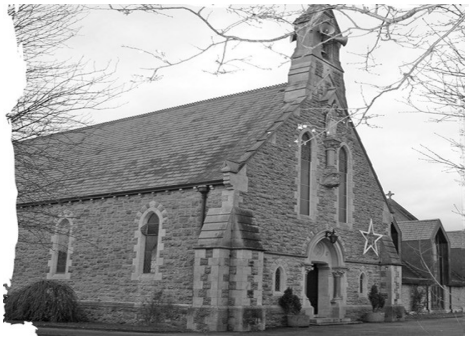

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN

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20th Sunday of the Year **Printed 29/07/2016**

MASS INTENTIONS
Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

Sat 13th Aug.	6.00pm	Av. Betty & Billy Coughlan
Sun. 14th Aug.	9.00am	Av. Eddie O'Donoghue
Sun. 14th Aug.	11.00am	1st Av. Patricia Kelly
Sun. 14th Aug.	12.30pm	Av. Peggy Swinburne
Mon. 15th Aug. **Feast of the Assumption**	10.00am 8.00pm	Av. Margaret, John & Sean Farrelly People of the Parish
Tues. 16th Aug.	10.00am	Special Intention *
Wed. 17th Aug.	10.00am	Av. Brigid Keating
Thurs 18th Aug.	10.00 am	Special Intention
Fri. 19th Aug.	10.00 am	Av. Paddy Murphy
Sat. 20th Aug.	10.00am	Av. Paddy Grattan
Sat. 20th Aug.	6.00pm	Av. Barney Kearns
Sun. 21st Aug.	9.00am	Av. James Kearns
Sun. 21st Aug.	11.00am	Months Memory Violet Campbell & also remem. her husband Arthur
Sun. 21st Aug.	12.30pm	Av. Sean Newman

St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

Sun. 14th Aug	10.00am	Av. Ann Somers
Sun 21st Aug.	10.00am	Av. Rebecca McGinley

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

Universal: Sports: That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.

Evangelisation: Living the Gospel: That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbour.

Pope Francis recently wished all athletes competing in the Rio 2016 Olympics every success. In a personal message addressed to each of the 10 members of the new Refugee Olympic Team, Pope Francis wished them success in their events and thanked them for the witness they are giving the world. "I extend my greetings and wish you success at the Olympic Games in Rio — that your courage and strength find expression through the Olympic Games and serve as a cry for peace and solidarity...Your experience serves as testimony and benefits us all "

A prayer for those who have entered Eternal Rest:

Annie Emmet, Tara Court;
Kay Curry, Castle Crescent;
Sandra Rafferty, sister-in-law of Artie & Fr. Tom Rafferty, Milltown Rd.

Margaret, John & Sean Farrelly and Christy Garrett whose anniversaries occur 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 4.00pm.

Donaghmore:
Sunday 31st July after 10am Mass.

Pre-Baptism Meeting
Next talk will take place on Monday 12th September, 2016 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
First Friday 7-8pm

Rosary:
Ashbourne Church
Mon-Fri. 9.30am
Mon-Fri. after 10am Mass
Mon.-Fri. 7.30 p.m.

KNOCK

MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Sunday 14th August will be lead by Bishop Michael Smith and accompanied by the Diocesan Choir. This year's Diocesan Pilgrimage will coincide with the opening of the annual Novena to Our Lady of Knock—14th to 23rd August.

NATIONAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK

Knock Shrine will open the 39th annual Novena to Our Lady of Knock on Sunday 14th – 22nd of August. The theme for this year is *'Merciful like the Father'* in keeping with the Jubilee Year of Mercy with a focus on real-life issues and challenges. "People are facing enormous challenges, trying to grapple with daily struggles, financial pressures, as well as juggling family life. This novena will look at dealing with the broader issues facing society and ordinary working families. Themes such as social equality, mercy, healing and how we can help one another are just some of the elements drawn from the broader theme of Mercy, what it actually means to us and how we can bring it into our everyday lives."

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

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.

SUMMER ROSARY CRUSADE: Rosary will take place this coming Wednesday 17th Aug. at 8 p.m. at Brindley Park.

YOUTH 2000 PRAYER GROUP resumes again after the summer vacation.

MEDITATION will resume on 14th September after the summer break.

STUDY THEOLOGY by Distance Learning with The Priory Institute, Tallaght: Applications deadline is 20th September 2016. Secure your place by registering www.prioryinstitute.com

AL-ANON Family Group for those who are affected by other peoples problem drinking. Meetings on Wednesdays at 8.30 p.m. For information contact 01 8732699.

MASS TIMES ABROAD: Parishioners may be interested to learn of a website called www.masstimes.org It provides a wide range of information on Mass Times in different countries.

MEATH HEALTHFEST in Donaghmore/Ashbourne GAA Club on Sat. 27th Aug. from 12-6 p.m. This is a health/wellness/ fitness day with exhibitors covering a wide range of health and wellbeing areas.

Prepare now for September: Are you over 21 and on a Social Welfare payment for 12 months? You may be eligible to train and work as a Care Assistant. Enquiries at 046 9071938.

ASHBOURNE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL LTD. have a number of vacancies for caretakers/general workers on their Community Employment Scheme. Interested applicants should ascertain their eligibility status with their local Intreo office as all applicants are referred through Department of Social Protection. For further details contact Meg Houlihan on 01 8353250.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Confession is available on the First Friday of each month, 7-8pm. It is hoped this revised time will enable more people to avail of the Sacrament of Mercy.

Confessions will continue after 10am Mass on Saturday mornings.

Please note: confessions are always available on request.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY DOOR IN NAVAN FOR EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

Our Parish has been invited to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Door in St. Mary's Church, Navan on 7th October 2016 (Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary). At 7.30pm pilgrims can make the "Path of Mercy" in the Church to the Holy Door, and avail of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation in confession. Mass will begin at 8.30pm, with refreshments available afterwards. Anyone wishing to car pool, please make contact with the Parish Office. Those travelling by car can park in the church grounds (Trimgate Street only) or on the Fair Green.

RECENT BAPTISMS

We extend a warm welcome to the following children who were baptised recently.

Harley O'Dowd, U.K.
Oliver Doyle, Ashewood Green
Harvey Maguire, Fleenstown
Sean O'Sullivan, Millbourne Avenue
Susan O'Connor, Broadmeadow Castle
Eve Mulvey, Tara
Indie-Rae Cullen Murray, The Crescent, Killegland
Orlaith Drake, Brindley Park Court

We wish God's blessing on the newly baptised and on their families.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

From time to time we become aware that there are parishioners in hospital and would like to visit them where possible. If you have a close family member who is in hospital and are sure that they would like a visit from Fr. Ciarán and Fr. Derek, please contact the Parish Office.

JOHN PAUL II CHAPEL

Work on the final phase of the oratory is now complete. Our thanks to all of the contractors involved in the project. The wooden ceiling and mosaics were all cleaned in the process. All of the furniture was made by Irish Church Seating.

The new chapel is no longer to be used as a 'crying room'. Parishioners are welcome to use this beautiful space for quiet, private prayer. It will be used for weddings, funerals, Mass and it is intended to increase the availablity of Eucharistic Adoration here in our Parish.

It is hoped the altar will be consecrated in the autumn subject to Bishop Michael's schedule. The altar was salvaged from the recently decommissioned chapel in the Mayo General Hospital, Castlebar and was reassembled here in Ashbourne by Paul Rennicks Memorials. The altar took three months to reassemble. Thank you to Castlebar Parish for donating the altar to the new chapel. Our thanks to Neil Mullen Transport who generously facilitated it's transport from Castlebar to Ashbourne. The central panel of the altar depicts Jesus breaking bread with the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus, flanked by two sheaves of wheat. The statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the side alcoves were originally displayed in the Sacristy of Ashbourne Church.

The crest of St. John Paul II is etched on the glass of the new gothic -style doors and an image of the crucifixion is etched on the top panel of glass against the wooden ceiling. The newly constructed glass panel brings the angels into the church framing the chapel.

It is hoped to purchase two statues to complete the oratory—St. John Paul II and Blessed Teresa of Calcutta who had a special relationship with Pope John Paul II and who will be canonised later this year. It is hoped to purchase the statues from 'Demetz' in Italy *(Demetz produced our parish stations of the cross and crib figures).* It would be greatly appreciated if parishioners would consider contributing to the purchase of these high-quality statues in order to complete the chapel. Alternatively, someone may wish to donate one of the statues in memory of a loved one. Donations can be made through the Parish Office or contact Fr. Derek for further information.

SIX ETHICS OF LIFE

Before you pray BELIEVE; Before you speak LISTEN; Before you spend EARN; Before you write THINK; Before you quit TRY & before you die LIVE. (Ratan Tata)

Collections

Ashbourne Plate €1,260; Donaghmore Plate €195; Parish Fund €1,025.
Míle Buíochas
We thank all who continue to financially support our Parish.