



# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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1st Sunday of Advent

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

Sat. 2nd Dec.	6.00pm	Av. Kathleen Johnson
Sun. 3rd Dec.	9.00am	Av. Neil King
Sun. 3rd Dec.	11.00am	1st Av. Grainne Redmond
Sun. 3rd Dec.	12.30pm	Av. Margaret & Joseph Kelly
Mon. 4th Dec.	10.00am	Av. Raymond Kane
Tues. 5th Dec.	10.00am	Special Intention *
Wed. 6th Dec.	10.00am	Av. Joseph Seagrave and also remem. his wife Annie
Thurs. 7th Dec.	10.00 am	Special Intention
Fri. 8th Dec.	10.00 am 8.00pm	Av. Mary Teresa Clarke Shay Byrne
Sat. 9th Dec.	10.00 am	Special Intention
Sat. 9th Dec.	6.00 pm	Av. Margaret & Michael Daly
Sun. 10th Dec.	9.00 am	Av. Paul Kelly
Sun. 10th Dec	11.00 am	People of the Parish
Sun. 10th Dec.	12.30 pm	Av. John Higgins

### St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

Sun. 3rd Dec.	10.00am	Av. Hugh & Mary Synnott Av. Tom Ryan
Sun. 10th Dec.	10.00am	Av. John Ellis Av. Joe Armstrong

### IRISH CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

**12th: St. Finnian** studied in Idrone, (Co. Carlow) and later in Wales. On his return he settled in Clonard, Co. Meath, around 520, where he established a famous school. His pupils, among whom were Canice, Colum Cille and Brendan, were the initiators of the great monastic expansion in Ireland. He died in 549 and is remembered as the tutor of the saints of Ireland.

**18th: St. Flannan** lived in the seventh century and was the son of a king of Thomond. He entered Molua's monastery at Killaloe and became abbot there. He is remembered as a great preacher.

**20th: St Fachanan.** Although little is known with certainty about Fachanan, a strong tradition from early times links him with Kilfenora and records that he founded a church or monastery there in the sixth century. He is venerated as the patron of the Diocese of Kilfenora, now part of Galway.

### BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

First Saturday of each month immediately after the 6pm Mass at the altar of the Immaculate Conception in Ashbourne Church.

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

**Liam Feeley**, brother of Jimmy Feeley, Dublin Rd;  
**Angela Byrne**, sister of Pat Lambe, Huntsgrove;  
**Mary Cronin**, grandmother of Ciara Douglas, Brindley Park.

*Denis O'Leary 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 31st December after 10am Mass. Beginning in Jan. 2018 Baptisms in Donaghmore will take place **during** the 10am Mass.

#### **Pre-Baptism Meeting**

Next talk will take place on Monday 11th December 2017. in the Parish Hall, Ashbourne at 8.00 p.m.



#### **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.

### THE ADVENT WREATH

The most important symbol on the Advent Wreath is the symbolism of light. The progressive lighting of the candles throughout Advent remind us of our spiritual growth during this season as we grow ever closer to the birth of Christ. Each candle represents Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. The Advent wreath is made of evergreens, which are symbolic of life itself and, since they last through the winter, point to God's gift of life which comes to us even when the world is dark and threatening. Each evergreen has its own symbolic meaning:

**Holly**—its prickly leaves remind us of the Crown of Thorns. Its red berries remind us of the Blood of Jesus shed for us upon the Cross.

**Ivy**—since it is frequently used as a decoration, has always been a symbol of joy and festivity.

**Pine**—the most common evergreen, points to Everlasting Life.

**Laurel**—(Bay) which was used to crown those who won in the games, signifies victory.

**Cedar**—because it is long lasting and aromatic, is symbolic of strength and healing.

**Juniper—Holly, and Rosemary.** By legend these plants provided shelter and help for the Holy Family when they fled from Bethlehem to Egypt. The fragrance of rosemary, it has been said, began when the Virgin Mary laid out the Infant Jesus' clothes to dry on this plant. The rose-mary bush responded by perfuming the Christ Child's clothing.

#### 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

## PARISH NOTICES

**PLEASE JOIN US** for tea or coffee after the 11 a.m. Mass in the Parish hall. All welcome

**LEGION OF MARY** meet on Thursdays at 8 p.m. in Parish Office. All welcome.

**BIBLE STUDY CLASS** continues on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

**MEDITATION** takes place on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in John Paul II Chapel.

**BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:** Drop-in Centre on 3rd Tues. of each month 8-9 p.m. or anytime by appointment. Tel. 087 2715222.

**YOUTH 2000 Christmas Retreat**-8th-10th Dec. at Newbridge College, Kildare. For further information see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or call 01 6753690.

**ST. MARY'S ANNUAL BAZAAR** takes place on 7th December at 7 p.m. All welcome.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** Meetings daily in Ashbourne Phone 01 8420700 (daytime) or 01 8527000 (evenings/weekends).

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** in aid of Autism at Colaiste De Lacy on Thursday 7th December 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Funds will go towards a special needs dog for a member of our community who suffers from autism.

### SPECIAL HONOUR FOR ASHBOURNE-DONAGHMORE RENEWAL OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION—8th December



On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the patron of our church in Ashbourne, one of Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity will join our parish community at the 10am Mass where she will solemnly renew her Religious Profession as a Missionary of Charity. This unique occasion in any parish is an opportunity to witness someone committing their lives to the service

of God, to accompany them in prayer and to pray continually for vocations. We would like to offer hospitality after Mass in the Parish Hall. The assistance of volunteers would be greatly appreciated in coordinating tea/coffee and biscuits etc. If available to assist, please contact the Parish Office.

### KEVIN BELL REPATRIATION TRUST (KBRT)



**KBRT**

We welcome Colin Bell, father of the late Kevin Bell who joins our Parish this weekend as we begin our Advent journey. The Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust was established to honour Colin and Eithne's son Kevin, who died tragically in America in 2013. From

their own experience they wanted to alleviate the financial hardship of other bereaved families whose loved ones died abroad in sudden or tragic circumstances and assist in their repatriation back to Ireland. Through their own experience, they wish to offer **PEACE** to families.

### CONVALIDATION - Bringing Marriage into the Church

The Church very much wants to assist couples who, for varying reasons, entered into civil marriages and who, on reflection, may wish to have their marriage recognised in the eyes of the Church. They celebrate what is called a *convalidation*, from the Latin word meaning "to firm up" or "to strengthen". For couples married outside of the Church in civil ceremonies, the convalidation process can help them establish a valid Catholic sacramental union. Convalidation is not a renewal of vows made previously, but a new, free act of consent before God.

Since the couple's married life is a known and public fact and may have been for many years, a simple celebration is recommended; whereby the couple, along with their witnesses, and immediate family are invited to attend the ceremony in the St. John Paul II Chapel.

Because every couple's situation is unique to them, couples who wish to explore this process should contact their Parish Priest to determine their eligibility to convalidate their civil marriage.

### THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

**The Elderly:** That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

### MUSIC MINISTRY

We welcome Ann Kane who joins our music ministry team and will lead our liturgical music at Mass on the first Saturday of each month at 6pm. We wish Ann well as she settles in to our parish and ministry.

### PILGRIMAGE TO THE CITY OF THE SACRED HEART



Fr. Derek will lead a pilgrimage to Paray-Le-Monial, 5th-12th June 2018. Itinerary also includes visits to Ars and Verovres, For brochure and further information contact Carmel: 087 4410204 or email [carmeldonaghy@gmail.com](mailto:carmeldonaghy@gmail.com)

### ADVENT CANDLES

Begin your Christmas preparations. Advent Candles are now available from the Parish Office.



### ADVENT SCHEDULE—WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

During the Sundays of Advent, guest speakers will speak on the Advent themes of Joy, Hope, Peace and Love as we continue our preparations for the World Meeting of Families 2018.

**First Sunday of Advent** — Offering **Peace** to Families  
Colin Bell, Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust. The Trust aims to alleviate the financial hardship of bereaved families repatriating loved ones who have died abroad in sudden or tragic circumstances back to Ireland.

**Second Sunday of Advent** — Offering **Joy** to Families  
Daráine Mulvihill, broadcaster and TV Presenter. Daráine is well known for her involvement in TV presenting for the London 2012 Paralympics for channel 4, the Rio 2016 Paralympics for RTE2 and more recently her coverage of the 2017 Invictus Games from Toronto. Daráine is also a survivor of meningitis.

**Third Sunday of Advent** — Offering **Hope** to Families  
Colin White—Irish Kidney Association. Colin will explain the work of the Association and speak on the hope organ transplants offer to patients and their families.

This weekend is traditionally 'Bambinelli Sunday' where families are invited to bring the 'baby Jesus' from their family cribs to Mass for an Advent blessing.



The second collection for the month of December will take place next weekend at all Masses after Holy Communion. This collection will assist the parish in meeting our ongoing repairs and maintenance.

### PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

A range of 'Christmas Cards' from Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish are now available from the Parish Office. The intentions of those to whom the cards are sent will be included in Masses on Christmas Day. Proceeds from the sale of the cards will



support Christian Communities throughout the Holy Land.

### Collections

Ashbourne Plate €1,430; Donaghmore Plate €290, Parish Fund €930.  
Míle Buíochas

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

