



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



First Sunday of Lent

Parish Office

Opening Times

Mon-Sat 9.30am-12pm

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Mary Mullen

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01-03-2020



A prayer for those who have entered Eternal rest

Gerald (Gerry) Snowe

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



Baptism

SACRAMENTS

Ashbourne:

Every Saturday and Sunday at 2pm.

Donaghmore:

Every Sunday after 10am Mass.

Pre-Baptism Meeting

Next Meeting: Monday 9th March 2020 in Ashbourne Church at 8pm.

Baptism Registration Forms are available on the Parish Website. Dates to be booked with the Parish Office.

Sacraments & Devotions

Morning Masses:

Ashbourne Mon.-Sat. 10am.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Tues. 10.30am to 11.30am.

Thurs. 10.30am to 9pm.

Confessions:

Saturday after 10am Mass.

Rosary:

Ashbourne Church

Mon-Sat. 9.30am.

Mon-Sat. after 10am Mass.

Mon.-Fri. 7.30pm.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

[Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish]:

17th – 24th June 2020 for 7 nights.

€619 per person sharing.

Accompanied by Fr. Ciarán Clarke.

For more information contact Marian Pilgrimages @ 01 8788159 / see Church Notice Boards.

Irish Wheelchair Association will be holding their church gate collection on Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th March 2020.

New Parish Phone Number

The Parish office number remains the same **01-8353149**. This number will continue to be used for all day to day regular enquiries and bookings. This number is answered Mon-Fri 9am-2.30pm and again on Saturday 9-12 noon. Outside these hours an answering machine will take your message.

A new mobile number **087-3519516** is now carried by the priest on call for urgent calls. This number is operated on a 24 hour system. Fr. John and Fr. Ciarán work a system which allows for maximum flexibility each day which is why we no longer state which priest is on call each week.

The Pope's Intention for March

Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

COFFEE MORNING in aid of St. Francis Hospice

Friday 6th March

10.30am to 1pm in the Ashbourne House Hotel

MASS INTENTIONS

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

Sat. 29th Feb.	6.00pm	Av. Harry Cullen
Sun. 1st Mar.	9.00am	1st Av. Sr. Julia Tierney
Sun. 1st Mar.	11.00am	
Sun. 1st Mar.	12.30pm	Av. Jim Clancy
Mon. 2nd Mar.	10.00am 7.00pm	
Tues. 3rd Mar.	10.00am 7.00pm	Sp. Intention *
Wed. 4th Mar.	10.00am 7.00pm	
Thurs. 5th Mar	10.00am 7.00pm	Av. Con Moynihan
Fri. 6th Mar.	10.00am 7.00pm	Altar List of the Dead Altar List of the Dead
Sat. 7th Mar.	10.00am	Bethany Mass
Sat. 7th Mar.	6.00pm	Av. Teresa Tierney Av. Rose Beirne Av. Margaret Finn
Sun. 8th Mar.	9.00am	Av. Elizabeth Grattan
Sun. 8th Mar.	11.00am	1st Av. Eamonn Chapman Months mind Gerry Hamilton
Sun. 8th Mar.	12.30pm	Av. Anne Dehaene Av. John Farrell

St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

Sun 1st Mar.	10.00am	Av. John O'Beirne
Sun. 8th Mar.	10.00am	Av. Larry Kearns Months mind Eithne Brady

Mass Intentions:- On account of increasing demand all Masses in our parish are now shared with the exception of 11am on Sunday. Thank you for your co-operation.

LENT 2020 Trócaire was established in 1973 as the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. The organisation was created as a response to the widening gap between rich and poor and our collective duty to reduce it. Trócaire's work is rooted in Catholic social teaching, based on the belief that God has a plan for creation, a plan to build his kingdom of peace, love and justice. Around the world, families are living under constant threat of conflict, drought and land grabs. In the face of these threats, many women hold their families together, battling enormous odds to provide for their children. Lent 2020 highlights the different ways in which women keep their families safe and protect their futures. During Lent 2020 we tell the stories of Madris in Kenya and Angela in Honduras as a way to celebrate the strength of women all over the world who are overcoming the odds to protect and provide for their families.

Meet Angela Angela lives in Honduras with her husband and five children. Angela's home is on ancestral tribal land, which is held in collective title. In 2008, Angela became involved with Trócaire's partner MADJ, a broad movement for dignity and justice that fights against corruption. Angela tells us, 'The problem we have here is the destruction of the forest. I saw that they were selling the wood (trees) and minerals and decided to intervene. Mining and logging companies have come onto our land to exploit it.' In 2010, a logging company entered their land. Angela explains, 'We have a small stream that we use for water. We knew it was polluted when we started getting rashes, including the children. We used the water to wash clothes and dishes – it was not drinking water, thankfully. That is when I really got involved. The training I received taught me about our rights. We were asleep and did not understand what was happening. Now we have woken up. Now we are fighting against the logging company.'

#LivingLent2020 Follow @catholicbishops on Instagram and Twitter for daily suggestions on #LivingLent 2020. This year's social media initiative will encourage people to observe the three pillars of the Lenten Season: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving and to see Lent as something to actively engage in rather than something to be experienced passively. See www.catholicbishops.ie

Trocaire boxes are available at all doors.

Koins for Kids Ireland repatriates Non-Euro coin, collects out of date and damaged currency and one & two cent coin accumulations. We are open to any donation. No donation is too small. A box for this charity is available in the Parish Office.

TEA/COFFEE after the 11am Mass each Sunday in the Parish Hall. All Welcome.

MATT TALBOT PRAYER GROUP: Meeting on second Monday of each month in the Parish Office after the 10am Mass & Rosary.

ASHBOURNE PIONEERS meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except January & August) in the Parish Hall at 8pm.

LEGION OF MARY: Meetings each Thurs at 8pm in the Parish Office.

SAINT JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIEST'S SOCIETY (Supporting Seminarians & Priests) - Meetings take place in the Saint John Paul II Chapel at 10.45am on the last Friday of each month (except June/December).

ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD are available at the back of the Church. These intentions will be remembered during the First Friday Masses.

Meekness and Pope Francis

During his weekly general audience, Pope Francis said those who are meek, are patient, gentle and merciful, drawing people together and salvaging relationships.

The Holy Father described on February 19 how meekness mean holding onto one's trust and relationship with God, and guarding his gifts of peace, mercy and fraternity.

"Anyone can seem meek when all is calm," he said, "but how do we react when 'under pressure' or are attacked, offended, or assaulted?" The Pope alluded to Jesus as a model of meekness in how he "Handed himself over to the one who judges justly". "The meek are not people-pleasers, but are Christ's disciples who have learned to defend a whole other land". "Meekness unites; anger divides" he added. "A moment of anger can destroy so many things; you lose control and you don't evaluate what is really important".

Turas Columbanus calendar of events 2020

The Association of Friends of St. Columbanus invite you to take part in the pilgrim walks in the footsteps of St. Columban 2020 pilgrim walk May 30th-31st Clonard to Bective, Co. Meath.

Columbanus annual conference 'The relevance of Saints Finian, Colmcille and Columbanus for the Ireland and Europe of today'

Saturday 28th March 2020 Dalgan Park, Navan, Co. Meath

A one-day conference to celebrate the 1,500th anniversary of the founding of the monastery in Clonard, Co. Meath by St. Finian and the anniversary of the birth of St. Colmcille.

For further details and bookings please contact:

turascolumbanus@gmail.com or write to the Secretary at Turas Columbanus, St. Columbans, Dalgan Park, Navan, Co. Meath.

Vocations Information Day

April 5th: St Mary's Church, Navan

The Diocese will hold a vocations information day on Palm Sunday in St. Mary's Church, Navan. If you have been considering the priesthood this is an opportunity for you to find out more about what priesthood entails, about seminary studies; and a chance to explore God's call to priesthood in a deeper way. The event begins at 1pm with the Mass form Palm Sunday in the Parish Church. For more information please contact Fr Shane Crombie frshane@gmail.com

NOVENA OF GRACE

The Novena Prayer in honour of St. Francis Xavier will be said at all Masses from 4th-12th of March. Prayer leaflets will be available in the Church and the Relic available on the 12th March for veneration.

HOSPITAL VISITS: Because of the new Data Protection Laws (GDPR) Priests are no longer able to access the Patient List in the Hospitals. Fr. John and Fr. Ciarán would be delighted to make hospital visits to those who are sick. Please let us know by contacting the office or the priest on call. Thank You.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Drop-in Centre in Parish Hall on 3rd Tuesday of each month 8-9pm or anytime by appointment. Tel. 087 2715222.

SAMARITANS: Talk to us if things are getting to you. Phone: 116 123 (Free) Text: 087 2609090 Email: jo@samaritans.ie

ASHBOURNE MENS SHED: Social club for men of all ages. Drop-in Centre, 58 High St (Youth Café) at Lidl Carpark. Open Wed. and Fri. 10.30am—1pm. Contact Hugh Stevens 087 6691529.

MEDITATION on Wednesdays at 8pm in JP II Chapel. All welcome.



Collections

Ashbourne Plate €1,075 Donaghmore Plate €170 Development Fund €1,085
We thank all who contribute and all who pay by Standing Order.

