



# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

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| Sat. 11th May  | 6.00pm            | Av. Anna-Marie & Tommy Scully   |
| Sun. 12th May  | 9.00am            | Av. Ida Russell   |
| Sun. 12th May  | 11.00am           | 1st Av. Rory McGovern   |
| Sun. 12th May  | 12.30pm           | Av. Kay Mintern   |
| Mon. 13th May  | 10.00am           | Av. Tommy Murphy  |
| Tues. 14th May | 10.00am           | Special Intention *   |
| Wed. 15th May  | 10.00am           | Av. Michael Finnegan  |
| Thurs 16th May | 10.00pm           | Special Intention   |
| Fri. 17th May  | 10.00am           | Av. Stephen Ledwith   |
| Sat. 18th May  | 11.00am<br>3.00pm | No 10 a.m. Mass<br><b>Confirmation</b> -St. Declan's N.S. & Parish Sacramental Programme<br><b>Confirmation</b> -St. Mary's N.S. & Gaelscoil na Cille |
| Sat. 18th May  | 6.00pm            | Av. Elizabeth Bradley   |
| Sun. 19th May  | 9.00 am           | Av. Joseph & Mary Morris  |
| Sun. 19th May  | 11.00 am          | 1st Av. Imelda O'Riordan  |
| Sun. 19th May  | 12.30 pm          | Av. Christina Gleeson   |

### St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

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| Sun. 4th May  | 10.00am | Av. Joe & Phil Synnott                  |
| Sun. 12th May | 10.00am | 1st Av. Al O'Connell<br>Av. Joan Deegan |

### CEMETERY DEVOTIONS 2019

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| Killegland   | Friday 24th May 7.00pm                    |
| Donaghmore   | Sunday 26th May after 10.00am Mass        |
| Ashbourne    | <b>Sunday 26th May after 12.30pm Mass</b> |
| St. Declan's | Sunday 26th May 6.00pm                    |
| Greenogue    | Sunday 26th May 7.00pm                    |

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD—Important!

New volunteers and existing Ministers of the Word in Donaghmore and Ashbourne churches are invited to a training workshop on **Tuesday 4th June at 8pm** in Ashbourne Church. The first session will deepen our appreciation of the scriptures as the Word of God, assist in praying with the scriptures and proclaiming God's Word. The second session will address the practical application of being a Minister of the Word. Prof. Seamus O'Connell, Professor of Sacred Scripture, St. Patrick's College Maynooth will facilitate the workshop. Ministers who have completed the workshop will be rostered for reading immediately. New Ministers of the Word will be commissioned at a date to be confirmed.



Bishop Deenihan encourages all parishes to pray for vocations on this Vocations Sunday. There are currently 3 students for the priesthood in the Diocese of Meath. Tony Shannon is studying in the Pontifical Irish College, and Norman Allred and Colin Dunne are studying in the Pontifical Beda College. Please keep them in your prayers.

#### VOCATIONS

#### The Diocesan Priest: a call from God; a call to serve.

Considering a call to priesthood, why not 'Come and See'. Vocations Weekend, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, May 18/19th. For more information contact: [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie) or [frshane@gmail.com](mailto:frshane@gmail.com)

#### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*O Jesus, send labourers into your fields which are awaiting holy apostles, saintly priests, heroic missionaries and dedicated sisters and brothers. Enkindle in the hearts of men and women the spark of a vocation. Grant that Christian families may desire to give your Church helpers in the work of tomorrow.*

(Prayer for Vocations, St. Joseph Young Priests' Society)



**Ashbourne:** 1st & 2nd Sunday of the month at 1.45pm.  
3rd Saturday of the month at 4.00pm.

**Donaghmore:** Sunday 30th June 2019 during 10 a.m. Mass.

#### Pre-Baptism Meeting

Next talk will take place on Monday 13th May 2019 in the Parish Hall, Ashbourne at 8.00pm.

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

#### PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION MASS

Mass will be celebrated for the Ashbourne-Donaghmore Pioneers, Saturday 29th June at 6pm in Ashbourne Church. Existing members who are eligible to receive silver, gold, or diamond pins should contact Colette on 01 8352430 or Catherine on 018354260 as soon as possible. These awards mark a lifetime commitment to the ideals of the pioneers and devotion to the Sacred Heart. Closing date for applications, 31st May 2019.

## SACRAMENTS

### Sacraments & Devotions

#### **Morning Masses:**

Ashbourne  
Mon.-Sat. 10am

#### **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.

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| Priests of the Parish<br>Fr. Derek Darby P.P. - 8350547<br>Fr. Ciaran Clarke C.C. - 8350406<br>Priest on Duty Fr. Derek 087 6757554 | <b>Parish Office Opening Hours</b><br>9.30 a.m.—12 Noon Mon. to Fri.<br>10.00 a.m.—12 Noon Sat.<br>Phone: 01 8353149 | <b>PARISH HALL</b><br>Bookings for the Parish Hall can be made with Mary on 086 7327737 or <a href="mailto:parishhall2014@gmail.com">parishhall2014@gmail.com</a> |
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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.

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

**SUMMER ROSARY** continues this Wednesday in Rath Lodge at 8pm. All welcome.

**MEDITATION** takes place on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in JP11 Chapel. All welcome.

### EASTER OFFERINGS

The envelopes for the Easter Offerings are available at the doors of the Church. This collection assists in meeting our priests monthly salary and living expenses. We are deeply grateful for the generous support that parishioners give in support of our priests.

### PARISH SECRETARY POSITION

We are recruiting a new Parish Secretary



Applications are invited for the post of Parish Secretary in Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish which will become available towards the end of the summer.

- The successful candidate will have substantial clerical/administration experience (two to five years' experience a desirable minimum).
- Good computer skills including the use of the internet, email, Microsoft Word and Excel. Microsoft Publisher would also be desirable. A knowledge of basic book-keeping and record keeping.
- Highly developed interpersonal skills with the ability to communicate effectively and work as part of a team.

Letters of application with enclosed up-to-date Curriculum Vitae should be sent to the Parish Office, Frederick Street, Ashbourne, Co. Meath or emailed to [info@ashbourneparish.ie](mailto:info@ashbourneparish.ie).

**Closing date for completed applications is 12 noon on Friday 24th May 2019.**

Further job description information available on request from the Parish Office.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



We congratulate the children from St. Mary's, Gaelscoil na Cille and Gaelscoil na Mí who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. We pray for them and their families: may this moment of special grace sustain them in faith, hope and love. We thank the parents involved in our parish preparation programme: 'Do This in Memory', the Principals, teachers and staff of our schools and Parish

Sacramental Preparation Programme, and all who supported the children in their preparation for the sacraments.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

Educate Together National School Saturday 25th May 10am  
St. Declan's Saturday 25th May 12 noon

### PARISH GIVING

The second Collection for the month of May takes place at all Masses this weekend after Holy Communion. This collection, taken on **Vocations Sunday**, supports the training of students for service in the priesthood for the Diocese of Meath.

### MEATH ARCHAEOLOGICAL & HISTORICAL

**SOCIETY:** Sunday 19th May - guided walking tour of Ballivor (with 1919 re-enactment). Meet at church in centre of Ballivor at 3 p.m. All welcome.

**HSE-Free Diabetes Education Course "DESMOND"** for all patients with Type 2 Diabetes will be starting in Ashbourne in June 2019. If you are interested in attending please contact Joanne on 041 6860766.

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

### PARISH LITURGY GROUP

In the coming months, the parish hopes to establish a 'Liturgy Group' to assist with the planning, preparation and celebration of parish liturgies and services. The work of the Liturgy Group should reflect the liturgical season, support the various ministries which currently enrich our worship, and assist in the building up of our faith-community.

Two questions should inform the work of this group:

- How are our celebrations enabling people to pray and live their lives as Christians?
- How can we make our celebrations more welcoming and inclusive for all?

#### What is Liturgy?

Liturgy is our daily and weekly celebration of Eucharist, our reconciliation services, baptisms, marriages and deaths. It encapsulates any time we gather to pray and worship together as a community. Liturgy is ultimately the way in which we give praise to God. It articulates and supports the faith of the individual and the parish as a whole. It is particular to this community, yet reminds us that we are part of the whole church community.

#### What is the role of the Parish Liturgy Group?

- Plan the liturgical year ahead - short-term/ medium-term/long-term;
- Be aware of the different moods/times/seasons of the liturgical year and express them in their choice of readings, prayers, hymns, symbols, colours, flowers, etc;
- Ensure that there is initial and on-going formation and support for all liturgical ministries;
- Connect with the other ministry groups to ensure they understand and value their role as an integral part of our acts of worship;
- Evaluate the quality of our liturgical celebrations.

*Anyone interested in joining a Parish Liturgy Group, please contact the Parish Office.*

### MUSIC & THEOLOGY PRESENTATION

Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish is pleased to announce a presentation on 'Music and Theology', **Wednesday 5th June, 8pm** in the Parish Hall. The evening will be conducted by Sr. Kathleen Fitzpatrick PBVM, guest-lecturer in Trinity College. Sr. Kathleen will introduce the history and theology of music. She will present images of Mary in music and explore contemporary music/popular music and its links to Holy Week and the Paschal Mystery. Innovatively, Sr. Kathleen will also present *Laudato Si* (Pope Francis' encyclical on 'care for our common home') and music.

This evening is open to all parishioners with an interest in music who want to understand the power and influence of music from a religious and contemporary perspective. Our parish choirs, musicians, and soloists are invited to attend.

### PARISH MISSION

In conjunction with the Knights of St. Columbanus preparations are underway to host a Parish Mission in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, beginning Sunday 23rd June with a Family Day, and concluding on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, Friday 28th June. Guest speakers will lead the mission each evening. Presenters include: Fr. John Harris OP, Fr. Seán Hyland (recent guest on the Late Late Show), Eddie Stones, and others.



### Collections

Ashbourne Plate €1,310; Donaghmore Plate €155; Development Fund €1,160  
*We thank all who contribute and all who pay by Standing Order.*

