



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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3rd Sunday of Advent

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MASS INTENTIONS

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

Sat. 12th Dec.	6.00pm	Av. Elaine Moran
Sun. 13th Dec.	9.00am	Mass in Thanksgiving
Sun. 13th Dec.	11.00am	Months Memory Freda Lucy Tsimba
Sun. 13th Dec.	12.30pm	Av. Joseph Morris
Mon. 14th Dec.	10.00am	Remem. Robert & Noreen Eager and also their son Robert
Tues. 15th Dec.	10.00am	Special Intention *
Wed. 16th Dec.	10.00am	Av. Jackie, Una & Alice May
Thurs. 17th Dec.	10.00 am	Av. Ron Tier
Fri. 18th Dec	10.00 am	Av. Michael & Mary Macken
Sat. 19th Dec.	10.00am	Av. Bernadette Ralph
Sat. 19th Dec.	6.00pm	Av. Margaret Heskin
Sun. 20th Dec.	9.00am	Av. Siobhan O'Connell
Sun. 20th Dec.	11.00am	Months Memory Fintan Holleran
Sun. 20th Dec.	12.30pm	Av. John Higgins

A Prayer for those who have entered Eternal Rest:

Mary Mulvihill, sister of Eileen Flannery, Dublin Road;
Nancy Sweeney, Bunbeg.

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

POPE FRANCIS COMPOSES PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

“Virgin Mother, on the feast of your Immaculate Conception, I pay homage to you in faith and love on behalf of God’s holy people. I come before you in the name of families, with their joys and troubles; on behalf of children and young people, exposed to life’s challenges; on behalf of the elderly, laden with age and years of experience. I come especially on behalf of the sick, the imprisoned, and those who struggle. I also come before for the sake of all those who have come from faraway lands in search of peace and work.

We hear your motherly voice calling all of us to walk towards that door, which represents Christ. You say to everyone: “Come, come closer, faithful ones; enter and receive the gift of mercy; do not be afraid, do not be ashamed: the Father awaits you with open arms. He will forgive and welcome you into his house. Come, all those in search of peace and joy”.

Fr. Derek & Fr. Ciaran say Thanks

We thank you for your continued generosity in supporting us, your priests. We deeply appreciate your generosity in your Christmas Offerings on which we depend so much.

Christmas Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the Church

St. Patrick’s Church, Donaghmore

Sun. 13th Dec.	10.00am	Deceased of the Toole & Sweeney families Av. Hugh & Mary Sinnott
Sun. 20th Dec.	10.00am	Av. Eddie & Kathleen Caffrey Av. John Ellis



PILGRIMAGE OF MERCY TO THE HOLY LAND 2016

Fr. Derek will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in association with Pilgrimage People in 2016 (31st October-7th November). Further details and booking forms available from the Parish Office. www.pilgrimagepeople.org

‘Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact; it is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord’. Ps. 122:3-4

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Our Parish Website 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. (www.ashbourneparish.ie)



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 check out the Jubilee Hymn—*Misericordes sicut Pater!*
www.audioboom.com/boos/3801055-official-hymn-for-the-year-of-mercy

GETTING A MESSAGE ACROSS

A priest has made a 60 second video to explain the Year of Mercy to children. Check it out - search YouTube for “The Year of Mercy in 60 seconds. In LEGO!”.



PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

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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

LEGION OF MARY meet on Thursdays at 8 p.m. in 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.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL Annual Church Gate Collection this weekend after all Masses.

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

YOUTH 2000 Christmas Retreat: Youth 2000 invites all adults between 16-35 to a Catholic weekend retreat taking place from 18th-20th Dec. at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. For more information see www.youth2000.ie or Tel. 01 6753690.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Meetings daily in Ashbourne-Phone 01 8420700 (daytime) or 01 8527000 (evenings/weekends).

LOST: Set of keys on Sat. 28th November 2015. If found please contact Tony Malone via the Parish Office.



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 8p.m.

Baptism Registration Forms are available on the Parish Website.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2015

ADVENT CAROL-PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Monday 21st December, 8pm, Ashbourne Church

Guest Speaker: Fr. Laurence Gallagher C.Ss.R.

Music: Ashbourne Church Choir



CONFESSIONS

Saturday 19th December, 10.30am

Wednesday 23rd December, 10.30am

Thursday 24th December, 10am

Confessions in Polish—Monday 21st Dec. 6-7pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

5pm Family Mass (Ashbourne)

8pm Donaghmore—Nativity of Our Lord

9pm Vigil (Ashbourne) - Nativity of Our Lord

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Ashbourne: 9am, 10am(Polish), 11am, 12.30pm

Donaghmore: 10am



CHRISTMAS CRIB

This year for the first time, an outdoor crib will be erected outside Ashbourne Church. Thank you to Ashbourne Men's Shed who made the crib and 'Dial an Electrician' who installed the lighting. Ashbourne Men's Shed meets Wednesday and Friday, 10.30am to 1pm, Ashbourne Church Grounds. Contact: Hugh Stevens 0876691529.



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:

Wednesday 6-7pm

Saturday after 10 a.m. Mass

Rosary:

Ashbourne Church

Mon-Fri. 9.30am

Mon-Fri. after 10am Mass

Mon.-Fri. 7.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS TREE

Volunteers are required to assist in erecting and decorating the Christmas Tree in Ashbourne Church. Please contact Fr. Derek or the Parish Office.



We thank you for your generous response to the second collection last weekend. Amount €1,270. This collection will assist with the on-going maintenance of our parish facilities.

PARISH CALENDARS 2016

Parish Calendars 2016 are now available at the back of the church. Please take one.

COLLECTORS

A meeting of all parish collectors will take place, **Tuesday 15th December at 8pm, Ashbourne Church.** The attendance of all collectors would be greatly appreciated for c.30 minutes. We thank all our collectors for their faithful commitment to collecting at weekend Masses.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be NO adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Thursday next 8-9pm.



The Holy Father, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Tuesday last. Marking the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The Pope describes mercy as the 'compassion of God', reminding us that no one is excluded from the loving embrace of God the Father, as described so beautifully in the parable of the prodigal son. Each diocese throughout the world is requested to designate a 'holy door' to be opened during the Jubilee Year. The opening of a holy door has long been part of the holy year tradition, symbolising 'invitation', 'welcome' and 'entering into presence of God'.

Bishop Smith has designated two holy doors in the Diocese of Meath, each one with a particular reflection on the invitation to mercy. In Mullingar, the designated holy door is located at the newly renovated confessional on the left hand side of the Cathedral. This reminds us that the confessional opens the door to God's mercy. In the sacrament of forgiveness, God never turns us away. In Navan, the holy door is the entrance to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. When God is compassionate towards us, we can express our thanks through prayer before the Lord. Those who take part in Eucharistic Adoration are encouraged to pray that they and others may be given the grace to make a good confession.

How to obtain the Jubilee Plenary Indulgence? The faithful can make a brief pilgrimage to the Holy Door as a sign of the deep desire for true conversion. It is important that this moment be linked, first and foremost, to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to the celebration of the Eucharist with a reflection on mercy. It will be necessary to accompany these celebrations with the Profession of Faith (Creed) and with prayer for the Pope's intentions.



Collections

Ashbourne Plate €1,485; Donaghmore Plate €215, Parish Fund €1,125
Mile Buiochas

