



# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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Easter Sunday

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

Sat. 26th Mar.	9.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sun. 27th Mar.	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sun. 27th Mar.	11.00am	People of the Parish
Sun. 27th Mar.	12.30pm	People of the Parish
Mon. 28th Mar.	9.00am	Av. Joan Stevens
Tues. 29th Mar.	10.00am	Special Intention *
Wed. 30th Mar.	10.00am	Deceased members of the Mulholland family
Thurs 31st Mar.	10.00 am	Av. Gerry Ryan
Fri. 1st Apr.	10.00 am	1st Friday - Parish List of the Dead
Sat. 2nd Apr..	10.00am	Bethany Memorial Mass
Sat. 2nd Apr.	6.00pm	Av. John Fields
Sun. 3rd Apr.	9.00am	Av. Paul Geoffrey Smith
Sun. 3rd Apr.	11.00am	Months Memory Sheila Ryan
Sun. 3rd Apr.	12.30pm	Av. Philomena Allen

### St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

Sat. 26th Mar.	8.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sun. 27th Mar.	10.00am	People of the Parish
Sun 3rd Apr.	10.00am	Av. Margaret O'Brien Av. Jack & Brigid Reddin & deceased of the Reddin family

## ANNUAL CEMETERY DEVOTIONS

Killegland	Friday 27th May 7pm
Donaghmore	Sunday 29th May after 10am Mass
Greenogue	Sunday 29th May 6pm
Ashbourne	Sunday 29th May 7pm
St. Declan's	Sunday 29th May 8pm



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016

St. Mary's	Saturday 14th May, 10am
St. Declan's	Saturday 21st May, 10am
Educate Together	Saturday 21st May, 12 noon
Gaelscoil na Cille	Saturday 28th May, 10am
Gaelscoil na Mí	Saturday 28th May, 12 noon

### *A prayer for those who have entered Eternal Rest:*

**Philomena (Phyllis) Martin**, Greenogue  
**Paddy O'Sullivan**, father of John O'Sullivan, Baltrasna;  
**Frank Dunne**, brother in law of Tommy Fitzgerald, Ballymadun;  
**Johnnie O'Connor**, brother of Kathleen Cremin, The Bailey.

*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 4.00pm.

### **Donaghmore:**

Sunday 31st May 2015 after 10am Mass.

### **Pre-Baptism Meeting**

Next talk will take place on Monday 13th April, 2015. in the Parish Hall, Ashbourne at 8.00 p.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.



Thank you to those who worked so hard on our behalf in the preparation and celebration of Lent and Easter. Thank you to those who made a special effort to join us for daily Mass during Lent, those who volunteered as readers, those who coordinated the reader schedule and the additional Ministers of Holy Communion.

To those who prepared the floral arrangements that adorned our church, prepared candles, the Easter fire, and decorated the sanctuary and altar. Thank you to all our Ministers of the Word, their coordinators, Junior Readers, and those who presented the various commentaries throughout the Triduum.

To the Folk Group, Donaghmore Choir and Ashbourne Church Choir, Cantors, Psalmists, Organists, and Choir Directors for their preparation and commitment to our Holy Week and Easter liturgies.

To our Ministers of Holy Communion, our Hospitality Team, Altar Servers, Collectors and Counters, Sacristans, and all who exercised their ministries in a whole variety of ways.

*Wishing all in our parish every blessing and joy, this Easter!*

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

## 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.

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

**YOUTH 2000 PRAYER GROUP** meets on Tuesdays 8-9 p.m. in the John Paul II Oratory (formerly the Crying Room) aged 16-35 years. All welcome.

**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)

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

**POOR CLARES, GALWAY** are hosting A Monastic Experience Day on Sat. 9th Apr. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The days are designed to help young women aged 21-40 to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life. To book a place contact: [poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com](mailto:poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com)

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed during the coming week and will reopen on Monday 4th April 2016.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** - Holy Mass and Confessions, will be celebrated in St. Sneachnall's Church, Dunshaughlin, Sunday April 3rd at 2.30pm.

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



James Connolly

Padraig Pearse

Roger Casement

Con Colbert

Seán Heuston

Thomas Clarke

Thomas Kent

Seán Mc Dermott

Joseph Mary Plunkett

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The centenary of the Easter Rising marks the watershed moment of our political history. This pivotal anniversary provides an opportunity for us learn from the faith and courage of the people who made freedom possible.

- Fr Aloysius heard James Connolly's last confession in the hours before he was shot, stood behind the firing party as Connolly was placed on a chair and executed and remarked afterwards, "It was a scene I should not ask to witness again. I had got to know Connolly – to wonder at his strength of character.....(and) now I had to say goodbye."
- Padraig Pearse was willing to pay the ultimate price with his life and reflected on the circumstances of his own mother – who lost two sons in the Rising – like Mary at the foot of the cross.
- Roger Casement formally embraced Catholicism and received his first Holy Communion just before his execution.
- Con Colbert told a prisoner that he expected to be executed and added "We are all ready to meet our God".
- Seán Heuston recited acts of faith, hope, love and contrition as he faced his death at just 25 years of age.
- Thomas Clarke – of whom there was little evidence of faith - refused to repudiate his involvement in the Rising. He said "I was not sorry for what I had done.....I was not going to face my God with a lie on my tongue."
- Thomas Kent entrusted one of his prized possessions – his temperance badge – to a local priest.
- Seán MacDiarmada said he bore no malice to any man and "I die in perfect peace with Almighty God".
- Joseph Plunkett in his last words to Fr. O'Brien said "Father, I am very happy. I am dying for the glory of God and the honour of Ireland."

(Courtesy of Mullingar Parish)

### Centenary Prayer of Remembrance

*Lord, Merciful and Kind,  
I remember the men, women and children  
who died during 1916 and throughout the  
troubled journey of our island's history.  
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.  
Look kindly I pray, on the people of Ireland  
from all traditions, at home and abroad.  
To you O God, we long to sing a new song of  
compassion, inclusion and engagement in a  
spirit of true freedom.  
You know my frail heart and my frayed  
history and now another day begins.  
Help me to believe in beginnings,  
and sing a new song for Ireland.  
Moladh go deo le Dia*



### Welcome to our RCIA Candidates

We extend our congratulations to Irma Vysniauskiene who was warmly welcomed into the Catholic Faith during the Easter Ceremonies this weekend.

We give thanks for her fruitful participation in the preparation for Sacraments and express also our deep gratitude to the RCIA preparation team in our parish.

### EASTER OFFERINGS

Thank you for your continued generosity and financial support of the priests of our Parish. This collection goes towards the payment of our priest's salaries.

Fr. Derek and Fr. Ciaran deeply appreciate your generosity on which we depend so much.

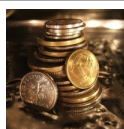
### EASTER MONDAY

Owing to the traffic restrictions in place for the State Ceremony of the 1916 Easter Rising at Rath Cross on Easter Monday, morning Mass will take place at **9 a.m.**

Please return your Trócaire Boxes to the Church in the coming Thank You.



Thank you to Nessa McHugh, Shannon Eager, Chloe Bradley, Ashbourne Community School, who painted their interpretation of Tianna Mallett's painting 'Our Lady of Sorrows' for this year's Good Friday reflection. Thank you to their art teacher Iseult Aiken and school chaplains James Mc Cauley and Frances Gildea.



### Collections

Ashbourne Plate €1,345; Donaghmore Plate €225; Parish Fund €1,160  
Míle Buíochas

*We thank all who contribute and all who pay by Standing Order.*

