



# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

Sat. 2nd Feb.	6.00pm	Av. John & Julia King & deceased of the King family, Ellen & Dan Lynch & Bridie Madden
Sun. 3rd Feb.	9.00am	Av. Angela Farrell
Sun. 3rd Feb.	11.00am	Months Memory Charlie Fitzsimons
Sun. 3rd Feb.	12.30pm	Av. Sean Battersby
Mon. 4th Feb.	10.00am	Special Intention
Tues. 5th Feb.	10.00am	Av. Joseph & Julia Brennan
Wed. 6th Feb.	10.00am	Av. Mary Droney
Thurs. 7th Feb.	10.00am	Remem. Tom Hollywood
Fri. 8th Feb.	10.00am	Av. Terry Walsh
Sat. 9th Feb.	10.00am	Av. Richard & Kathleen Niland
Sat. 9th Feb.	6.00pm	Av. Lee Moore
Sun. 10th Feb.	9.00 am	Av. Christina Kearns
Sun. 10th Feb.	11.00 am	People of the Parish
Sun. 10th Feb.	12.30 pm	Av. Finbar Daly

### St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

Sun. 3rd Feb..	10.00am	Av. Margaret Sutton
Sun 10th Feb.	10.00am	Remem. Kay Creaby Av. Terry & Christina Smith

## SACRAMENTAL DATES 2019

### Confirmation 18th May 2019

11am – St. Declan's & Parish Sacramental Programme

3pm – St. Mary's & Gaelscoil na Cille

### First Confession 2019

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	St. Mary's	7pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Gaelscoil na Cille	7pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	St. Declan's	7pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	ETNS	7pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Gaelscoil na Mí	7pm

### First Holy Communion 2019

Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Mary's	10am
	Gaelscoil na Cille	12 noon
	Gaelscoil na Mí	2 pm
Saturday 25th May	ETNS	10 am
	St. Declan's	12 noon

### THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

Universal: For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.



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

**James Glynn**, father of Michelle Curran, The Briars;  
**Dr. John Nolan**, Co. Galway

*Colm Costello whose anniversary occurs 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 31st March 2019 during 10 a.m. Mass.

### Pre-Baptism Meeting

Next talk will take place on Monday 11th February 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.

## DONAGHMORE CHURCH UPDATE

In the coming weeks urgent repairs will be undertaken on the storm-glazed gable window of the church following a serious breakage in the glass. Once repaired, the Parish Finance Committee will make a substantial investment into storm-glazing the remaining eight windows of the church. It will protect the windows from further weathering and improve somewhat the thermal properties of the windows. The windows will have to be cleaned on the outside prior to installing the glazing, and the inside will have to be cleaned at a later date. Volunteers for this task would be greatly appreciated. The total outlay for this work amounts to €7,000. If anyone is interested in sponsoring one of the windows in part or in full, your support would be greatly appreciated and you can contact the Parish Office.

## MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Anyone interested in becoming a Minister of the Word at weekend Masses in our parish are invited to contact the Parish Office and training will be provided in the coming weeks.

If in a position to help with the above ministry, please contact the Parish Office, Fr. Derek, or Fr. Ciarán..



### 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 JPPII Chapel. All welcome.

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

**IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION MEATH** requires dedicated volunteers to assist and support people with Physical Disabilities to develop their interests. If you are interested please contact Sean on 046 9072539 or 085 8723355.

**INTERESTED IN CYCLING?** Registration night for Ashburners Cycling Club on Tues. 5th Feb. at 8 p.m. in G.A.A. Club.

### NATIONAL CONSULTATION

Archbishop Eamon Martin has invited the faithful in Ireland to share their thoughts on abuse ahead of a universal Church summit on safeguarding in Rome next month. As well as consulting with victims and survivors, Archbishop Eamon is also inviting Catholics, in an open letter, to pray, reflect and offer feedback on a number of key questions (see [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)).

The archbishop said he is conscious that, "a group that is often forgotten is the faithful who have been deeply impacted by the grave scandal of abuse in the Church. Many of them have been bewildered, angered and had their faith tested in recent years by the revelations of these terrible things happening. I want to give them the opportunity to reflect and to pray and put pen to paper to me if they wish."

Those interested in offering feedback can do so by post to: Ara Coeli, Cathedral Road, Armagh, BT61 7QY or by email to [feedback@aracoeli.com](mailto:feedback@aracoeli.com).

### JOHN PAUL II AWARDS

We would like to welcome Alice Mc Grath as she begins her pastoral placement among us this weekend. Alice is Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish's first participant in the awards and she will assist with the ministry of hospitality and as a Minister of the Word at the 6pm vigil Mass on Saturday evenings. We wish her every success as she begins her initiative. Further information on the John Paul II Awards is available on [www.dioceseofmeath.ie](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie).

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDUGORJE

7 night Pilgrimage departing from Dublin, 30th May - 6 June €599 (per person sharing). Accompanied by Fr Ciarán Clarke as Spiritual Director.

**Price includes:** Return Day flights from Dublin. 7 nights accommodation near to St. James' Church with breakfast & dinner included.

Luxury coach transfers accompanied by local guide.

Full programme operated by Marian Pilgrimages.

Assistance of Marian Pilgrimages representative with 24hr support throughout your stay.

For more information please contact Fr Ciarán.

Booking with Marian Pilgrimages at 01 8788159

### URGENT APPEAL FOR COLLECTORS

Additional collectors are urgently required to assist with the Offertory Collection at the 11am and 12.30pm Masses in Ashbourne Church. If in a position to help with the above ministry in our parish, or if you are interested in other ministries, please contact the Parish Office, Fr. Derek, or Fr. Ciarán.

### ALTAR SERVERS—Just a thought!

Thank you to our Altar Servers for their commitment and dedication to their ministry throughout the year. We also thank our Altar Servers Team who look after them so well, support and encourage them. Some words of encouragement from Pope Benedict XVI: "*Dear Servers! You lend Jesus your hands, your thoughts, your time. He will not fail to reward you, giving you true joy and enabling you to feel wherein lies the fullest happiness.*"

### BAPTISMS IN ASHBOURNE-DONAGHMORE PARISH



Congratulations to parents in our parish on the birth of their children. Our parish shares in your joy and we are delighted to welcome your baby into the Christian family of the Church through Baptism. By asking for your baby's Baptism, parents are publicly thanking God for His gift to them and they make a commitment to bring up their child in the Christian faith. We will help you carry out your decision by

giving you our wholehearted support.

Parents should keep the following in mind:

(i) Parents can provisionally book the date for their child's Baptism through the Parish Office. (Please note: Baptisms are limited to six in Ashbourne Church for any one ceremony, or two in Donaghmore Church.) Baptisms can only proceed when parents have completed the Pre-baptism Programme.

(ii) The Baptism Registration Form can be downloaded from the parish website. This form must be returned to the Parish Office before attending the Pre-baptism Programme in the parish.

(iii) Parents living outside of Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish who wish to return to Ashbourne/Donaghmore for their child's Baptism are very welcome. In such cases, parents are required to provide a letter from their parish of residence permitting the baptism to take place outside of the parish where they live. Parents can complete pre-baptism preparation for their child in the parish where they are living and the permission letter from the parish should confirm this has been completed.

(iv) Visiting priests are welcome to officiate at baptisms in our parish. The same requirements—(i)-(iii) - apply to parents in these circumstances. Under diocesan safeguarding regulations, visiting ministers are required to present a valid celebret before officiating at the ceremony.

Further details about baptisms are available on the parish website or from the Parish Office.

### MINISTRY OF THE ALTAR

The Altar Society are looking for new members to join their team in Ashbourne Church. Working together in a spirit of faith, friendship and cooperation, this ministry decorates the altars of the church with floral arrangements for the celebration of the liturgy and important feast days in the life of the Church. No specialised skills are required. If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

### BLESSING OF THROATS—Feast of St. Blaise



Traditionally on the Feast of St. Blaise, 3rd February, individuals are invited to have their throats blessed using candles that are blessed on the Feast of Candlemas (2nd February). The blessing of throats will take place after each Mass on Sunday.

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His reputation spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.



### Collections

Ashbourne Plate €1,460; Donaghmore Plate €140; Development Fund €1,070.  
*We thank all who contribute and all who pay by Standing Order.*

