal hatred in all of its forms.

In these sad days, in which murderous violence has reared its insane, horrible head,..... Be on guard: these murderers, possessed by a senseless hatred, are called 'terrorists' precisely because they want to spread terror. If we let ourselves be frightened, they will have already reached their first objective. This, then, is one more reason to resist with determination and courage the temptation to fear.

It goes without saying that we must be cautious, and not irresponsible: we must take precautions that are reasonable. Nevertheless, we must go on living by building peace and mutual trust. So I would say that the Jubilee of Mercy shows itself even more necessary. Today when Pope Francis speaks of a third world war being fought piecemeal, there is need for a message of mercy to make us capable of building bridges, and, in spite of everything, to have the courage of love."

LIST OF THE DEAD

If you would like the names of loved ones who have died to be included in Masses in Ashbourne and Donaghmore throughout the month of November and every First Friday, please take an Altar List of the Dead Envelope (available at the back of the church) and return to the brown box at the back of the Church before next Sunday.



THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Pope Pius XI established the Feast of Christ the King when he published his encyclical "Quas primas" on 11th December 1925 - almost 90 years ago. The Feast and the encyclical were in response to the growing violence and nationalism which, in time, led to the horrors of Nazism and Stalinism.

Pius XI wanted to offer to the world the vision of the Kingdom of God, where Christ is King, as an alternative to hatred and bloodshed. The Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer for the Feast of Christ the King provides a beautiful description of the values of the Kingdom. In many ways, our present experience in Europe makes the Feast and encyclical very resonant. It was Pope Pius XI who proposed to Bishop Mulvany that he dedicate his new cathedral in Mullingar under the patronage of Christ the King.

Collections

Ashbourne Plate €1,860; Donaghmore Plate €175, Parish Fund €1,240
Mile Buiochas



Sacraments and Devotions

Morning Masses:

Mon.-Sat. 10.00 a.m.

Ashbourne

Holy Hour:

Tues. 10.30a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Thurs. 8-9 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturday after 10 a.m. Mass

Saturday 5.30pm

Rosary:

Ashbourne Church

Mon-Fri. 9.30am

Mon-Fri. after 10am Mass

Mon.-Fri. 7.30 p.m.

YEAR OF MERCY

Confession Times

To mark the Year of Mercy there will be a change in the parish's Confession schedule in order to make it more accessible to parishioners.

Confession Times

Wednesday 6-7pm

Saturday 10.30am

Please note: there will no longer be scheduled confessions before Mass on Saturday evening.

Our Parish Website (www.ashbourneparish.ie) contains a special section on the Sacrament of Confession for the Year of Mercy. It contains details of Confession Times, How to go to Confessions, Examinations of Conscience for Adults and Children and information pertaining to the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Thank you to all who attended and assisted with the Annual Bethany Memorial Service on Sunday last.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS



A range of 'Christmas Cards' from Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish are now available from the Parish Office. The intentions

of those to whom the cards are sent will be included in Masses on Christmas Day.

Proceeds from the sale of the cards will support Christian Communities throughout the Holy Land.

FIRST CONFESSION SECOND CLASS

Thursday 3rd December

7pm—Educate Together NS

8pm—Gaelscoil na Mí

