



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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2nd Sunday of Advent

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MASS INTENTIONS

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

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
Mon. 7th Dec.	10.00am	Remem. Kathleen & Frank Gordon
Tues. 8th Dec.	9.00am 11.00am 8.00pm	Av. Grace Lacy Av. Margaret & Michael Daly People of the Parish
Wed. 9th Dec.	10.00am	Special Intention *
Thurs. 10th Dec.	10.00 am	Av. Pauline Arnold
Fri. 11th Dec	10.00 am	Av. Ellen McDonald
Sat. 12th Dec.	10.00am	Av. Paul Kelly
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 Norris

St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

Sun. 6th Dec.	10.00am	Av. Thomas Ryan Av. Joe & Kathleen Armstrong
Sun. 13th Dec.	10.00am	Deceased of the Toole & Sweeney families Av. Hugh & Mary Sinnott

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 are 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

A Prayer for those who have entered Eternal Rest:

Rineke Bartelds, mother of Hilde Toner, Johnswood Drive;
Juliette Dehaene, Ratoath.

*Angela Gray and Grace Lacy
whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

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

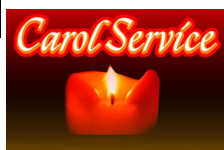
ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Congratulation to Noel Weir, who will be ordained for the Diocese of Meath this weekend in Tullamore. The 38 year old deacon worked abroad after college; he returned to Ireland and worked for a number of years in Intel before joining the seminary seven years ago. Fr. Noel will celebrate his First Mass on Monday at 6.30pm in Tullamore. As he begins his ministry in the Diocese, may the Lord bless him with a fruitful ministry.

Please keep him in your prayers. *Ad multos annos.*

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. 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).



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



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 or Tel: 046 9023146

PRAYER ON LIGHTING AN ADVENT WREATH CANDLE



Father in Heaven, as we light a candle on this Advent wreath, help us to reflect on the power of light to dispel darkness and sin from our lives and from our world. Touch our hearts with the warmth of your healing and forgiving love. May the increasing light of these candles brighten our minds and our hearts to be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love, so that we might be ready to welcome at his birth Jesus, the Light of the World, Our Lord and Saviour. AMEN

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.

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

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

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.

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. This will be an exciting weekend attracting over 600 young people from all over the country. 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).



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.

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.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2015

ADVENT CAROL-PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Monday 21st December, 8pm, Ashbourne Church



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

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. Ashbourne Men's Shed meets Wednesday and Friday, 10.30am to 1pm, Ashbourne Church Grounds. Contact: Hugh Stevens 0876691529.

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.



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.

PARISH WEBCAM

Parish services, daily and weekend Masses are now broadcast live on our Parish website. Live streaming can be accessed on www.ashbourneparish.ie



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 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 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 Giving

The second collection for the month of December takes place at all Masses this weekend. This collection will assist with the ongoing maintenance of our parish facilities.

COPPER COINS

We wish to thank parishioners who have donated their 2c and 2c 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.

YOUTH 2000 Prayer Group

There will be no Youth 2000 Prayer Meeting on 8th December due to Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Collections

Ashbourne Plate €1,585; Donaghmore Plate €150, Parish Fund €1,400
Mile Buiochas

