



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



Third Sunday of Lent

15-03-2020

Parish Office

Is closed until further notice however office phone lines will operate as normal between 9am—2.30pm Mon-Fri only.

Toilets in the Parish Office are closed at this time.

For all regular enquiries and bookings please contact:

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Mary Mullen

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Priest on Call

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The Parish Hall is closed during this time of suspension.

A prayer for those who have entered Eternal rest



Anna Daly, Ardcath

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



Baptism

SACRAMENTS

Ashbourne:

Every Saturday and Sunday at 2pm.

Donaghmore:

By request

Pre-Baptism Meeting

Next Meeting: Monday 20th April 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:

Suspended at the moment

Eucharistic Adoration:

Daily 10am—9pm

Confessions:

Saturday in JP II chapel

Rosary:

Ashbourne Church

Mon-Sat. 9.30am.

Mon-Sat. after 10am Mass.

Mon.-Fri. 7.30pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

All booked Mass Intentions during this time of public Mass suspension will be rescheduled when Masses resume. Please contact the parish office after this suspension is lifted.

Baptisms will take place as normal however numbers of attendees should be kept to an absolute minimum.

Confessions will take place as normal on Saturday at 10.30am and these will take place in the St. John Paul II chapel and NOT in the confession box.

Eucharistic



Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will take place

10am - 9pm

every day during this time

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.

Ashbourne & District Active Age

Day Centre on Mondays & Thursdays will close today 12/3/20.

All activities cancelled until further notice.

Pilgrimage to Loughcrew cancelled until further notice.

Contact Tony on -01-8352954 after 9.30pm or 087-9526337

Ashburners cycling club have cancelled their couch to 50 k, due to start on march 22nd. This is due to the Corona virus.



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By downloading our free app for mobile devices – Radio Maria Ireland,

Through Radio Maria Ireland Website or Facebook page on the Listen Live link.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

**Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.**

Put down phone, pick up Bible—Pope’s Lent advice

Pope Francis has told Catholics to use the season of Lent to spend less time watching television or being on their phones, and to spend more time reading the Bible.

The Pope reflected on the “desert” of Lent during his weekly general audience and how countercultural it is to spend time in silence; away from the noise of the modern world.

“Lent is the right time to make room for the Word of God” he said on February 26.

“It is the time to turn off the television and open the Bible. It is the time to disconnect from your cell phone and connect to the Gospel.”

The Holy Father also said fasting is a way of seeking a simpler life by giving up superfluous, vain things.

However, he warned the faithful that fasting is not about “slimming down.”

“In the desert, one finds intimacy with God, the love of the Lord”, said Pope Francis.

“The road that leads us from death to life opens up in the desert. We enter the desert with Jesus, we will go out savouring Easter ... have courage.”

CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Further advice of the Irish Bishops in response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus

The following instructions take into consideration the new norms issued by the Irish government to be in force at 18.00 today. Bishops are asked to promulgate these instructions in their diocese as soon as possible. These instructions complement the advice issued yesterday by the Irish Episcopal Conference and remain in place until 29th March. It is likely that these restrictions will continue for some time after that, and instructions regarding the celebration of Holy Week will be issued in due course.

The motivation for these new restrictive measures is a sense of care for the common good and especially for those most vulnerable. Each Christian community should be acutely aware of the responsibility to care for those who are most at risk. For example, even where it may not be appropriate to visit the elderly, a simple telephone call to enquire about their needs could mean so much to them.

NORMS

All non-essential pastoral gatherings and meetings, such as formation gatherings, retreats and seminars are cancelled.

All Confirmations are postponed until further notice.

Every Catholic is entitled to a dignified Christian burial. Attendance at Funeral services and Masses should be limited to close relatives and must not exceed 100 attendees within the Church building.

Similarly, Church weddings and baptisms may be celebrated on condition that the attendance in Church does not exceed 100 people.

In these difficult and uncertain times, people find strength, consolation and hope in prayer. Churches should remain open for prayer each day. In these difficult and uncertain times, people find strength, consolation and hope in prayer. Churches should remain open for prayer each day.

In the current emergency situation, all are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass. Parishes should inform parishioners of the local possibility to tune into Mass via “Radio Maria Ireland” each day at 10am. Please see note below.

This is an occasion for all of us – especially in families -to pray more intensely for each other and especially for those who have succumbed to the illness. We should pray also for those in the frontlines – especially doctors, nurses and medical staff and other carers, including clergy – that the Lord will protect them as they place their own wellbeing at risk in the service of all.



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