



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS INTENTIONS

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

Sat. 10th Feb.	6.00pm	Av. Lee Moore
Sun. 11th Feb.	9.00am	Av. Christina Kearns
Sun. 11th Feb.	11.00am	Months Memory Joe Kelly
Sun. 11th Feb.	12.30pm	Av. Sean Battersby
Mon. 12th Feb.	10.00am	Av. Paul Meleady
Tues. 13th Feb.	10.00am	Months Memory Gerry Keague
Wed. 14th Feb. Ash. Wednesday	7.30am 10.00am 8.00pm	Special Intention * Special Intention People of the Parish
Thurs. 15th Feb.	7.30am 10.00 am	Remem. Tom Hollywood 1st Av. Edward Kelly
Fri. 16th Feb.	7.30am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Av. Michael Moynihan
Sat. 17th Feb.	10.00 am	Av. Gerry Kelly
Sat. 17th Feb.	6.00 pm	Av. Eddie Meskell
Sun. 18th Feb.	9.00 am	Av. Peter Fennelly
Sun. 18th Feb.	11.00 am	People of the Parish
Sun. 18th Feb.	12.30 pm	Av. Margaret & John Farrelly

St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

Sun. 11th Feb.	10.00am	Av. Terry & Christina Smith Av. Paddy Moran
Sun 18th Feb.	10.00am	Av. Niamh Carson Andrea Fleming R.I.P.

VOCATION RETREAT DAY

'Christ emptied himself taking the form of a servant' (Ph.2:7)

A retreat day for young adults (18-40) will take place in Dalgan Park, Navan on Saturday February 24th from 9:30 am - 5pm. The day will revolve around conversation and reflection on the Priesthood, Married Life, Religious Life and Single Life and include Prayer of the Church, Eucharistic Adoration, discernment talks, testimonies, an opportunity for confession and the celebration of Mass. If interested please contact Fr. Joe Campbell (086 603 6506), or youthretreats@gmail.com.

'HEEL THYSELF' - Sainly Socks

'Sock Religious' is an online store launched in 2018 by Scott & Elisabeth. It all started with Scott, a practising Catholic, trying to match his socks with the particular liturgical feast day, so they started to produce socks depicting favourite saints. Sock Religious is a perfect gift for Confirmation candidates, your neighbour, pastor or yourself. It aims to bring the faith to the workplace and spice up your 'Sunday best', by "sending them out two by two! (Mark 6:7) www.sockreligious.com



A prayer for those who have entered Eternal Rest:

Breda Fenn, formerly Ashbourne & Mullagh.
Gerard Fanning 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 1.45pm.
3rd Saturday of the month at 4.00pm.

Donaghmore:

Sunday 29th April 2018 during 10 a.m. Mass.

Pre-Baptism Meeting

Next talk will take place on Monday 12th February 2018 in the Parish Hall, Ashbourne at 8.00 p.m.

Baptism Registration Forms are available on the Parish Website.



Sacraments & 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.

SUNDAY 11th MARCH 2018

Please note there will be no 12.30 Mass on Sunday 11th March 2018 owing to the episcopal ordination of Mgr. Dermot Farrell as Bishop of Ossory.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME LAUNCH

Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish is preparing to launch its Confirmation Programme for children attending non-Catholic schools. Parents with children currently in 4th and 5th class who are baptised and have received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion are invited to attend an information meeting:

ETNS Wednesday 28th February 7.30pm
Gaelscoil na Mí Thursday 1st March 7.30pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parents with children in non-Catholic schools currently in Senior Infants who wish their children to begin preparation to receive First Holy Communion in 2020 are invited to attend an information evening, **Wednesday 21st February in Ashbourne Church:**

Educate Together National School, 7.30pm
Gaelscoil na Mí, 8.30pm

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY
Say 'No' to Corruption—That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

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

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.

ASHBOURNE WALKERS every Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Meet at the Garda Station and follow the Slí na Slainte route 4km. We welcome all ages and levels of fitness.



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018 Do you have a spare room in your home and want to help?

Do you have a spare room? Would you be willing to host a person, a couple or a family next August? Help us welcome visiting families to Ireland and have a home-from-home experience. Learn more at www.worldmeeting2018.ie/hostafamily. Email: hostingteam@worldmeeting2018.ie or call 01 567 6800.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL!

This Sunday, in preparation for St. Valentine's Day, the World Meeting of Families have produced resources and gifts for couples and families to celebrate St. Valentine's Day. At the back of the church are specially commissioned WMOF St. Valentine's Day cards, and why not celebrate the Feast of Love with the 'Joy of Love Token book'. The tokens have a very simple message: offering a faith, spiritual, and practical element to this great Feast.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne
Mass & Distribution of Ashes

7.30am, 10am, 8pm

School Prayer Services & Distribution of Ashes

11am, 12pm

Daily Lenten Masses

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

7.30am & 10am



Check out the vast array of resources for parishes, schools and families this Lent. This year's focus is on Sierra Leone towards the World Meeting of Families. The Oscar Romero Justice Project is a great way to engage with the theme of 'Justice in the Parish Community'. For details check out www.trocaire.org Trócaire boxes are available at the back of the church this weekend. Please take one.

CHURCH CAR PARK

Markings in the church carpark were recently upgraded. In the interest of the child safety a pedestrian crossing was installed to assist our young parishioners crossing from the church to the Parish Office. A one way system was also installed in the rear carpark to ease the movement of traffic in the church grounds. We would ask parishioners to ensure they only park in designated car parking spaces and occupy one car parking space at a time when parking their car.

PARISH HOLY FAMILY ICON

Families in the parish are invited to welcome an icon of the Holy Family into their homes over the coming months. Each family is encouraged to register through the Parish Office to host the icon for one week. It can be collected after Mass each weekend and should be returned to the church the following weekend.

The icon will be accompanied by a family prayer to be recited every day. In addition, families will be given the opportunity to return petitions for inclusion in the final Mass of the WMOF with Pope Francis. Through this small gesture we are sharing 'The Gospel of the Family—joy for the world.'

VOLUNTEER IN AFRICA: Volunteers needed for humanitarian project for two weeks in June 2018. No large fundraising—volunteers pay their own costs. If interested contact Denis, Humanitarian Volunteers on 086 8520271.

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

JOIN US for tea or coffee after the 11 a.m. Mass each Sunday in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

Shhhh! WHY POPE FRANCIS WANTS US TO STOP TALKING DURING MASS.

This week Pope Francis continued his series of catechesis on the Mass and the Liturgy of the Word:

"Should we make comments while the Word of God is being read? No, because if we chatter with people you do not listen to the Word of God. When the Word of God in the Bible is being read – the first reading, the second, the responsorial Psalm and the Gospel – we must listen and open the heart, because it is God Himself Who speaks to us, and not think of other things or speak about other things."

"The pages of the Bible cease to be a written text and become a living word, pronounced by God. It is God Who, through the person who reads, speaks to us and challenges us, we who listen with faith."

Francis also spoke about how the fact that the readings are the same around the world "expresses and fosters ecclesial communion, accompanying the journey of each and every one of us," and that it is thus logical why readings can't be omitted or substituted with other texts.

He also spoke about the need for good readers: "One must prepare and rehearse before Mass to read well. And this creates an atmosphere of receptive silence." The Word of God makes a journey within us. We listen to it with the ears and it passes to the heart; it does not remain in the ears, it must go to the heart, and from the heart it passes to the hands, to good works. This is the journey that the Word of God makes: from the ears to the heart to the hands. Let us learn these things," he said. *(Source: Aleteia.org)*



"Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection.

And every elderly person....even if they are ill or at the end of their days, bears the face of Christ. They cannot be discarded, as the 'culture of waste' suggests!"

Speech to Catholic healthcare professionals and gynaecologists. Sept. 20, 2013.

A copy of the presentation delivered by Maria Steen, Iona Institute on her recent visit to Ashbourne is available on the Parish website.



Parish Giving

The second collection for the month of February takes place next weekend at all Masses after Holy Communion. This collection will assist the parish in meeting the **Diocesan Cess** – an annual Diocesan Levy through which each parish supports the work of the Irish Bishops' Conference – Safeguarding Board, Catholic Education and Formation, Pastoral care of Emigrants & Immigrants, Accord - Family and Marriage, CURA, Healthcare, Prison Chaplaincy, Communications, Marriage Tribunals, Justice and Peace, Permanent Diaconate, Liturgy, Pastoral Renewal and Adult Faith Development. **Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish's Contribution - €9,923**



LEAVE A LEGACY
Remember us in your will
Help Christ's work live on.....
Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish



Collections
Ashbourne Plate €1,245; Donaghmore Plate €190; Development Fund €1,130.
We thank all who contribute and all who pay by Standing Order.
Míle Buíochas

