



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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14th Sunday of the Year

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MASS INTENTIONS

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

Sat. 8th July	6.00pm	Av. Patsy & Mary Kearns
Sun. 9th July	9.00am	Av. Ronnie Newman
Sun. 9th July	11.00am	Months Memory Christopher Ryan
Sun. 9th July	12.30pm	Av. Jerry & Pauline Harrington and also remem. their son Patrick
Mon. 10th July	10.00am	Joseph Rooney R.I.P.
Tues. 11th July	10.00am	Special Intention (Anna Kleibauer)
Wed. 12th July	10.00am	Av. Tom Flynn
Thurs. 13th July	10.00 am	Remem. Peggy Hollywood
Fri. 14th July	10.00 am	Thanksgiving Mass
Sat. 15th July	10.00 am	Av. Sheila Kiernan
Sat. 15th July	6.00 pm	Av. Jane O'Connor, her son Ronnie and sister Ita
Sun. 16th July	9.00 am	Av. Hannah Kelly
Sun. 16th July	11.00 am	Months Memory David Kubinski
Sun. 16th July	12.30 pm	Av. Maureen & Peter John Kelly

St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

Sun. 9th July	10.00am	Months Memory Joe Bobbett
Sun. 16th July	10.00am	People of the Parish

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME

Parents with children attending non-Catholic schools in Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish are advised that both classes for Year I of the Sacramental Preparation Programme are now full for September 2017.

Parents who intend enrolling their children for Year II of the First Holy Communion programme are reminded the closing date for return of Registration Forms is **Friday 14th July**. Parents should return a completed Registration Form along with a copy of your child's Completion Certificate from Year I to the Parish Office immediately.

PURE IN HEART

Pure in Heart is hosting a series of talks next month in several venues around Ireland including Maynooth (8 July) and Drogheda (9 July). The theme of the presentations is St John Paul II's theology of the body and they will be given by Christopher West. Further information is available at www.pureinheartireland.com/christopher-west-irish-tour/

A prayer for those who have entered Eternal Rest:

Frank Moore, Ashewood Glen;
Patricia Ryan, nee Brunton formerly The Rath & St. Margaret's.

Eamon McKeon whose anniversary 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 4.00pm.

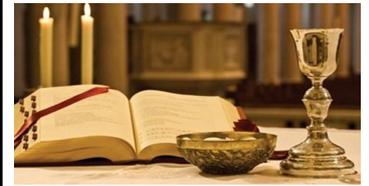
Donaghmore:

Sunday 30th July 2017 after 10am Mass.

Pre-Baptism Meeting

Next talk will take place on Monday 10th July 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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council are making preparations for the coming year and would like to invite feedback or suggestions from parishioners on the following themes which might assist with their planning:

1. Feedback on the Parish Mission:

What you enjoyed most about the Mission or what could be approached differently? Were your hopes and expectations of the Mission met?

Identify any worthwhile elements from the Mission which could be incorporated into Parish life?

What was your most positive experience about the Mission?

What would you hope to see included in future Parish Missions/retreats?

2. Advent—suggestions on possible themes and recommendations of speakers for the four weekends of Advent.

3. World Meeting of Families:

Suggested monthly themes (liturgical/seminar) we as a parish can focus upon in preparing for the World Meeting of Families. Prayer/pastoral initiatives which support family life.

All suggestions can be placed in the 'Parish Pastoral Council Suggestion Box' inside the main door of the church in Ashbourne or emailed to the Parish Office. Closing date for feedback/suggestions: Monday 17th July.

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 will not take place during the summer months and will resume in September.

SUMMER ROSARY: Wednesday 10th July at Rath Lodge at 8pm.

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

BRIGHT STARS SUMMER CAMP: Parish Hall, Ashbourne from 24th July to 28th July 10a.m. to 1p.m. for children aged 4-16 years. Contact Denise 085 7242481.

LOUGH DERG: One day retreat on Sat. 2nd Sept. For details contact Stella on 085 1677325.

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.

MINISTER'S DECISION ON CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Bishop Michael responds:

"The recent proposal from the Minister of Education and Skills, Richard Bruton, to bring in guidelines on school admission that discriminate against Catholic schools has caused much anxiety. It will be the first time since the foundation of the State that discrimination against a named faith – in this case the Catholic faith – is to become Government policy. How that proposal respects constitutional rights may have to be challenged."

CPSMA responds:

'The Catholic Primary Schools' Management Association (CPSMA) expressed disappointment with the Minister's proposals as they have failed to address in any way the current difficulty in oversubscription being experienced in a small number of areas in the State.

The CPSMA is unaware of any case of a child being refused admission to a Catholic School solely on the basis of the lack of a baptismal certificate: religious affiliation only comes into play in cases of over subscription; even then, in all cases that we are aware of, children who are not Catholic have been accepted ahead of Catholics due to the sibling rule.

The simple fact is that, in oversubscribed schools, the vast majority of unsuccessful applicants are Catholic.

The CPSMA points out that oversubscription arises not from a lack of baptismal certificates but from Government failure to deliver sufficient school places for local school needs. The Minister's proposals do nothing to address that. His proposal to treat schools of different faiths in an unequal manner is unusual and some constitutional issues may arise from them.'

The second collection for the month of July takes place at all Masses after Holy Communion next weekend. This collection is taken in anticipation of any Humanitarian Aid Collection/Special Appeal which may arise in the coming months.

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. Anyone wishing to purchase the prayer books should contact the Parish Office.

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.

BAPTISM—Belonging to God's family



"Through baptism men and women are incorporated into Christ. They are formed into God's people and they obtain forgiveness of all their sins. They are raised from their natural condition to the dignity of adopted children. They become a new creation through water and

the Holy Spirit. Hence they are called, and are indeed, the children of God. Baptism is the door to life and to the kingdom of God. Christ offered this first sacrament of the new law to all people that we might have eternal life. Further, baptism is the sacrament by which men and women are incorporated into the Church, built into a house where God lives, in the Spirit, into a holy nation and a royal priesthood." *General Introduction to Rite of Baptism*

It is regrettable that the sacrament of Baptism is being described by some in media and political organisations as a "barrier." This contradicts the very meaning of Baptism. How just or fair, is a suggestion that discrimination against Catholic children is a solution to the problem of insufficient supply of places in primary schools in certain parts of the country? In schools in our parish there are 11 different religions or no religion currently enrolled in our Catholic schools.

No Catholic School wishes to refuse any child. It would be contrary to their ethos to do so. Where there are sufficient spaces available, and a school has not reached capacity, it has always been the Diocesan Policy and a D.E.S. requirement that all applicants, regardless of religious affiliation or ethnic background should be admitted. Many of our Catholic Parish Schools are exemplars of inclusive education.

POPE FRANCIS—FATIMA INDULGENCE

Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence opportunity throughout the Fatima Anniversary Year. 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.

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.

RELIC OF ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

The Knights of Columbanus are accompanying the relic of Saint Teresa of Calcutta to Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish, Thursday 27th July. The relic will be welcomed with Evening Prayer, Rosary and veneration of the relic at 8pm. On Friday 28th July after morning Mass there is an opportunity to venerate the relic before it continues its journey to the Archdiocese of Dublin.



Collections

Ashbourne Plate €1,375; Donaghmore Plate €185; Parish Fund €1,155
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We thank all who contribute and all who pay by Standing Order.

