



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



Fourth Sunday of Lent

22-03-2020

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.

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The Parish Hall is closed during this time of suspension.

A prayer for those who have entered Eternal rest



James Stewart

Marie McGrath

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



Baptism

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

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and **Liturgy of the Word** including Readings for the day and Prayers of the Faithful will be lead in Ashbourne Church Monday to Saturday at **10am** behind locked doors also available on our Parish Webcam. This time of prayer will end with a **Eucharistic Blessing** for all of us who cannot receive Holy Communion at this time.

Door will be opened at 10.30am Monday to Saturday for **Eucharistic Adoration** on the Main Altar until 9pm.

Sunday Mass will be celebrated at **11am** in Ashbourne Church (as it was last Sunday and St. Patrick's Day). This will take place behind closed doors but will be available via Webcam. The weekends Mass Intentions will be remembered at this Mass but families are also free to contact the Parish Office in order to re-schedule these Masses when the present health emergency is over.

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

A Mother's Day Prayer

*I said a Mother's Day prayer for you
to thank the Lord above
for blessing me with a lifetime
of your tenderhearted love.
I thanked God for the caring
you've shown me through the years,
for the closeness we've enjoyed
in time of laughter and of tears.*

*And so, I thank you from my heart
for all you've done for me
and I bless the Lord for giving me
the best mother there could be.*

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.

The Eucharistic Ministers meeting for 3rd April is cancelled and will be re-scheduled when the health emergency is over.

RTÉ to broadcast daily Mass during the Covid-19 Emergency

National broadcaster RTÉ has announced plans to air daily Mass in response to coronavirus measures that have meant that many public celebrations of the Eucharist have been suspended.

RTÉ will broadcast Mass every weekday at 10.30am from St Eunan's and St Columba's Cathedral, Letterkenny, on RTÉ News Now. The broadcasts will continue at least until 29th March, when current public health measures will be reviewed by the Government.

Mass will be followed each day by a short religious message from representatives of Ireland's other faith communities and Christian traditions.

RTÉ's Head of Religious Content, Roger Childs said that the broadcaster is aware that "either through self-isolation or Government restrictions, many people are unable to come together to worship at precisely the time when they feel most in need of community, comfort, encouragement and prayer. Facilitated by the web-streaming service churchservices.tv, the Bishop of Raphoe, Dr Alan McGuckian, and cathedral administrator, Msgr Kevin Gillespie, have kindly agreed to celebrate a Mass every weekday morning, which RTÉ is very happy to share with viewers, as part of our commitment to public service during the current emergency. We want people of all faiths to know that RTÉ is with them in spirit."

Prayer for our protection

The Irish Bishops have asked us to say this prayer daily

We ask for prayers for those affected by the Coronavirus. Placing all our trust in the Lord, and asking Our Lady to intercede for us, we invite everyone to pray these prayers:

Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence,
I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer. Amen.

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.

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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 well being at risk in the service of all.