



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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The Epiphany of the Lord

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MASS INTENTIONS Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

Sat. 5th Jan.	6.00pm	Av. Ellie O'Boyle
Sun. 6th Jan.	9.00am	Av. Patrick Clarke & also remem. his son Tony
Sun. 6th Jan.	11.00am	Months Memory Tony Ross
Sun 6th Jan.	12.30pm	Av. Barry Maguire
Mon. 7th Jan.	10.00am	Av. Margaret Mintern
Tues. 8th Jan.	10.00am	Remem. Jacqueline Sheehy
Wed. 9th Jan.	10.00am	Av. Andrea Fleming
Thurs. 10th Jan.	10.00am	Av. Catherine Walsh
Fri. 11th Jan.	10.00am	Av. Vincent Clancy
Sat. 12th Jan.	10.00am	Av. Jane Reilly
Sat. 12th Jan.	6.00pm	1st Av. Gerry Keague
Sun. 13th Jan.	9.00 am	Av. Christopher Tormey
Sun. 13th Jan.	11.00 am	1st Av. Anne Lecky
Sun. 13th Jan.	12.30 pm	Av. Tom & Nan Mangan & Larry McGuinness

St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

Sun. 6th Jan..	10.00am	Av. Timothy & Jean Whyms Av. Philomena Mulvaney
Sun 13th Jan.	10.00am	Months Memory Kay Creaby

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. Readers are required for daily Mass on Fridays and Saturdays. If in a position to help, please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Derek.

PARISH PRAYER MINISTRY

Each month our parish prepares specific intentions to unite our parish in prayer and strengthen our faith in everyday life. In order to foster this ministry of prayer in our parish, the monthly prayers will be prayed during the prayers of intercession at the 10am Mass every Tuesday. Please support this prayer initiative by including our monthly Parish Prayer in your own daily, personal prayers. The monthly prayer is available at the back of the church or the Parish website. **Please join us each morning at 9.40am for Morning Prayer prior to Mass commencing at 10am. Prayer books are provided.**



OUR PARISH
AT PRAYER

A prayer for those who have entered Eternal Rest:

Tommy O'Brien, brother-in-law of Doris Heffernan, Millbourne Dr.;
Sr. Bernadette Moran, sister of Pauline Flood, Killeglend Rise;
Bridget McNerney, Garristown.

*James & Catherine McDonnell, Maureen Moloney, Johnny Maher
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 31st March 2019 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.

MEATH DIOCESAN VOCATIONS

Invitation to a Young Adult Retreat for people between the ages of 18-40 in Franciscan Retreat Centre, Ballinderry, Mullingar on **Sat. 12th January 2019 (9.45-5.00)**. Explore God's call in your life: priesthood, single life, married life, religious life. Testimonies, Adoration, Talk on discernment, Personal discernment, Holy Mass; Confession; Cost: Donation (lunch and tea breaks included). Contact Fr. Shane 057 9321587 or Sr. Una 090 6481666 or email youthretreats@gmail.com.

DOWDSTOWN COUNSELLING SERVICES

The offices of Dowdstown Counselling Services are now located in the CYMS Hall, Fairgreen, Navan, Co. Meath. For more details call 046 9020671 or email: dowdstownhouse@eircom.net

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS



This Saturday, expectant mothers and their families are invited to gather immediately after the 6pm Mass at the altar of the Immaculate Conception in Ashbourne Church to receive a blessing invoking God's blessing on the duration of their pregnancy.

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 JPPII Chapel. All welcome.

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

BETHANY: A Church Gate Collection to support the work of the Bethany Group in our parish will take place next weekend.

MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND led by Bishop Tom Deenihan from November 4th-12th 2019. Cost is 1,525 euro. Bookings with Map Travel at 01 8783111 or patricia@maptravel.ie

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

CEMETERY DEVOTIONS 2019

Thank you to all who made observations/submissions on the date of our parish's annual cemetery devotions. The following change has been put in place for 2019 and will be subject to review.

Killeglad	Friday 24th May 7.00pm
Donaghmore	Sunday 26th May after 10.00am Mass
Ashbourne	Sunday 26th May after 12.30pm Mass
St. Declan's	Sunday 26th May 6.00pm
Greenogue	Sunday 26th May 7.00pm

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 th March	St. Mary's	7pm
Wednesday 6 th March	St. Declan's	7pm
Thursday 7 th March	Gaelscoil na Cille	7pm

Tuesday 11 th June	ETNS	7pm
Wednesday 12 th June	Gaelscoil na Mí	7pm

First Holy Communion 2019

Saturday 11 th 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

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 triangle shape and used as a "prayer menu" at family meal times. We would encourage all families to take one.

CHALKING THE DOOR

We are always invited to make room for God and God's blessing in our homes. Chalking the door is a tradition that takes place on the Feast of the Epiphany (6th January), to remind us of God's presence in our lives. Chalk will be blessed at Masses on 6th January.

Chalk the following inscription above the doorway in your home:

20 + C + M + B + 19

The letters CMB come from the traditional (9th century) names for the three kings: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. Coincidentally, it also represents the phrase "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means "May Christ bless this house!"

As you mark the different parts of the inscription you may wish to use the following prayer:

The three Wise Men,

[C] Caspar, [M] Melchior, [B] and Balthasar

followed the star of God's Son who became human

[20] two thousand, [19] and nineteen years ago.

[+ +] May Christ bless our home

[+ +] and remain with us throughout the New Year. Amen

THE POPES INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

Evangelisation: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE—January 1st, 2019 EXTRACT FROM POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE

In these days, we celebrate the seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted in the wake of the Second World War. In this context, let us also remember the observation of Pope **John XXIII**: "Man's awareness of his rights must inevitably lead him to the recognition of his duties. The possession of rights involves the duty of implementing those rights, for they are the expression of a man's personal dignity. And the possession of rights also involves their recognition and respect by others".

Peace, is a challenge that demands to be taken up ever anew. It entails a conversion of heart and soul; it is both interior and communal; and it has three inseparable aspects:

Peace with oneself, rejecting inflexibility, anger and impatience; in the words of Saint Francis de Sales, showing "a bit of sweetness towards oneself" in order to offer "a bit of sweetness to others";

Peace with others: family members, friends, strangers, the poor and the suffering, being unafraid to encounter them and listen to what they have to say;

Peace with all creation, rediscovering the grandeur of God's gift and our individual and shared responsibility as inhabitants of this world, citizens and builders of the future.

The politics of peace, conscious of and deeply concerned for every situation of human vulnerability, can always draw inspiration from the *Magnificat*, the hymn that Mary, the Mother of Christ the Saviour and Queen of Peace, sang in the name of all mankind: "He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly; ... for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever" (*Lk. 1:50-55*).



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

