



# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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1st Sunday of Advent

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

|                 |          |  |
|-----------------|----------|--|
| 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  |
| Mon. 30th Nov.  | 10.00am  | Av. Sophia Fox   |
| Tues. 1st Dec.  | 10.00am  | Special Intention *  |
| Wed. 2nd Dec.   | 10.00am  | Av. Dorota Rocznik   |
| Thurs. 3rd Dec. | 10.00 am | Av. Raymond Kane   |
| Fri. 4th Dec    | 10.00 am | 1st Friday-Parish List of the Dead<br>1st Friday-Parish List of the Dead |
| Sat. 5th Dec.   | 10.00am  | Special Memorial Mass  |
| Sat. 5th Dec.   | 6.00pm   | Av. Kathleen Johnson   |
| Sun. 6th Dec.   | 9.00am   | Av. Joseph & Marcella Morris   |
| Sun. 6th Dec.   | 11.00am  | Months Memory Eileen Fenton  |
| Sun. 6th Dec.   | 12.30pm  | Av. Margaret Kelly   |

### St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

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| Sun. 29th Nov. | 10.00am | Av. Stephen Ledwith<br>Av. Tom O'Reilly         |
| Sun. 6th Dec.  | 10.00am | Av. Thomas Ryan<br>Av. Joe & Kathleen Armstrong |

## ADVENT BEGINS TODAY.....!

The word Advent means 'coming' or arrival'. In the coming weeks, the candles on the Advent wreath will mark our progress towards the birthday of our Saviour. The candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world and we seek always welcome him into our lives. Let us wait, listen and ponder the awesome wonder of God who sent his only son to save us—God's gift of love.



### ADVENT THOUGHTS

God has no phone, but I talk to him.  
He has no facebook, but he is still my friend.  
He does not have twitter, but I still follow him

*"Christmas has lost its meaning for us because we have lost the spirit of expectancy. We cannot prepare for an observance. We must prepare for an experience."* Handel Brown



### A Prayer for those who have entered Eternal Rest:

James Coughlan, USA.

Denis O'Leary whose anniversary occurs at this time.

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

## 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](mailto:frjoecampbell@gmail.com)) or Fr Shane Crombie ([frshane@gmail.com](mailto: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.



## CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

St. Columban's, Dalgan Park, Navan  
Friday 11th December, 8 p.m.  
With Ashbourne Church Choir  
Admission by ticket only  
Contact St. Columban's 046 902 1525

## 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](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/youth)



CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE SERVICE

**ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service** offers professional support services for couples preparing for marriage and those seeking support in their marriages and relationships.

For further details, contact [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) or Tel: 046 9023146

## PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Fr. Derek Darby P.P. - 8350547  
Fr. Ciaran Clarke C.C. - 8350406  
Priest on Duty Fr. Derek 087 6757554

## 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](mailto:parishhall2014@gmail.com)

## PARISH NOTICES

**LEGION OF MARY** meet on Thursdays at 8 p.m. in the Parish Office. All welcome.

**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.

**WITNESSES OF HOPE**—Songs for Christmas and Testimonies from the Middle East, 12th December, 4pm, St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay. Music performed by the Choir of Communion & Liberation. Further details: [www.clireland.com](http://www.clireland.com)

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

**ANNUAL CURRAGHA N.S. Christmas Fair** on today 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.

**THE ALZHEIMER'S CAFÉ** will take place on Wed. 2nd Dec. in the Pastoral Centre, Dunshaughlin from 7 to 9 p.m. All those suffering from Dementia, their families and Carers welcome.

**CARERS** required for Homecare in the Ashbourne/Ratoath Area, please contact Home instead Senior Care on 046 9483338 or email [care.meath@homeinstead.ie](mailto:care.meath@homeinstead.ie)

**ST. MARY'S ANNUAL BAZAAR**—Thursday 3rd December. Doors open at 7pm. All welcome.



### 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.*

## CHRISTMAS FUEL APPEAL



Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish is teaming up with Super Valu, Ashbourne for this years Christmas Fuel Appeal. Coal, briquettes, kindling, logs, and fire lighters can be purchased through the checkouts and Super Valu will retain the fuel ready for distribution in the run-up to Christmas. The Lion's Club will assist with the distribution of fuel to the elderly and needy families in our local community in advance of Christmas.

## COLUMBARIUM

Thank you to all who have reserved a niche in the proposed columbarium for Ashbourne Church Cemetery. No more deposits can be taken at this time as the project has been oversubscribed.

## YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT

**YOUTH 2000** invites all young adults between ages 16-35 to a Catholic weekend retreat taking place from 18th-20th Dec. at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This will be an exciting weekend attracting over 600 young people from all over the country. For more information see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or Tel. 01 6753690.



## 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.

## VOCATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF MEATH



The Navigatio Programme meets November 30th in St. Anne's Chapel, St. Mary's Church, Navan at 4pm. The Programme is a group meeting for men (young or old) who would like to explore the option of a vocation to the priesthood in the Diocese of Meath. The meeting includes input on spirituality and vocation, focused on the Word of God and the teachings of the Church, followed by some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: the source and summit of the life of the Church, and the corner stone of every priest's life. There is no cost or commitment. All welcome.

## COPPER COINS

We wish to thank parishioners who have donated their 2c and 1c coins to the parish. These coins will soon go out of circulation and we would ask you to consider donating your coppers to the Parish before they cease to be legal tender. They can be dropped into the Sacristy after Masses or the Parish Office.

## 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.*

*This schedule will commence after the 8th December.*

Our Parish Website ([www.ashbourneparish.ie](http://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.



The second collection for the month of December takes place at all Masses next weekend, 6th December. This collection will assist with the on-going maintenance of our parish Facilities.

## FIRST CONFESSION

The boys and girls in second class attending Educate Together NS and Gaelscoil na Mí will celebrate their First Confession, **Thursday 3rd December.**

**7pm—Educate Together NS**

**8pm—Gaelscoil na Mí**

We wish them every blessing during this grace-filled time in their lives.

## PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

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



### Collections

Ashbourne Plate €1,420; Donaghmore Plate €170, Parish Fund €1,055  
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