



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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1st Sunday of Lent

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MASS INTENTIONS

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

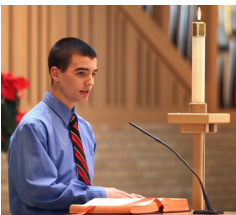
Sat. 17th Feb.	6.00pm	1st Av. Eddie Meskell
Sun. 18th Feb.	9.00am	Av. Peter Fennelly
Sun. 18th Feb.	11.00am	People of the Parish
Sun. 18th Feb.	12.30pm	Av. Margaret & John Farrelly
Mon. 19th Feb.	7.30am 10.00am	Sympathisers with the family of the late Victor Bolster Av. Margaret Finn
Tues. 20th Feb.	7.30am 10.00am	People of the Parish Special Intention *
Wed. 21st Feb.	7.30am 10.00am	People of the Parish Av. Annie Seagrave and also remem. her husband Joseph
Thurs. 22nd Feb.	7.30am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Av. Nancy Murphy
Fri. 23rd Feb.	7.30am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Av. Patrick McDonald and also remem. his daughter Elizabeth
Sat. 24th Feb.	11.00am 3.00pm	No Mass at 10 a.m. Confirmation - St. Mary's N.S. - Gaelscoil na Cille - St. Declan's N.S.
Sat. 24th Feb.	6.00 pm	Av. Patricia McHutcheon
Sun. 25th Feb.	9.00 am	Av. Ann Clarke
Sun. 25thFeb.	11.00 am	Av. Charles O'Neill
Sun. 25th Feb.	12.30 pm	A. Finbar Daly

St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

Sun. 18th Feb.	10.00am	Av. Niamh Carson Andrea Fleming R.I.P.
Sun 25th Feb.	10.00am	Av. Paddy & Ciss Murray Av. Patrick Jack Flanagan

JUNIOR READERS

We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to our Junior Readers who lead us in prayer each weekend during Mass. We thank them for their faithful commitment and the example they set before us. We invite other young people to volunteer for this invaluable ministry for young parishioners in our parish. If interested, please contact the



Parish Office. In order to comply with safeguarding procedures we ask all Junior Readers to collect their Annual Consent Forms from the Sacristy and to return them to the Parish Office.

A prayer for those who have entered Eternal Rest:



John Bergin, nephew of Joan Newsome, Castle Park;
Ursula Deering, mother of the late Frank Deering,
Broadmeadow Green;
Sr. Patricia Hughes, Manchester.

Leo Cushion, Colm McGuinness & Jeremiah McEvoy whose anniversaries occur 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 March 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 it's 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

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

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.

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.

IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE mobile unit will visit Ashbourne early next week. Ashbourne House Hotel on **Monday 19th February and Tuesday 20th February 2018** from **4.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.**



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/hostfamily. Email: hostingteam@worldmeeting2018.ie or call 01 567 6800.

SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

The Diocese of Meath has updated its safeguarding standards and procedures in line with recent guidelines from the National Office for Safeguarding Children (NBSCCC). All parish volunteers working with the following groups are asked to collect a copy of the standards from the Sacristy in the coming week, sign the accompanying document and leave it in the Sacristy: Altar Server Team, Sacristans, Family Mass Team, Clergy, Sacramental Preparation Team & Supervisors, Legion of Mary. Our Parish Safeguarding Reps, Kate Rainsford and Mary Deignan are available to answer any queries or concerns about safeguarding in our parish.

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.'

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mission Statement:

Our Parish Pastoral Council consists of a group of lay people and the priests of the parish. We strive to build a community that lives the Gospel message of love, hope and compassion and is welcoming, supportive and inclusive to all. (February 2018)

If anyone has any suggestions they wish the PPC to reflect upon, parishioners are invited to make submissions or proposals for inclusion on the agenda via the suggestion box in the porch of Ashbourne Church or the Parish Office.

MEATH ARCHAEOLOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Lecture "Medieval Chant for Irish Saints - Recovering a Hidden European Heritage" at the Ardboyne Hotel, Navan 7.30 p.m. on Wed. 21st Feb. 2018.

MEATH LSP have commenced a seated exercise programme for older people in Ashbourne. This class for adults 50+ takes place on Wed. nights at 7 p.m. in the Community School Sports Hall.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE on 25th April for 7 nights. Contact Ann Buchanan at 085 8021382.

DUNBOYNE COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT have vacancies for Cleaning/Maintenance Person for those eligible to work under the Community Employment Scheme. For further details see dunboyneace@eircom.net or call 087 2626727.



"How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers."

Mother Teresa

"[Abortion] won't fix your problems. It will destroy you completely; it will shatter your heart, and you will never be the same."

Mother Teresa

"You were pro-life at birth, what changed your mind?" *Mother Teresa*

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

Choose Life 2018 is a weekly newsletter which promotes the Church's position on unborn human life and encourages family discussion on this important subject.

Thursday Adorers: We would invite our adorers to consider including a prayer for life in their time before the Lord in adoration. A prayer for life will be made available in the coming week.

LENT 2018

Daily Lenten Masses

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne
Monday-Friday **7.30am & 10am**

This Lent, why not consider one of the following daily suggestions as your Lenten commitment:

- Attend a weekday Mass
- A period of Eucharistic Adoration
- In a day abstain from the internet/social media
- Recite one decade of the Rosary
- Read and meditate on the Gospel of the day for 15 minutes.
- Give money/alms to the poor, to pro-life, or a other worthy charity.
- Fast from food or abstain from meat one day a week.

Trócaire boxes are available at the back of the church this weekend. Please take one.

HOLY COMMUNION

Seat numbers are now visible on opposite ends of the pews in Ashbourne Church to assist parishioners returning to their seats after Holy Communion. In approaching Holy Communion, patient consideration should be given to those seated in rows ahead of your pew.

POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK

Pope Francis' Apostleship of Prayer addresses the challenges facing humanity and assists the mission of the Church. Those challenges are expressed in the monthly prayer intentions of the Pope. His intentions are keys for our prayer and mission. He said, "You are apostles in daily life, walking a spiritual path called the "Way of the Heart," working to serve Christ's mission." If you wish to join the Apostleship of Prayer check out www.popesprayer.net.

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection for the month of February takes place at all Masses this weekend and will assist our parish in meeting the Diocesan Cess which amounts to €9,923.



Collections
Ashbourne Plate €1,340; Donaghmore Plate €280; Development Fund €1,185.
We thank all who contribute and all who pay by Standing Order.
Míle Buíochas

