



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



Fifth Sunday of Lent

29-03-2020

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.

The Intentions below will be remembered at the Sunday 11am Mass in Ashbourne Church which will be celebrated behind closed doors and will be available via webcam.



Tom Van Der Pluijm

Gerry Snowe (Months Mind)

Michael & Philomena Allen

Gerry Ryan

Tony & Brian O;Connor

Olive O'Neill

Margaret Murphy

Paul Geoffrey Smith

The Intentions listed for the Bethany Memorial Mass

Are placed on the Altar

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

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.

The Church will remain open but there will be no Adoration. The reason for this is that we are trying to keep the Church open and avoid large gatherings of people. We hope you understand and these decisions are not simple.

Door will be opened at 10.30am Monday to Saturday and close at 8pm.

Sunday Mass will be celebrated at **11am** in Ashbourne Church. 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. Doors will be open at **11.30am** and close at **8pm** on Sundays.

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.

Giving during this time:

Dear Parishioners,
The past few weeks have been deeply distressing for everybody. It is particularly devastating for all who have lost jobs and are seriously financially impaired.

With so much challenge we don't expect parishioners to financially support the parish unless you are in a position to do so. A number of people have asked us to put the Parish account number (IBAN and BIC) on this website so that you can support us online. With people trying to steer clear of handling cash/coin it seems the best way to contribute and we would like to encourage this. Could I also ask that you refrain from putting money through Fr. John's or Fr. Ciarán's letter box please. Hopefully this challenging time will pass soon and the most important reality is to keep safe and look after each other.

Bank online details : **IBAN :IE81 BOFI 9031 8941 2599 40**
BIC: BOFIE2D

When contributing online please indicate your name so we can credit you at the years end and many many thanks for all your heartfelt support during this time.

Baptism

SACRAMENTS

Ashbourne:

Every Saturday and Sunday at 2pm.

Donaghmore:

By request

Pre-Baptism Meeting

Next Meeting: Postponed until further notice.

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

Sacraments & Devotions

Masses:

All public Masses are suspended until further notice

Confessions:

Saturday in JP II chapel

New Parish Phone Number and Email

The Parish office number is temporarily 086 7327737. 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.

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 Parish also has a new email address effective immediately :-

ashbournedonaghmoreparish@gmail.com

Religious nuns and friars offer prayers and wisdom for COVID-19

It is understandable to feel fear and anxiety when the way we need to respond to this crisis separates us from the very things that help to keep us grounded and connected.

A cloistered nun who says she has been “social distancing” for 29 years has offered her tips to people staying home during the COVID-19 crisis.

In an interview, Sister Mary Catharine Perry, a cloistered nun with the Dominicans in the US, said that she had chosen to practise social distancing with 17 other nuns. Of course, they do not call it that, but they never leave their monastery in Summit, New Jersey, except for visits to the doctor or shopping for a specific item.

She advises people who need to practise social distancing during the current crisis:

1. Establish structure, as a regular routine gives a sense of consistency and rhythm. For the nuns, this means they have planned time for prayer, worship, work, eating and fun. For a family during this crisis, it might mean starting work or homeschooling at a set time and having a break at the same time every day.

2. Be intentional and love others, because naturally people seek to look after their own needs and those of their loved ones. As well as that they need to reach out to others by offering to shop or cook for someone else like a neighbour.

3. Use this time for self-reflection and relaxation. These weeks can be the opportunity for a more quiet, simple life.

“Stop. Be still. You can either waste this period hoose to make it the best it can be,” she concluded.

She is among the many members of religious orders and communities who have been offering words of support to people in the face of COVID-19.

Kathleen McGarvey, Provincial Leader, OLA, stated that it is understandable to feel fear and the very things thanxiety when the way we need to respond to this crisis separates us from t help to keep us grounded and connected. She said that many people may not be able to visit with family and friends, nor to attend church services and be gathered with community.

“God is not confined to the church buildings and gathering places. God lives within each and every one of us. We need only still the noise within and remember, ‘God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble’, Psalm 46:1,” she said.

She asked people to pray for the sick and those affected by COVID-19 and offered to take prayer intentions which can be submitted online.

The Pallottine blog highlighted St Patrick in isolation. “Isolation – the astonishing extent of it – is almost more fearsome than the disease itself. It is a challenge for families who have self-isolated, even more so for the elderly who are having isolation imposed on them, facing the prospect of not seeing their families for weeks or even months. The loneliness of that is perhaps something not considered by the experts and those in power,” the blogger stated.

CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

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

Similarly, Church weddings and baptisms may be celebrated with as few as possible attending.

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 Prayer Services.

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.

RTÉ to broadcast daily Mass during the Covid-19 Emergency

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.