



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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2nd Sunday of Advent

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MASS INTENTIONS

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

Sat. 8th Dec.	6.00pm	Av. Margaret & Michael Daly
Sun. 9th Dec.	9.00am	Av. Mary Teresa Clarke & also remem. her son Tony
Sun. 9th Dec.	11.00am	1st Av. Kevin Costello
Sun. 9th Dec.	12.30pm	Av. Eileen Cassidy
Mon. 10th Dec.	10.00am	Av. Elaine Moran
Tues. 11th Dec.	10.00am	Special Intention *
Wed. 12th Dec	10.00am	Av. Ellen McDonald and also remem. her daughter Margaret
Thurs. 13th Dec.	10.00am	Av. Jackie, Una & Alice May
Fri. 14th Dec.	10.00am	Av. Michael & Mary Macken
Sat. 15th Dec.	10.00am	Av. Biddy Randle
Sat. 15th Dec.	6.00pm	Av. Elizabeth Kelly
Sun. 16th Dec.	9.00 am	McLoughlin & Tierney families
Sun. 16th Dec.	11.00 am	Months Memory David O'Rourke
Sun. 16th Dec.	12.30 pm	Av. Patrick & Mary Geraghty & also remem. their sons Christopher and Michael

St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

Sun. 9th Dec..	10.00am	Deceased of the Toole & Sweeney families Av. Joe & Kathleen Armstrong
Sun. 16th Dec.	10.00am	Remem. Eddie & Kathleen Caffrey Av. John Ellis



In conjunction with Super Valu, Ashbourne, the Parish launches its Christmas Care Appeal this weekend in support of those who live alone or families who find Christmas a difficult time financially. If you would like to donate to the Appeal, advise those at the tills that you would like to make a contribution to the Parish Christmas Care Appeal, indicating the monetary value you wish to donate. This will appear on your till receipt. Closer to Christmas, monies donated will be apportioned to 'gift cards' and distributed to those in need. This will enable the parish to reach out to more families than in previous years. The cards can be redeemed for food, household, or solid fuel. In addition, the card can be used to top up electricity and gas meter cards through Super Valu. The tokens cannot be used for the purchase of alcohol.

A prayer for those who have entered Eternal Rest



Patrick McDonnell, Milltown Estate.

Victor Bolster, John Higgins and Kate Ellis whose anniversaries occur at this time

May they rest in the peace of the Risen Christ. Amen



Baptism

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 10th December 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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

FROM ASHBOURNE-DONAGHMORE PARISH



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.

STAINED GLASS BOOKLET

Why not send family and friends a copy of the recently published booklet on our stained glass windows for Christmas. It is unique to Ashbourne and celebrates the beauty of our parish and church. An ideal gift for those away from home. Cost: €2 per booklet.

ADVENT

Begin your Christmas preparations. Advent Candles are now available from the Parish Office. €5.00 per pack.

KINGDOM REVELATOR

Copies of this month's Kingdom Revelator magazine are available at the back of the church free of charge. This publication reaches out to families, helping young and old connect with their faith and deepen their relationship with Jesus.

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

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 JP II Chapel. All welcome.

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

BENEDICTINE MONKS OF SILVERSTREAM PRIORY: Advent Vespers on Sundays of Advent (2nd, 9th, 16th) at 5pm.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE St. Columban's, Dalgan Park, Navan. Tickets available at St. Columban's or contact Pat 086 8297578.

ST. VINCENT de Paul Annual Church Gate Collection this weekend 8th/9th December.

ANAM CARA, NORTH DUBLIN will hold it's monthly parent evening for bereaved parents on Wed. 19th Dec. at 7.20 p.m. in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin.

ASHBOURNE FLOWER CLUB Christmas Gala on Thursday 13th December at 8 p.m. in Ashbourne House Hotel. All welcome. Tickets €10 at the door or from Ciara 086 8809877.

GARDEN CITY-CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION celebration night in Donaghmore-Ashbourne Club, 14th December at 8pm. All welcome.

ASHBOURNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CAREERS FAIR 2018 Thursday 13th December, 6-8pm, School Sports Hall. Admission Free. Tel: 018353066

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.



POKEMON NO! 'FOLLOW JC GO!' Swedish Christian gamers have developed 'Follow JC Go!', a Christian take on Pokemon Go! It lets players "catch" saints, Marian devotions and biblical characters instead of little monsters. The game was created by Fundación Ramón Pané, a Catholic evangelical group that promotes evangelisation. The game uses the

players' smartphone cameras to take in their surroundings, then superimposes digital characters and players progress through answering questions from the Bible when they "meet" a saint. Pope Francis is said to be a fan of the game!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Monday 17th December 8pm
(Visiting priests in attendance)

CHRISTMAS EVE

5pm	Family Mass	Ashbourne
8pm	Vigil Mass	Donaghmore
11pm	'Midnight Mass'	Ashbourne

(This Mass is broadcast live on RTE television and simultaneously on Eurovision. Please join our parish community as we unite with families across Europe to celebrate the feast of Christmas.)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Ashbourne	9am, 10am (Polish), 11am, 12.30pm
Donaghmore	10am



During the Sundays of Advent, guest speakers will speak on the Advent themes of Joy, Hope, Peace and Love.

Second Sunday of Advent JOY — 'Finding our Voice'

This week we welcome Paul Bourke of Catholic Comment who helps us to find our voice as a Catholic community called to witness to the joy of the Gospel. Catholic Comment is a team of lay people who speak confidently and clearly about the Catholic faith in the media. www.catholiccomment.ie

Third Sunday of Advent HOPE—

'Offering hope to a persecuted Church'

Daive Barbeiri and Theresa Traynor, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). ACN supports Christians who are persecuted, suffering or oppressed throughout the world.



For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, children (and adults) bring their Baby Jesus figures from the crib in their homes to St. Peter's Square where the Pope will bless both the people and the figurines during the Angelus.

We will celebrate "Bambinelli Sunday" at all Masses in our parish this weekend. All are invited

to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes to Mass this weekend to be blessed.

Following the blessing, take your "bambinelli" home and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and save it for Christmas morning. Let this be the first gift your family opens at Christmas, when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib. The parish will publish a special blessing in the bulletin in the coming weeks for families to pray together on Christmas morning.



ipb pride of place 2018

Congratulations to the Residents' Association of Garden City & Crestwood on winning the All-Ireland Pride of Place Award for 2018. Their commitment to the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the estate has created a sense of well-being and pride in our community.



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 the shortfall in it's income for this year.

URGENT APPEAL FOR COLLECTORS AND READERS

Additional collectors are required to assist with the Offertory Collection at the 11am and 12.30pm Masses in Ashbourne Church. New Readers are also required to read at daily Masses. If in a position to help, please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Derek.

Collections

Ashbourne Plate €1,355; Donaghmore Plate €150; Development Fund €2,120.
We thank all who contribute and all who pay by Standing Order.

