



# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

Sat. 13th Oct.	6.00pm	Av. Terry O'Brien
Sun. 14th Oct.	9.00am	Av. John, Mary & Patrick Gibney
Sun. 14th Oct.	11.00am	1st Av. Margaret Molloy
Sun. 14th Oct.	12.30pm	Av. Jimmy & Jean Lawless & their son Peadar
Mon. 15th Oct.	10.00am	Av. Catherine Davis
Tues. 16th Oct.	10.00am	Special Intention *
Wed. 17th Oct.	10.00am	Av. Kevin Ducie
Thurs. 18th Oct.	10.00am	Av. Kitty Doran
Fri. 19th Oct.	10.00am	Remem. Dolores Breslin
Sat. 20th Oct.	10.00am	Av. Michael Beary
Sat. 20th Oct.	6.00pm	Av. James & Sarah Reilly
Sun. 21st Oct.	9.00 am	Remem. Pat Donnellan
Sun. 21st Oct.	11.00 am	1st Av. Tony Tyrell
Sun. 21st Oct.	12.30 pm	Months Memory Jack (Niall) Fields

### St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

Sun. 14th Oct.	10.00am	Av. James & Peg Kavanagh, their son Henry and Keith Andrews
Sun. 21st Oct.	10.00am	Av. Paul Cully Av. Peggy Colbert

**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME**  
Enrolment for the Parish First Holy Communion and Confirmation sacramental preparation programmes is now closed for this academic year (2018-19).



### ALTAR SERVERS

The annual training of new Altar Servers commences in the coming weeks. Any children with outstanding annual consent forms should return them to the Parish Office immediately.

### PARISH FAMILY ICON

Thank you to the many families who hosted the Family Icon in recent months. In a spirit of unbroken prayer we would like to continue this prayer initiative by inviting families to welcome the icon into their homes for one week. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange collection of the icon and additional prayer resources.

### PARISH PRAYER MINISTRY

The Parish Prayer for the month of October is now available at the back of the church. Alternatively, the prayer can be downloaded from the parish website.

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

**Peggy Murphy**, sister of Mary Battersby, Milltown Road.

*Dotie & Patrick Scanlon and their son Anthony 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 30th December 2018 during 10 a.m. Mass.

### Pre-Baptism Meeting

Next talk will take place on Monday 12th November 2018 in the Parish Hall, Ashbourne at 8.00pm.

*Baptism Registration Forms are available on the Parish Website.*

## SACRAMENTS

### 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-Sat. 9.30am  
Mon-Sat. after 10am Mass  
Mon.-Fri. 7.30 p.m.



If you are new to Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish or visiting family members in the area you are very welcome and we hope you feel at home. If you are new to the parish please make yourself known to one of the priests of the parish. Be sure to visit our parish website [www.ashbourneparish.ie](http://www.ashbourneparish.ie)

### FORTHCOMING REFERENDUM ON BLASPHEMY

Recently, the Irish bishops discussed the decision by the Government to hold a referendum on 26 October next to remove the offence of blasphemy from the *Constitution of Ireland*. The Bishops reaffirmed that the current reference to blasphemy in the *Constitution*, under article 40.6.1.i, is largely obsolete, and may give rise to concern because of the way such measures have been used to justify violence and oppression against minorities in other parts of the world. They reiterated that the promotion of freedom of religion, and the freedom of conscience, for all in society greatly enriches the social fabric of a country, and is one aspect of respect for the dignity of human persons. The human right of faith communities to contribute to public life, including public debate on issues that are of importance to everyone, without being subjected to attack or ridicule, needs to be acknowledged and respected. They stressed that it is vital to ensure that the rights of individuals and communities to practice and live out their faith openly are protected by our law.

### 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](mailto:parishhall2014@gmail.com)

## PARISH NOTICES

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

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

**ASHBOURNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL:** Deadline for receipt of applications for enrolment for 1st Years is 12 noon on Fri. 19th Oct. 2018.

**ASHBOURNE THEATRE COMPANY** invites all to audition for upcoming play at the Venue Theatre, Ratoath in February. Contact John at Bourne2bwilde@gmail.com.

**MEATH BRANCH OF ALZHEIMER SOCIETY** wish to thank all who supported their recent Church Gate Collection.



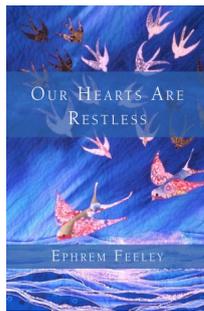
### LITURGICAL MEMORABILIA

Following the recent celebration of the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, and the visit of Pope Francis to Ireland, the World Meeting of Families 2018 are offering parishes the opportunity to purchase liturgical memorabilia for use in their local churches as a lasting reminder of the WMOF 2018. The unit prices are listed below. Anyone

wishing to purchase an item(s) for our parish as a personal donation or in memory of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office, Fr. Derek, or Fr. Ciarán. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

Chasuble	€60	Ciborium	€40
Alb	€35	Pyx	€5
Chalice	€45	Corporal	€10

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the many from our parish who participated in the World Meeting of Families: the many volunteers, those who offered hospitality and accommodation as host families, speakers, composers, musicians, choir members, pilgrims and families.



### MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR SINGERS, CHOIR DIRECTORS AND MUSICIANS

Ephrem and Giovanna Feeley will present new liturgical music from the collection *Our Hearts are Restless*. This will be a rewarding occasion of music, song and renewal for all involved in parish music ministry. Cost €10.00. Ashbourne Parish Hall Monday 15th October 8.00-9.45 p.m. St. Columban's, Dalgan Park, Navan Saturday 20th October 11.15a.m.-1.00p.m. To book email: cherrybrookmusic@gmail.com.



A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR") was introduced on 25th May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. Our Diocese and Parish

Finance Committee continues to work on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish newsletter as policies are put in place.

In order to comply with these new regulations we are now required to seek a **written** request from parishioners who require a copy of Baptismal Certs., Confirmation Certs., Letters of Freedom.

A valid ID i.e. Passport, Drivers Licence must now be presented when collecting these documents. For those aged 18 years and over these requests will have to be made by the person themselves.

All requests to register a child for Baptism must now be made by the parents of the child only.

### ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY!



### 'ALL SAINTS PARTY'

Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish's 'All Saints Party' takes place in the Parish Hall, Wednesday 31st October (eve of 'All Saints') from 6.30 p.m.-8.30 p.m. Children are invited to model their costume on a saint. The evening

includes traditional games, music and refreshments. Check out some costume ideas on [www.catholicicing.com](http://www.catholicicing.com). All welcome.

### EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

An exhibition of Eucharistic miracles from across the world will take place in Ashbourne Church, 27th Oct—3rd November. The exhibition will feature eighteen countries including the testimony of Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) who placed the Sacrament of the Eucharist at the heart of his young life, calling it 'my highway to heaven'. All welcome.



### ANNUAL HARVEST MASS OF THANKSGIVING

takes place this weekend in Ashbourne Church at 11am. This annual celebration affords us all the opportunity to pause and give thanks for the blessings we have in life, to

reflect on the sustainability of our 'common home', from which we sustain our families with food, and to think of, and respond to those without food.

In his encyclical, *Laudato Si—On Care for our Common Home*, Pope Francis quotes St. John Paul II who reminds us, "The earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations."

Our thanks to the many local growers who contributed to this year's harvest display. All produce kindly donated will be distributed by St. Vincent De Paul to needy families in our Parish. Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish encourages our parishioners to support local businesses by shopping local.

We welcome Bishop Paul Tighe, Rome, who will be the main celebrant at the 11am Mass this weekend. A priest of the archdiocese of Dublin, and now Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Culture, Bishop Paul joins our parish community to celebrate the months memory Mass for the late Margaret Molloy.

### RTE RADIO BROADCAST MASS

We welcome the team from Kairos who join our parish community this weekend to broadcast Mass for listeners on RTE Radio 1. We thank them for the invaluable service they provide to listeners, the sick, housebound, those in hospital and overseas.



### PIONEER ASSOCIATION

A Mass to mark the 45th anniversary of the East Meath Region will take place on Sunday 21st October at 3 p.m. The celebrant will be Fr. Bernard McGuckian SJ. Mass will be followed by dinner at Katie's Kitchen, Donore Rd., Drogheda. Contact 086 3592636 or [esatmeathpioneers@gmail.com](mailto:esatmeathpioneers@gmail.com).

### MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION 21st October 2018

Next weekend is Mission Sunday! A second collection will be taken after Holy Communion at all Masses in support of the missions.

This collection assists communities in the establishment of catechetical programmes, seminaries, the work of Religious Communities, communication and transportation needs, the building of chapels, churches, orphanages and schools, and the provision of medical facilities. We ask you to keep Fr. Tom Rafferty and former Columban Lay Missionaries who served in our parish in your prayers as they continue the work of evangelisation overseas. We also acknowledge the work of the Apostolic Works Society who supports the missions through their work and prayer.

### Collections

Ashbourne Plate €1,215; Donaghmore Plate €185; Development Fund €1,305.

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

