



# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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3rd Sunday of Lent

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

Sat. 27th Feb.	6.00pm	Av. Patricia Mc Hutcheon
Sun. 28th Feb.	9.00am	Av. Ann Clarke
Sun. 28th Feb.	11.00am	1st Av. Delia Costello & also remem. her son Colm
Sun. 28th Feb.	12.30pm	Av. Sam Leonard
Mon. 29th Feb.	7.30am 10.00am	Special Intention Av. Oliver Behan
Tues. 1st Mar.	7.30am 10.00am	People of the Parish Special Intention *
Wed. 2nd Mar	7.30 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Av. Con Moynihan
Thur 3rd Mar.	7.30 am 10.00am	Av. Bernard, Peg & Thomas Boland Av. Bernadette Finglas
Fri. 4th Mar.	7.30 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish 1st Friday - List of the Dead
Sat. 5th Mar.	10.00am	Bethany Memorial Mass
Sat. 5th Mar.	6.00pm	Av. Ann Dehaene
Sun. 6th Mar.	9.00am	Av. Elizabeth Grattan
Sun. 6th Mar.	11.00am	Months Memory Teresa Murphy
Sun. 6th Mar.	12.30pm	Av. John Farrell

### St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

Sun. 28th Feb.	10.00 am	1st Av. Barney Kavanagh also Pat & Alice Kavanagh & their brothers 1st Av. John O'Beirne
Sun. 6th Mar.	10.00 am	Av. Paddy & Ciss Murray Av. Gerard, Andrea & Christian Hoste

## PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 2016

Fr. Derek will lead a pilgrimage as Spiritual Director to the Holy Land in association with 'Pilgrimage People' - 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. Further details from the Parish Office or [www.pilgrimagepeople.org/](http://www.pilgrimagepeople.org/) [info@pilgrimagepeople.org](mailto:info@pilgrimagepeople.org)

### 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](mailto:parishhall2014@gmail.com)

### A Prayer for those who have Entered Eternal Rest:

**Kate Newman**, Slane Road;  
**Pat Reynolds**, Garristown;  
**Alacoque Kearns**, Robertstown;  
**Charles O'Neill**, Tudor Grove;  
**Mariam Steaphen**, grandmother of Febin Paul, Ashbourne;  
**Anthony Kelly**, nephew of Chris Mc Loughlin, Fleenstown;  
**Maura Power** (De Paor) formerly Baltrasna & O'Briensbridge.

*Colm Costello whose Months Memory occurs at this time.*

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



### Ashbourne:

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

3rd Saturday of the month at 4pm.

### Donaghmore:

Sunday 29th May 2016 after 10am Mass.

### Pre-Baptism Meeting

Next talk will take place on Monday 14th March 2016 in the Parish Hall, Ashbourne at 8p.m.

*Baptism Registration Forms are available on the Parish Website.*



### Sacraments and Devotions

#### Morning Masses:

Mon.-Fri. 7.30 am & 10 a.m..

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.

## WORKING FOR MERCY DURING THE SEASON OF LENT

The corporal and spiritual works of mercy are a part of Catholic tradition and, for many of us, they were part of our upbringing. In today's world we are often too busy to give them much thought, yet they are rooted in one of the most beloved Gospels (Matthew 25:31-46), the Last Judgement parable. Here Jesus gives us our 'marching orders' as Christians. This is what we are to do if we are to become his true followers. Take a moment to reflect on the works of mercy below. Think about ways in which you might begin to include them in your daily lives during Lent this year.

### The corporal Works of Mercy

1. Feed the hungry
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Clothe the naked
4. Shelter the homeless
5. Visit the sick
6. Visit the imprisoned
7. Bury the dead

### The spiritual Works of Mercy

1. Advise the ignorant
2. Instruct the unaware
3. Counsel the doubtful
4. Comfort the sorrowful
5. Bear wrongs patiently
6. Forgive injuries
7. Pray for the living and the dead

## PARISH NOTICES

**JOIN US** for tea or coffee after the 11 a.m. Mass each Sunday in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

**LEGION OF MARY** meet on Thursdays at 8 p.m. in Parish Office. All welcome.

**MEDITATION** on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

**YOUTH 2000 Prayer Group** will meet on Tuesday 8-9 p.m. in the John Paul II Oratory (formerly the Crying Room) ages 16-35 years. All welcome.

**BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:** Drop-in Centre on 3rd Tues. of each month 8-9pm or anytime by appointment. Tel. 087 2715222.

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

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME-August 2016** will be led by Bishop Smith from Aug. 19th-27th 2016. Reservations to: Mullingar Travel, Tel. 044 9340587 or email [connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie](mailto:connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie).

**DUNSHAUGHLIN BRIDGE CLUB** will host a Charity Bridge Competition Mon. 29th Feb. at 10.30 a.m. in the Pastoral Centre in aid of St. Vincent de Paul. All welcome.

**PUBLIC MEETING** in GAA Club on Mon. 29th Feb. at 8 p.m. to discuss the proposed changes to the bus route. All welcome.

**MEDJUGOREJE IRISH CENTRE:** If you are interested in going to Medjugorje as part of a group please get in touch with at [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com) or call 01 4434510.

**MEATH ALZHEIMER CAFÉ:** Wednesday 2nd March from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in The Pastoral Centre, Dunshaughlin. Music, tea/coffee and scones. Admission is free. **Contact: Day Centre at 046 9027007.**



**Daily Mass Schedule**  
(Mon-Fri) 7.30am  
(Mon-Sat) 10am

**Sacrament of Confession**  
Wednesday 6-7 p.m.  
Saturday after 10 a.m. Mass

**Trócaire Boxes** are now available at the back of the church. We would encourage each family to take a Lenten Pack home in support of Trócaire's Lenten campaign.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic adoration on Thursday 3rd & 10th March will take place at 5-6pm.

### NEW PROCEDURES FOR HOLY COMMUNION

We would ask parishioners receiving Holy Communion to approach through the centre aisle ONLY and return to their seats by the side aisles. This will assist in the respectful reception of Holy Communion, and the care and safety of our little parishioners and the elderly.

### ELECTRICAL UPGRADING

Work on the rewiring of the church in Ashbourne continues. The work is expected to last 6-8 weeks. Daily Mass will be celebrated in the old part of the church for the foreseeable future. This project is part of the upgrading of the electrical, lighting and sound systems in the church.

### PARISH PASTRAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is renewing some of its membership in the coming weeks. We invite you to contribute to through sharing your views, your ideas, and your gifts and talents, as a member of our Parish Pastoral Council. We are seeking new members from the whole parish community and we ask you to think and pray how best to contribute to our parish community. Anyone interested in contributing to parish life through the work of the PPC should contact the Parish Office.

### 2016 DAWN MASS



On Easter Sunday morning the parish will celebrate Mass at dawn (7am) at the site of the monument of the Battle of Ashbourne. Assistance would be greatly appreciated in the preparations for the Mass. Anyone willing to assist should contact Fr. Derek.

Later in the year, the Parish will host 'Remembering the Brave', a specially commissioned concert performed by 'Lassus', Dublin Choral Foundation's new choir. The concert will include the music, poetry and reflections from 1916.

### NEW COLLECTORS

We would like to thank you for your cooperation and patience as the new procedures for the offertory collection come into effect.

We urgently require the assistance of a number of additional collectors for Masses in the parish. Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact the Parish Office.

### FIRST CONFESSION

Tuesday 1st March	St. Mary's, 7pm
Wednesday 2nd March	Gaelscoil na Cille, 7pm
Thursday 3rd March	St. Declan's, 7pm

Please remember our children and their parents in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate the gift of God's mercy through the Sacrament of Confession.

### INFORMATION EVENING

#### Educate Together National School & Gaelscoil na Mí

An Information Evening for parents with children attending Educate Together National School or Gaelscoil na Mí who are currently in Senior Infants and who wish their children to receive First Holy Communion in 2018 will take place Thursday 10th March next in Ashbourne Church:

7.30pm for ETNS

8.30pm for Gaelscoil na Mí.

Registration Forms will be distributed for enrolling children in the Parish Sacramental Preparation Programme which will commence in September 2016.



### DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE

**Saturday 12th March** will be dedicated to Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions from 7am until 7pm.

These 40 days are a valuable opportunity to make our peace with God and neighbour, and to leave the past behind. Parishioners are invited to attend daily Mass or pray before the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a priest on duty in the Church during these 12 hours and available to hear confessions in preparation for Easter. We encourage parents to bring their children to receive the Sacrament; likewise, please offer a lift to a neighbour or relative who might wish to participate in the Eucharistic adoration.

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD



Additional volunteers are invited to become Ministers of the Word at daily and weekend Masses. Training will be provided before assuming this invaluable ministry. If interested, please contact the Parish Office.



**Collections**  
Ashbourne Plate €1,275; Donaghmore Plate €175; Parish Fund €785.  
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