



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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4th Sunday of Advent

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 19th Dec.	6.00pm	Av. Margaret Heskin
Sun. 20th Dec.	9.00am	Av. Siobhan O'Connell Memorial Mass for John O'Connell
Sun. 20th Dec.	11.00am	Months Memory Fintan Holleran
Sun. 20th Dec.	12.30pm	Av. John Higgins
Mon. 21st Dec.	10.00am	Av. Molly & Joe Healy
Tues. 22nd Dec.	10.00am 7.00 pm	Av. Christopher Cassidy Mass in the Lithuanian Language
Wed. 23rd Dec.	10.00am	Av. Sean Browne
Thurs. 24th Dec. Christmas Eve	5.00 pm 9.00pm	(No 10 a.m. Mass) Family Mass Nativity of our Lord
Fri. 25th Dec Christmas Day	9.00 am 10.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm	People of the Parish Mass in Polish Language People of the Parish People of the Parish
Sat. 26th Dec.	10.00am	Av. Paddy Murphy
Sat. 26th Dec.	6.00pm	Av. Margaret & Tom Collins, Mike & Margaret Hussey & Brian Dobson
Sun. 27th Dec.	9.00am	Av. Gerard & James McGrath
Sun. 27th Dec.	11.00am	1st Av. Brian Forman and also remem. his father Thomas.
Sun. 27th Dec.	12.30pm	Av. John Bradley

St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

Sun. 20th Dec.	10.00 am	Av. Eddie & Kathleen Caffrey Av. John Ellis
Thurs. 24th Dec. Christmas Eve	8.00 pm	Nativity of Our Lord
Fri. 25th Dec. Christmas Day	10.00am	People of the Parish
Sun. 27th Dec.	10.00 am	Av. Julia & Paddy Brady Deceased of the Henry family

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

A range of 'Christmas Cards' from Ashbourne/Donaghmore Parish are still available from the Parish Office. The intentions of those to whom the cards are sent will be included in Masses on Christmas Day.

A Prayer for those who have entered Eternal Rest:

John O'Connell and Paddy Donnelly, brother and brother-in-law of Danny O'Connell, Castle Park;
Jimney Curran, uncle of Mairead Ní Caba, Tudor Grove;
Mark Gargan, Kentstown.

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



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



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2015 Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish

ADVENT CAROL-PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Monday 21st December, 8pm, Ashbourne Church

Guest Speaker: Damian Richardson

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

5pm Family Mass (Ashbourne)

8pm Donaghmore—Nativity of Our Lord

9pm Vigil (Ashbourne) - Nativity of Our Lord

CHRISTMAS DAY

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

Donaghmore: 10am

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY

10am Mass—Ashbourne

6pm Vigil Mass for Sunday



PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Fr. Derek Darby P.P. - 8350547

Fr. Ciarán Clarke—8350406

Priest on Duty Fr. Ciarán 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

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 will resume after the Christmas break on Wed. 13th Jan. 2016 at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

YOUTH 2000 Prayer Group will resume in the New Year.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL would like to thank all who contributed so generously to the Church Gate Collection and Food Appeal.

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

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

ST. ANDREW'S ATHLETIC CLUB: Run, walk or jog a mile on Sat. 26th Dec. in aid of St. Vincent de Paul on St. Andrew's A.C. Track in Greenogue from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All welcome.

THIRD AGE SENIOR HELPLINE: Confidential listening service for older people is open every day of the Christmas and New Year season. Phone Senior Help Line Lo-Call 1850 440 444.



Ashbourne:

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

3rd Saturday of the month at 4pm.

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.

Fàilte-Welcome-Bienvenida-Witaj-Sveiki-Swagatham-Bienvenue-Benvenuto!

Welcome home to all parishioners who are studying, working or living abroad and who have travelled home to Ashbourne and Donaghmore to celebrate Christmas with their families. We welcome all who are visiting Ashbourne and Donaghmore for Christmas and those who have made their home in our Parish in the last year.

Please invite all family members to join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus at Mass on Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day.

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 to pay our salary.

Christmas Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the Church

CHRISTMAS CRIB

This year for the first time, an outdoor crib has been 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.



CHRISTMAS FUEL APPEAL

Thank you to all who so generously contributed to the Christmas Fuel Appeal in conjunction with Super Valu. **€1,100** in fuel has been donated to date to needy families and the elderly in our community.

PEACE LIGHT

A flame which burns in the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, was transferred by land and air to the Franciscan Church of the Visitation, Fairview on Thursday evening last. The 6th Meath Ashbourne Scouts transferred the light to Ashbourne on Friday evening inviting all people of all nationalities to pray for and work for peace.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY ENTERING THE HOYL DOOR

With this reflection we arrive at the threshold of the Jubilee, it's close. The door is before us, not just the Holy Door, but another: the great door of the Mercy of God — and that is a beautiful door! — which embraces our penance, offering the grace of his forgiveness. The door is generously open, it takes a little courage on our part to cross the threshold. Each of us has burdensome things within ourselves. We are all sinners! Let us take advantage of this coming moment and cross the threshold of this mercy of God who never tires of forgiving, never tires of waiting for us! He watches us, he is always beside us.

Pope Francis



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

To mark the Year of Mercy there will be a change in the parish's Confession schedule.

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 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)

Parish Calendars 2016

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

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will close on Wednesday 23rd December at 12noon and re-opens Thursday 7th January 2016, 9.30am-12noon.

ASHBOURNE PARISH HALL



Our thanks to all who supported the Parish Hall throughout the year,

the various groups, patrons and visitors who bring life to our Parish Hall and enrich the lives of all who avail of the many services on offer: *Kinetix Dance, Girl Guides, Ashbourne Church Choir, Ballroom Dancing, Simply Healing, Ashbourne Community Initiative, Self-Defence Classes, Donaghmore Choir, Music Club, Yoga, Doodle Tots, Irish Dancing, Ladybirds, Meditation Group, Bridge, Taekwondo, Fitness for Kids, Beavers, Slimming World, Legion of Mary, Salsa Classes, Prosper Meath, Fàilte Isteach, Meath Partnership, Resident's Associations, community groups & organisations, families, local businesses, the Kerala Community, and Ashbourne Players.*

A particular word of thanks to the Parish Hall's caretaker, cleaners, Greg who looks after bookings, the volunteers in the Parish Office who assist with administration and the Ashbourne Hall Development Committee.



Collections

Ashbourne Plate €1,215 Donaghmore Plate €185, Parish Fund €1,375
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