



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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Holy Family - Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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MASS INTENTIONS

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
Mon. 28th Dec.	10.00am	Av. John & Kathleen Moore
Tues. 29th Dec.	10.00am	Remem. Dorothy Fox
Wed. 30th Dec.	10.00am	Av. Eileen & Toddy King
Thurs. 31st Dec.	10.00 am	Av. Eric Fox
Fri. 1st Jan.	10.00 am	1st Friday - Parish List of the Dead
Sat. 2nd Jan.	10.00am	Special Memorial Mass
Sat. 2nd Jan.	6.00pm	Av. May Reilly and also remem. her husband John and son John
Sun. 3rd Jan.	9.00am	Av. Martin & Margaret Finn
Sun. 3rd Jan.	11.00am	People of the Parish
Sun. 3rd Jan.	12.30pm	Av. Noel Rock

St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

Sun. 27th Dec.	10.00 am	Av. Julia & Paddy Brady Deceased of the Henry family
Sun. 3rd Jan.	10.00 am	Av. Vera Browne



PILGRIMAGE 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). Price: €1300 per person sharing. Price includes return airfares including hold baggage, accommodation in 3* hotels on a half-board basis, all transport whilst in the Holy Land, services of a professional guide and all entrance fees. Deposit of €420 and completed booking form required by 3rd February 2016 with balance and any additional supplements due by 3rd June 2016. Further details, itinerary and booking forms available from the Parish Office. www.pilgrimagepeople.org

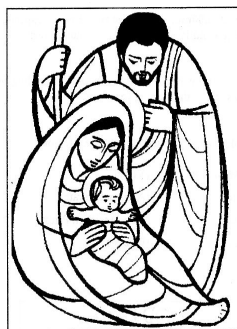
A Prayer for those who have entered Eternal Rest:

Susan Cleary, Killeland Walk;
Kathleen Rock, mother of Noel Rock, formerly Milltown Est.

**Barry Maguire, Ken McMullen, Patrick Simpson ,
Baby Patrick Flanagan, Noel Rock**
whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



This week addressing employees at the Vatican and their families Pope Francis spoke about marriage and family life: "There is another thing I wish to say to you, possibly the most important: I encourage you to take care of your marriage and your children. Look after them, do not neglect them. Marriage is like a plant. It is not like a cupboard that you put in a room and perhaps dust every now and then. A plant is living and must be cared for every day. Marriage is a living reality: the life of a couple must

never be taken for granted, in any phase during the progress of a family. Let us remember that the most valuable gift for children is their parents' love. And I do not mean only the love of parents for their children, but also the love between parents themselves, that is, the conjugal bond. This is good for you and for your children.....Therefore, first and foremost cultivate the plant of marriage, as spouses, and at the same time take care of the relationship with your children; here too, focus on the human relationship rather than material things. Focus on mercy in your daily relations, between husband and wife, parents and children, brothers and sisters; and take care of grandparents. The Jubilee must be lived also in the domestic church, not only in major events! The Lord love those who practice mercy in ordinary situations. This is my wish for you: to experience the joy of mercy, starting with your family. Happy Christmas!"

NEW YEAR BLESSING 2016

Hours Of Happy Times With Friends And Family
A bundant Time For Relaxation

Prosperity
Plenty Of Love When You Need It The Most
Youthful Excitement At Life's Simple Pleasures

Nights Of Restful Slumber
Everything You Need
Wishing You Love And Light

Years And Years Of Good Health
Enjoyment And Mirth
Angels To Watch Over You
Remembrances Of A Happy Year!



PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Fr. Derek Darby P.P. - 8350547

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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 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.

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

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

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.

MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: August 19th to 27th 2016, led by Most Rev. Michael Smith, D.C.L. Contact: Bishop's House, Dublin Road, Mullingar, Tel. 044 9348841 or secretary@dioceseofmeath.ie.



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 11th January 2016 in the Parish Hall, Ashbourne at 8p.m.

Baptism Registration Forms are available on the Parish Website.



In Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish, there are many families and individuals who live the faith they profess and whose contribution to parish life is essential and immense. Through their quiet work, the Parish runs smoothly and parish life is enriched. As we prepare to welcome a new year in 2016 Fr. Ciarán and Fr. Derek would like to acknowledge and thank the enormous contribution of the many volunteers and parishioners who give so much of themselves to the life of our parish: Ministers of the Word & their coordinators; Ministers of Holy Communion and their coordinators; Sacristans; Bethany Bereavement Support Group; Collectors and Counters; Irish Red Cross; the Altar Society, Church Floral Committee, those who decorated the churches for Christmas; and the many who ensure the church is decorated throughout the year; Junior Readers, their co-ordinators and those who prepare our Prayers of the Faithful; Parish Secretary and parish volunteers who help in the administration of the Parish Office; the Dept. of Social Protection and their Supervisor who clean the church weekly and maintain the church grounds in Ashbourne; the Boards of Management, Principals, Staff and Students of St. Declan's Primary School; St. Mary's Primary School and Gaelscoil na Cille; Ashbourne Community School; those involved in music ministry in our parish; Parish Folk Group; Ashbourne Church Choir, Soloists and Musicians; Cantors; Choir Directors; Organists; Donaghmore Choir; those who organised our parish Advent Carol-Penitential Service; those who open and close our churches; those who clean and maintain Donaghmore Church and its environs; Parish Pastoral Council; Parish Finance Committee, Ashbourne Hall Development Committee; those who manage the administration and caretaking of the Parish Hall; Altar Servers and their coordinators; Legion of Mary; Eucharistic Adoration Group; Pioneer Total Abstinence Association; Matt Talbot Prayer Group; Family Mass Group and Family Mass Leaders; Hospitality Team; Baptism Team; those who oversee and maintain our Parish Cemeteries; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Parish Safeguarding Representatives; those who maintain our Parish Website; those who advise and assist in the management of our parish; Parish Links: Do This in Memory and Confirming Our Children Committees; RCIA Team; those who print our parish bulletin; those who clean our parish office and meeting rooms; Catechists from our Parish Sacramental Preparation Programme; Meath Partnership, TÚS Participants; sporting organisations & bodies who are essential to the wellbeing; life and vitality of our parishioners; the emergency services.

Finally to all our parishioners we would like to thank you for your kindness and support to us during the year and we wish you and your families peace and contentment this New Year.

POPE FRANCIS' URBIS ET ORBIS MESSAGE

Francis praised both individuals and countries that have taken in refugees fleeing "inhuman conditions," saying their generosity had helped the newcomers "build a dignified future for themselves and for their dear ones, and to be integrated in the societies which receive them."



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)

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed this coming week and re-opens Thursday 7th January 2016, 9.30am-12noon.

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 was donated to needy families and the elderly in our community.

PARISH CALENDARS 2016

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

Collections

Ashbourne Plate €1,460, Donaghmore Plate €185, Parish Fund €3,155
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