



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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24th Sunday of the Year

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 23rd Sept.	6.00pm	Av. Albert Churm
Sun. 24th Sept.	9.00am	Av. Jack Barrett
Sun. 24th Sept.	11.00am	Av. Paul Duignan
Sun 24th Sept.	12.30pm	Av. Lily Ronan
Mon.25th Sept.	10.00am	Av. Elizabeth Burke
Tues. 26th Sept.	10.00am	Special Intention *
Wed. 27th Sept.	10.00am	Av. Bridget Slattery
Thurs.28th Sept.	10.00 am	Av. Julia & John King and also remem. their son John
Fri. 29th Sept.	10.00 am	Av. Frank Deering
Sat. 30th Sept.	10.00 am	Av. Paul Byrne and also remem. his father John
Sat. 30th Sept.	6.00 pm	Av. Jack Hickey
Sun. 1st Oct.	9.00 am	Deceased of the McLoughlin & Tierney families
Sun. 1st Oct.	11.00 am	1st Av. Ann Cavanagh
Sun. 1st Oct.	12.30 pm	Av. Michael Allen

St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

Sun. 24th Sept.	10.00am	Months Memory Christopher O'Reilly
Sun. 1st Oct.	10.00am	1st Av. Frank Stanley Av. Margaret Jones

THOMAS ASHE COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATIONS



We welcome The Fingal Old IRA colour party and all who join our parish community for Mass this weekend in commemoration of the centenary of the death of Thomas Ashe, today 24th September at 12.30pm, Ashbourne Church. A teacher by profession, Ashe was a prominent activist who was responsible for leading the Irish Volunteers at the battle of Ashbourne in Co. Meath, during the Easter Rising. Imprisoned in August 1917, he died on 25 Sept 1917.

RCIA PROGRAMME 2018

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a faith-formation process which prepares and supports adults and children who wish to be received into the Catholic Church, through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. Applications are currently being invited for September 2017. Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Derek for further information.



A prayer for those who have entered Eternal Rest:

Donal Downey, brother of John Downey, Castle Park;
Sr. Josephine Dunne, formerly Ashbourne and Navan.

*Mario De Fiore 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 29th October 2017 after 10am Mass.

Pre-Baptism Meeting

Next talk will take place on Monday 9th October 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
Mon.-Fri. 7.30 p.m.

PARISH COLUMBARIUM



The columbarium located in the parish cemetery is nearing capacity. The Parish Finance Committee is making preparations to extend the current facility for the interment of Ashes in the coming months. An additional two columbaria will be installed alongside the existing

niches. Before finalising the order, the Parish Finance Committee are willing to sell the niches in the first unit in advance of interment. Anyone wishing to purchase a niche in the new columbarium should contact the Parish Office immediately. There are a limited number of 20 niches available for purchase.

DONAGHMORE CHURCH

Thank you to all who ensure Donaghmore Church is cleaned on a regular basis, those who maintain the grounds and environs of the church.

A second collection will be taken 8th October in Donaghmore in order to assist those who provide floral arrangements throughout the year.

Your generosity and support would be greatly appreciated.



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 Mary on 086 7327737 or parishhall2014@gmail.com
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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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2018 PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING

An Information Evening for parents with children wishing to receive sacraments in 2018 will take place in Ashbourne Church on **Tuesday 26th September at 7.30pm**. This meeting is for parents only and the attendance of all parents is requested.

The guest presenter for the evening is Ms. Kate Liffey, the National Director for Catechetics and the Co-ordinator of the National Faith Development Team. An outline of the 'parish-links' programme will follow Kate's presentation, including the procedure for registering your child for Sacraments in 2018. **Registration Forms for sacraments will be distributed at this meeting only.**



Parish Giving

Thank you to all who supported the second collection last weekend. Amount €990. This collection will assist the parish in meeting the Diocesan levy which supports sick and retired priests or priests in full-time care.

ST. DECLAN'S N.S.

St. Declan's N.S. celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. It opened its doors in 1977 replacing the school in the church grounds which was no longer fit for purpose due to increased enrolment.

During the final week in September a number of events will take place to mark the occasion. Bishop Smith will celebrate Mass in Ashbourne Church, Wednesday 27th September at 12 noon. We welcome all who had an involvement with the school over the years to join us for this special occasion: past pupils and their families, all who served on Boards of Management/Parents Associations and retired staff.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The new batch of envelopes are currently being prepared for distribution in the coming weeks. Currently, 210 out of c.3,500 homes generously support our Parish through the envelopes. We are indebted to you for your continued, generous financial support. The envelopes support the on-going development of our Parish. They are not part of the offertory collection and do not support our catholic schools. The offertory collection is used for the day-to-day running of the Parish, while the envelopes assist in the structural maintenance/development of our churches and buildings. We would be most grateful if other homes would consider financially supporting their Parish. Anyone not yet in receipt of envelopes who would like to contribute in this way is asked to contact the Parish Office with their name and address. Alternatively, donations are always welcome by Standing Order which the Parish Office is happy to facilitate.

DONAGHMORE/ASHBOURNE APOSTOLIC SOCIETY

Donaghmore/Ashbourne Apostolic Society wish to thank all who supported their recent Church Gate Collection. Amount collected €1,025 which will go towards Priests Vestments and Altar Vessels for the missions.

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER Workers and the Unemployed

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

THE BIBLE & THE SACRAMENTS by Scott Hahn: New bible study class in a friendly atmosphere starting Tuesday 26th September at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Light refreshments provided.

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

THE PRIORY INSTITUTE: Study Theology by Distance Learning - for details of courses available Tel. 01 4048124 or email enquiries@priory.com.

RECYCLING DAY SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER at Ashbourne Retail Park 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (sharp). Contact Joe 087 9749563. Usual conditions apply.

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



Eoin McCann, Churchfields
Erin MacDonald, Milltown Road
Layla Kane, Rath Lodge
Sean Kaden, Bourne View
Emma O'Byrne, Greenfield Grove
Ruairi Baxter, Crenigans Banog
Tadhg Krzeczak, Alderbrook Heath
Callum Byrne, The Ward
Victoria Sakrajda, Killelland Walk
Cooper Sharlott, Whiteash Park
Sadie Macken-Doran, Milltown Meadows

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

WHAT ARE MASS INTENTIONS?

One part of Catholic culture that is sometimes hard to understand and very often misunderstood is the custom of offering Mass intentions. When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he *offers* each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. Similar to how we are able to intercede for others by our personal prayers, the Church is able to intercede for us through the celebration of the Mass. However, since the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life" the Mass possesses a power that our personal prayers do not.

The practice of offering Mass for particular intentions is an ancient one, dating back to the early Church. Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the second century give evidence for this practice: for example, the epitaph on the tomb of Abercius (d. 180), Bishop of Hieropolis in Phrygia, begs for prayers for the repose of his soul. Tertullian (c. 200) attested to observing the anniversary of a spouse with prayers and sacrifices, i.e. the Mass. This tradition is also seen in St. Augustine's *Confessions* (c. 397), where Monica asks Augustine, "One thing only I ask you, remember me at the altar of the Lord."

Canon Law confirms this practice and states, "In accord with the approved practice of the Church, any priest celebrating or concelebrating is permitted to receive an offering to apply the Mass for a specific intention" (Can. 945 §1). Furthermore, it continues by saying, "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2).

The important part is to remember that you are not paying for *graces* from God which are of infinite value and cannot be paid for. Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!" It has immense power and countless miracles and conversions have occurred throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable. (Adapted from 'What are Mass Intentions?' By Philip Kosloski)



Collections

Ashbourne Plate €1,235; Donaghmore Plate €220, Parish Fund €830.
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We thank all who contribute and all who pay by Standing Order.

