



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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The 2nd Sunday of Christmas

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 2nd Jan.	6.00pm	Av. May Reilly and also remem. Her husband John and their 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
Mon. 4th Jan.	10.00am	Deceased members of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association
Tues. 5th Jan.	10.00am	Av. Florrie Churm
Wed. 6th Jan. The Epiphany	9.00 am 11.00am 8.00pm	People of the Parish Remem. Fr. Martin Burke People of the Parish
Thurs. 7th Jan.	10.00 am	Av. John Newman
Fri. 8th Jan.	10.00 am	Av. Dorothy Fox
Sat. 9th Jan.	10.00am	Deceased members of the Legion of Mary
Sat. 9th Jan.	6.00pm	Av. Romian & Joan Higgins
Sun. 10th Jan.	9.00am	Av. Catherine Walsh
Sun. 10th Jan.	11.00am	People of the Parish
Sun. 10th Jan.	12.30pm	Av. Celia Farrell

St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

Sun. 3rd Jan.	10.00 am	Av. Vera Browne
Sun. 10th Jan.	10.00 am	Av. Charlie Grogan



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.

NEW PARISH PROCEDURES FOR OFFERTORY COLLECTION



This weekend, the Parish will implement the next phase of its compliance with The Charities Act with the introduction of collection bags to replace the collection baskets. These bags will hang on every second pew along the centre aisle.

Blue bags will be used for regular weekly collections. Where there is a second collection (once per month), red bags will also hang on the end of the pew.

We would ask all parishioners to assist the collectors by passing the collection bags along each row as is currently the practice, returning it to the centre aisle.

Additional bags have been placed at the back rows of the church. We would ask parishioners to pass these bags along the back of the church and return them to the tables at the centre aisle where the Collectors will collect them and bring them to the Sanctuary.

We would like to thank you for your cooperation and patience as these changes come into effect.

All collectors are asked to collect the new procedures from the Sacristy before or after Masses this weekend.



Ashbourne:

1st & 2nd Sunday of the month at 1.30pm.
3rd Saturday of the month at 4pm.

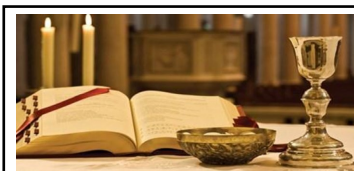
Donaghmore:

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.



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.



PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Fr. Derek Darby P.P. - 8350547
Fr. Ciarán Clarke—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

YEAR OF MERCY PARISH PROJECT



To mark the Jubilee Year of Mercy, it is hoped to erect a statue of the Immaculate Conception in the church grounds to the front of the church. This project will help to clearly identify the church with it's patron: the Immaculate Conception.

It is hoped to engrave the following text on the plinth: "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee" reminding us of Mary's role as "Mother of Mercy" in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Donations financially supporting the project would be greatly appreciated. All donations can be made to the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS FUEL APPEAL

Thank you to all who generously contributed to the Parish Christmas Fuel Appeal in association with Super Valu. A total of €1,560 was donated in fuel, some of which was distributed to the elderly and needy families in our parish prior to Christmas and the remainder will be distributed in the coming weeks.

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.

MEATH ALZHEIMER CAFÉ: Wed. 6th Jan. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in The Pastoral Centre, Dunshaughlin. All families/carers of loved ones living with Alzheimer's are welcome to attend.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING on Wednesday 6th January at 8.30 p.m. It is very important that all Ministers attend this meeting and full attendance would be appreciated.

ASHBOURNE PLAYERS Drama Group presents John B Keane's 'Sive' in a pop up theatre on the High Street, Ashbourne. 14-16th Jan and 21st-23rd Jan.

EPIPHANY BLESSING Over the Doorway of the Home

To bless your home this Epiphany, read the Prologue of Saint John's Gospel (Jn. 1:1-18), followed by the Our Father, and the prayer below. Then write the inscription (20+C+M+B+16) for this year above your front door with blessed chalk.



Each year, parishes support the work and mission of the Church through their financial contributions. These collections are the Church's way of organising its support of the work of the Church locally and throughout the world. In order to alleviate extra demands on parishioners attending church services, the Parish Finance Committee has spaced all additional collections to one per month.

January	Parish Development —an additional collection taken to assist with on-going and necessary repairs and maintenance of our parish churches.	17th January
February	Diocesan Cess – an annual Diocesan Levy through which each parish supports the work of the Irish Bishops' Conference – Safeguarding Board, Catholic Education and Formation, Pastoral care of Emigrants & Immigrants, Accord - Family and Marriage, CURA, Healthcare, Prison Chaplaincy, Communications, Marriage Tribunals, Justice and Peace, Permanent Diaconate, Liturgy, Pastoral Renewal and Adult Faith Development. Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish Contribution - €9,923	14th February
March	Good Friday – a collection taken annually for the support of fellow-Christians persecuted in the Holy Land.	25th March
April	Vocations Sunday – an annual collection which assists the Diocese in the formation of students studying for the priesthood.	17th April
May	Parish Development —an additional collection taken to assist with on-going and necessary repairs and maintenance of our parish churches.	15th May
June	Peter's Pence – an annual collection offered to support the work of Pope Francis in assisting the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalized and the victims of war or natural disasters; concrete aid to dioceses in need, Catholic education, assistance to refugees and immigrants.	26th June
July	Humanitarian Aid Collection/Special Appeal. This collection will support any additional collections parishioners are asked to support throughout the year.	17th July
August	Parish Development —an additional collection taken to assist with on-going and necessary repairs and maintenance of our parish churches.	14th August
September	Fleming Fund – an annual Diocesan collection which assists the Diocese of Meath in supporting retired priests or priests in full-time care. Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish Contribution—€9,923	18th September
October	Mission Sunday – an annual collection that supports new missions across the world in establishing catechetical programs, seminaries, the work of Religious Communities, communication and transportation needs, the building of chapels, churches, orphanages and schools.	23rd October
November	Annual Mission Awareness & Appeal. Kiltegan Fathers, Co. Wicklow.	6th November
December	Parish Development —an additional collection taken to assist with on-going and necessary repairs and maintenance of our parish churches.	11th December

PARISH CALENDARS 2016

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

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office re-opens Thursday 7th January 2016, 9.30am-12noon.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Thank you to parishioners who contributed to the Christmas Offerings for the Priests of the Parish

