



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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MASS INTENTIONS

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

Sat. 27th May	6.00pm	Av. Maggie Whitty
Sun. 28th May	9.00am	Av. Catherine Guinnane
Sun. 28th May	11.00am	People of the Parish
Sun. 28th May	12.30pm	Av. John McManus
Mon. 29th May	10.00am	Av. Leonie Browne
Tues. 30th May	10.00am	Special Intention *
Wed. 31st May	10.00am	Av. Kathleen Geraghty
Thurs. 1st June	10.00 am	Av. Tom Hollywood
Fri. 2nd June	10.00 am	1st Friday - Parish List of the Dead
Sat. 3rd June	10.00 am	Bethany Memorial Mass
Sat. 3rd June	6.00 pm	Av. Fred Randle
Sun. 4th June	9.00 am	Deceased of the McLoughlin & Tierney families
Sun. 4th June	11.00 am	People of the Parish
Sun. 4th June	12.30 pm	Av. Mary & Michael Macken

St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

Sun. 28th May	10.00am	Av. Roger Barry
Sun. 4th June	10.00am	Av. Kathleen Skelly Av. Michael O'Reilly

DONAGHMORE CHURCH

Urgent repairs are necessary on the brass candelabra in Donaghmore. In the interim, those lighting candles are asked to ensure they are securely placed in the holders once lit. Anyone wishing to financially assist with the repairs, please contact Fr. Derek.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate the boys and girls of Educate Together N.S. and St. Declan's N.S. who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. We pray for them and their families: may this moment of special grace sustain them in faith, hope and love. We thank the parents involved in our parish preparation programme: 'Do This in Memory', the Principal, teachers and staff of the school, and all who supported the children in their preparation for sacraments.



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

Denis Kelly, brother of Mick Kelly,
Racehill

May they rest in the peace of the Risen



Ashbourne:

1st & 2nd Sunday of the month at 1.30pm.
3rd Saturday of the month at 4.00pm.

Donaghmore:

Sunday 30th July 2017 after 10am Mass.

Pre-Baptism Meeting

Next talk will take place on Monday 12th June, 2017. 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:

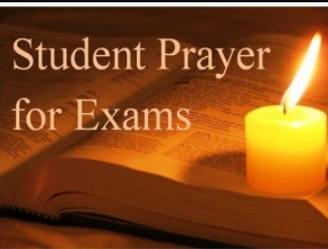
Tues. 10.30a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
Thurs. 10.30a.m.—9 p.m.

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.



Dear Lord,
as I take my exams, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me. Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together. Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way. Bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked. Help me to remain focused and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me. Amen.
(please pass this prayer on to anyone you know doing exams at this time)

ANNUAL CEMETERY DEVOTIONS

Killegland Donaghmore	Friday 2nd June 7pm Sunday 4th June after 10am Mass
Greenogue Ashbourne St. Declan's	Sunday 4th June 6pm Sunday 4th June 7pm Sunday 4th June 8pm



Priests of the Parish

Fr. Derek Darby P.P. - 8350547
Fr. Ciaran Clarke C.C. - 8350406
Priest on Duty Fr. Derek 087 6757554

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 Mary 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION now takes place on Thursdays from 10.30am-9pm in the John Paul II Chapel. We invite parishioners to join this quiet time of prayer in the presence of the Lord.

MEDITATION on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in **John Paul II Chapel**. All welcome.

MEATH DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK will take place on Sunday 13th August 2017 and will be led by Bishop Michael Smith.

DUNBOYNE COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT have the following positions vacant: Cleaning Maintenance/Caretaker Person and Grounds Maintenance person. If interested please contact 087 2626727 or email dunboyneace@eircom.net

VOLUNTEERS needed for Barnardos National Collection Day on 15th September 2017. To hear what's planned in your community and how you can get involved contact Mary Johnston on 01 7080418.

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.

MATT TALBOT PRAYER MEETING on the second Wednesday of each month in the Parish Office after the rosary.

SUMMER ROSARY CRUSADE: Wednesday 31st May at Johnswood at 8 p.m..

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



The Blessed Sacrament is now be exposed on Thursdays beginning at 10.30am, continuing throughout the day and concluding with the regular Holy Hour 8-9pm in the St. John Paul II Chapel. Parishioners are free to drop in at any time throughout the day for personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. In preparation for the World Meeting of Families, we would encourage families to consider committing to one of the hourly time periods.

Ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament as a support to their ministry in the parish.



ACCORD, Navan is seeking potential counsellors for couples counselling and for facilitators for pre-marriage courses. Training will begin in September 2017. If you feel that you have something to offer couples in their preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage and if you are willing to give up some voluntary time

to train in this area, please contact 046 9023146. No specific qualifications are required as all training will be given.

POPE FRANCIS—FATIMA INDULGENCE



Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence opportunity throughout the Fatima Anniversary Year. There are three ways of obtaining the indulgence. To obtain the plenary indulgence, the faithful must also fulfil the ordinary conditions: Go to confession and Communion, be interiorly detached from sin, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

1 – **Pilgrimage to the Shrine** Make a pilgrimage to the Fatima shrine in Portugal and participate in a celebration or prayer dedicated to the Virgin. In addition, the faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke the Mother of God.

2 – **Prayer before any statue of Our Lady of Fatima** Visit with devotion a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church, oratory or proper place during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, the 13th of each month from May to October (2017): there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honour of Our Lady.

3 – **Application for the elderly and infirm** Those who, because of age, illness or other serious cause are unable to get around well, can pray in front of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and spiritually unite themselves to the jubilee celebrations on the days of the apparitions, the 13th of each month, between May and October 2017. They also must “offer to our merciful God with confidence, through Mary, their prayers and sufferings or the sacrifices they make in their own lives.”

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN UPDATE

All parish volunteers are requested to attend an information evening on revised Safeguarding Policies and Standards in the Diocese of Meath, **Wednesday 7th June at 8pm, in the Parish Hall**. The Diocesan Safeguarding Trainers, David Gavin and Antoinette Shaw will facilitate the meeting.



WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY—28 May 2017

World Communications Day is celebrated on the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord – which falls on the Sunday before Pentecost Sunday. Pope Francis has chosen the theme ‘Fear not, for I am with you» (Is 43:5):

Communicating Hope and Trust in our Time’ for his message for 2017.

In his message Pope Francis is encouraging individuals and communities to engage in constructive forms of communication that reject prejudice towards others and foster a culture of encounter, helping all of us to view the world around us with realism and trust.

Pope Francis says that he is convinced that we have to break the vicious circle of anxiety and stem the spiral of fear resulting from a constant focus on “bad news” (wars, terrorism, scandals and all sorts of human failure). This has nothing to do with spreading misinformation that would ignore the tragedy of human suffering, nor is it about a naive optimism blind to the scandal of evil. Rather, he proposes that all of us work at overcoming that feeling of growing discontent and resignation that can at times generate apathy, fear or the idea that evil has no limits. Moreover, in a communications industry which thinks that good news does not sell, and where the tragedy of human suffering and the mystery of evil easily turn into entertainment, there is always the temptation that our consciences can be dulled or slip into pessimism.

Pope Francis goes on to say that he would like, then, to contribute to the search for an open and creative style of communication that never seeks to glamourize evil but instead to concentrate on solutions and to inspire a positive and responsible approach on the part of its recipients. He asks everyone to offer the people of our time storylines that are at heart “good news”.

You can read the full text of Pope Francis’ message on catholicbishops.ie.

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 priests’ salaries. Fr. Derek and Fr. Ciaran deeply appreciate your *generosity* on which we depend so much. ***Easter Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the church***



Collections
Ashbourne Plate €1,460; Donaghmore Plate €240; Parish Fund €915.
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We thank all who contribute and all who pay by Standing Order.

