



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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3rd Sunday of Advent

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MASS INTENTIONS

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

Sat. 15th Dec.	6.00pm	Av. Elizabeth Kelly
Sun. 15th Dec.	9.00am	McLoughlin & Tierney families
Sun. 15th Dec.	11.00am	Months Memory David O'Rourke
Sun. 16th Dec.	12.30pm	Av. Patrick & Mary Geraghty & also remem. their sons Christopher & Michael
Mon. 17th Dec.	10.00am	Av. Ron Tier
Tues. 18th Dec.	10.00am	Av. Victor Bolster
Wed. 19th Dec	10.00am	Av. Susan Cleary
Thurs. 20th Dec.	10.00am	Av. Siobhan O'Connell and also remem. her Dad Danny
Fri. 21st Dec.	10.00am	Av. Brian Foreman & Eddie Vance
Sat. 22nd Dec.	10.00am	Av. Christopher Cassidy
Sat. 22nd Dec.	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 23rd Dec.	9.00 am	Av. Thomas & Monica Carberry & deceased of the Carberry family
Sun. 23rd Dec.	11.00 am	Months Memory Betty & Patrick McDonnell
Sun. 23rd Dec.	12.30 pm	Av. Walter Murphy

St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

Sun. 16th Dec..	10.00am	Remem. Eddie & Kathleen Caffrey Av. John Ellis
Sun. 23rd Dec.	10.00am	Av. Bermadette Ralph Av. Peggy Colbert



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:

Anna Scannell sister of Carmel McCarthy-Smith;
Denis McCarthy brother-in-law of Carmel McCarthy Smith;
John Walsh, Cluain Rí.

Dr. M. P. O'Brien, Shay Byrne, Nora Heneghan, Terence & Deborah Dunne, Ann Grimes, Vincent & Emily Byrne, Johanna Purcell and her parents 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 14th January 2019 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. Please take one home.

<p>Priests of the Parish Fr. Derek Darby P.P. - 8350547 Fr. Ciaran Clarke C.C. - 8350406 Priest on Duty Fr. Ciaran 01 8350406</p>	<p>Parish Office Opening Hours 9.30 a.m.—12 Noon Mon. to Fri. 10.00 a.m.—12 Noon Sat. Phone: 01 8353149</p>	<p>PARISH HALL Bookings for the Parish Hall can be made with Mary on 086 7327737 or parishhall2014@gmail.com</p>
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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 JPPII 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.

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.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL-OCT.2019: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle Service from Dubrovnik or Split €279 per person sharing. Tel 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

MEATH PARTNERSHIP: Free basic iPhone, iPad, Smartphone, Tablet Class starting in Ashbourne Parish Hall Mon. 7th Jan. 2019 from 10-12 noon. To book please call Angela on 046 9280790.

IS GAMBLING RUINING YOUR LIFE? For more information phone 087 9771142.

JUNIOR INFANTS ENROLMENT IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS—SEPTEMBER 2019

In compliance with recent legislation the three Catholic primary schools of Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish (Gaelscoil na Cille, St. Mary's N.S. & St. Declan's N.S.) have revised their enrolment process.

Please note the following amendments:

- The closing date for all three schools for Junior Infant applications for September 2019 will be **12 noon on the 21st January 2019**. Enrolment applications previously received for Junior Infants September 2019 do not need to be re-submitted.
- As schools have been directed to phase out waiting-lists, all applications previously received for Junior Infants for subsequent years will need to be re-submitted in January of the year of application.
- Applications will only be considered for children who have reached their 4th birthday on or before the 31st March 2019.
- In the event that any school is oversubscribed, criteria will be used to prioritise applicants. Parents/Guardians may consult the revised policies on the relevant school websites for further details.

Priority will no longer be offered to Roman Catholics.

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www.smash.ie



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 22nd December 10.30am-12.00pm
Monday 24th December 10am-11am

CHRISTMAS EVE

5pm Family Mass Ashbourne

In the interest of everyone's safety and comfort at this Mass, parents with buggies are asked to store the buggies in the Parish Office where they can be collected after Mass.

The Red Cross will join us for the 5pm Mass to ensure the safety of all joining the parish community on Christmas Eve,

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

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY

10am Mass (Please note: church will not open until 9.30am)



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

Third Sunday of Advent HOPE—

'Offering hope to a persecuted Church'

Davide Barbeiri, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) joins our parish community this weekend. 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.



The second collection for the month of December will take place this weekend at all Masses after Holy Communion. This collection will assist the parish in meeting the shortfall in it's income for this year.

PARISH CALENDAR 2019

The parish calendar for 2019 is now available at the back of the church. In addition to providing information about the parish, the calendars can be folded into a triangular shape and used as a 'prayer menu' at family meal times. We would encourage all families to take one.

DONAGHMORE CHOIR

Donaghmore Choir urgently requires volunteers to join them for Mass on Christmas Eve. In recent times choir numbers have dwindled making it increasingly difficult to provide liturgical music for Christmas. If you can join the choir for Christmas or make a more permanent commitment, please contact May on 0872838456.

DONAGHMORE CEMETERY

Our thanks to Paul & Niall O'Sullivan, Emmet & Leo Feeny who recently gave so generously of their time to cut back the ivy on the cemetery wall, improving visibility and light in both cemeteries.

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 €1,485; Donaghmore Plate €175; Development Fund €930.

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

