



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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17th Sunday of the Year

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MASS INTENTIONS

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

Sat. 29th July	6.00pm	Av. Tom O'Keefe
Sun. 30th July	9.00am	Av. Patrick O'Sullivan
Sun. 30th July	11.00am	Months Memory Vincent O'Gorman
Sun 30th July	12.30pm	Av. Michael Heavey
Mon. 31st July	10.00am	Av. Maureen O'Farrell
Tues. 1st Aug.	10.00am	Special Intention *
Wed. 2nd Aug.	10.00am	Av. John Coclough
Thurs. 3rd Aug.	10.00 am	Av. Philip & Kitty Kenny
Fri. 4th Aug.	10.00 am	1st Friday - Parish List of the Dead
Sat. 5th Aug.	10.00 am	Bethany Memorial Mass
Sat. 5th Aug.	6.00 pm	Av. Bridget & Christy Browne
Sun. 6th Aug.	9.00 am	Av. Pat Durkan
Sun. 6th Aug.	11.00 am	Months Memory Mary O'Rourke
Sun. 6th Aug.	12.30 pm	Av. Peter & Kathleen Moss

St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

Sun. 30th July	10.00am	Av. Leon Mahon Months Memory Michael Dignam
Sun. 6th Aug.	10.00am	Av. Paddy & Maura Lynch & also remembering Michael & Marie

VISIT OF RELIC OF ST. TERESA OF CALUCTTA



Our thanks to all who assisted with the visit of the relic of St. Teresa of Calcutta: the Knights of St. Columbanus who facilitated the transfer of the relic to Ashbourne and directed the veneration of the relic during it's time in Ashbourne. Thank you to those who decorated the church, the Legion of Mary and the Parish Hall who provided refreshments, the Missionaries of Charity

who provided a voice recording of Mother Teresa, and the Malayalam Community who gathered in prayer. We pray it was a time of blessing for our parish and our parishioners. St. Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us.

PARISH OFFICE—SUMMER CLOSURE

The Parish Office will close from August 7th to August 12th and will reopen on Monday 14th August.

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

Artists: That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.



A prayer for those who have entered Eternal Rest:

Margaret McArdle, The Ward;
Albert Churm Snr & Albert Churm Jnr, Bermuda.

Phyllis Mulvey whose anniversary occurs at this time

May they rest in the peace of the Risen Christ.



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 14th August 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

Eucharistic Adoration:

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

Confessions:

Saturday after 10 a.m. Mass
First Friday of the Month 7-8pm

Rosary:

Ashbourne Church
Mon-Fri. 9.30am
Mon-Fri. after 10am Mass



KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBANUS

The Knights of St. Columbanus are a group of Catholic lay men dedicated to the service of Christ in daily life, in the workplace, the marketplace, in city, urban and provincial areas. They welcome Catholic men who would wish to bring to the service of Christ their talents and skills towards the promotion of Christian values and principles in society, their prayer, charity and acts of mercy. They do so in the spirit of their motto: 'to restore all things in Christ'.

They have four main objectives. These are:

- To promote by personal and group action a practical Christianity in all phases of life.
- To maintain a fraternal society of Catholic Lay leadership.
- To honour the Faith.
- To prepare its members for the Apostolate.

To achieve this end they are guided by two principles of action: charity and justice.

The Knights of St. Columbanus are interested in establishing a branch of the Order in Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish. Anyone interested in considering joining the work of the Order should contact Fr. Derek. Further information is available on www.knightsofscolumbanus.ie.

<p>Priests of the Parish Fr. Derek Darby P.P. - 8350547 Fr. Ciaran Clarke C.C. - 8350406 Priest on Duty Fr. Ciaran 01 8350406</p>	<p>Parish Office Opening Hours 9.30 a.m.—12 Noon Mon. to Fri. 10.00 a.m.—12 Noon Sat. Phone: 01 8353149</p>	<p>PARISH HALL Bookings for the Parish Hall can be made with Mary on 086 7327737 or parishhall2014@gmail.com</p>
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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.

SUMMER ROSARY: Wednesday 2nd August at Milltown Estate at 8pm.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2nd to 9th August 2017 with Spiritual Director Fr. Ciaran Clarke. For further information contact Pat Heneghan 086 8622961.

YOUTH 2000 Summer Festival will take place from 17th to 20th August at the Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. For more information see www.youth2000.ie

LOYOLA INSTITUTE, Trinity College is co-organising with Meditatio and Christian Meditation Ireland a two-day Conference entitled "**John Main: A Hunger for Depth and Meaning**" in Trinity College on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th September 2017. Details available from Parish Office.

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.

WHY DO WE NEED TO GO TO MASS ON SUNDAY?

1) Sunday Mass fulfils God's law. The Third Commandment is, "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day" (Exodus 20:8; see also Deuteronomy 5:12). The Christian Sabbath is Sunday, the day of Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, and Catholics keep the Sabbath holy by fulfilling the obligation to attend Mass (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 2174-2178) and by refraining from unnecessary work on Sunday.

2) Weekly worship follows Jesus' example. Jesus was in the habit of going to the synagogue on the Sabbath day (Luke 4:16b). His mother Mary was "full of grace" (Luke 1:28) and his stepfather Joseph was "a righteous man" (Matthew 1:19) and they both carefully "fulfilled all of the prescriptions of the law" (Luke 2:39), which means that they went to the synagogue every Sabbath. Not only did they observe this law themselves, they took their son with them, and when Jesus was old enough he went on his own. If Jesus observed the Sabbath at the synagogue every week, we should observe the Sabbath and go to Mass every week.

3) Sunday is a day of thanksgiving. Eucharist means thanks. It is right and just to give thanks to the Lord our God, and the Mass is the best prayer to offer thanks. God graciously blesses us with everything that we have: life and health, food and shelter, family and friends, intellect and talents, opportunity and resources — and faith. These gifts are so awesome that we ought to be overflowing with gratitude and eager to give our thanks and praise.



4) Community prayer is essential. From the beginning of the church, the community "devoted themselves . . . to the breaking of the bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42). Christians pray together by nature, and the Mass is the premier form of communal prayer. Some make the unfortunate claim: "I can pray by myself and I do not need to go to church." Usually the more negligent a person becomes with their Mass attendance, the more negligent the person becomes with their private prayer. There are two pillars to a well-rounded prayer life, communal and private, and to do one or the other exclusively is to be imbalanced. The more a person prays privately, the more the person should want to worship with the community, and the more a person worships with the community, the more a person should want to pray privately.

5) Weekly Eucharist is solid spiritual food. Most people are health-food conscious. It is important to eat properly every day to avoid hunger pangs, weakness, malnutrition and disease. It is the same with our spiritual life. We need to be spiritual-food conscious if we wish to avoid emptiness, spiritual weakness, vulnerability to temptation and sickness due to sin. The Mass begins with the Liturgy of the Word. God told the prophet Ezekiel, "Eat what is before you; eat this scroll" (Ezekiel 3:1). God wanted him to devour his word, and God wants us to do the same.

Peter accurately observed, "Master, you have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). The second half of the Mass is the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Jesus declared, "My flesh is real food, and my blood true drink" (John 6:55), "Do This in Memory of Me." Spiritual malnutrition begins when we go without Word and Sacrament longer than a week.

During a recent audience, Pope Francis said, that by celebrating Mass, "we participate in the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. By making himself broken bread for us, the Lord Jesus pours out to us all of his mercy and his love, renewing our heart, our existence and our way of relating to him and our brothers and sisters. Taking part in the Mass conforms us in a unique and profound way to Christ, granting Christians a foretaste of full communion with God in heaven, where with all the saints we will have the unimaginable joy of contemplating God face to face. We will never thank the Lord enough for the gift he gave us with the Eucharist. It's such a great gift and that's why it's so important to go to Mass on Sundays," he said. Mass is a time "not just to pray, but to receive Communion — this bread that is the body of Christ that saves us, forgives us, reunites us to the father. It's beautiful to do this. Mass on Sundays is particularly important, because it is the day of the resurrection of the Lord, and with the Eucharist we feel our own belonging to the church, to the people of God, to the body of God, to Jesus Christ," the pope said.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



The Blessed Sacrament is now 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.

MEATH DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Sunday 13th August 2017, led by Bishop Michael Smith and the choir for the Mass is the Meath Diocesan Choir. Confessions 11.00am to 5.00pm, Anointing of the Sick 2.30pm, Pilgrimage Mass at 3.00pm followed by Benediction, Rosary Procession to the Shrine and Blessing of Religious Objects.

MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer (the Prayer of the Church) continues each morning (Mon-Sat) at 9.45am after the morning Rosary, prior to the commencement of Mass. Prayer books will be provided. As there are a limited number of prayer books we would ask that parishioners do not remove the books from the church, but return them to the case at the back of the church at the end of Mass.

Collections

Ashbourne Plate €1,205; Donaghmore Plate €210; Parish Fund €2,335.

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

