

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Pentecost Sunday 31/05/2020

Our office is contactable to the public
Monday -Saturday 9.30am - 2.30pm by
telephone (01) 8353149 or e-mail **ONLY**
ashbournedonaghmoreparish@gmail.com

All Mass bookings & enquiries should be
made in this way please.

Mass Cards are available for collection on
Wednesdays **ONLY** from 10.30am-12.30pm
in the parish office. Please pre-book these by
phone or e-mail

The **Toilets** in the Parish Office remain
Closed at this time of emergency for obvious
reasons of hygiene.

Priests of the Parish

Fr. John Nally P.P.
Fr. Ciarán Clarke C.C.

Priest on Call

T: 087 - 3519516 (for urgent enquiries)

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Parish Hall

T: 086-7327737

E: parishhall2014@gmail.com

*The Parish Hall is closed during this
time of suspension.*

MASS INTENTIONS 31ST MAY TO 6TH JUNE

Sunday 31st 11am Anna Marie Scully & Dad Tommy,
Sean Conway, Kathleen Geraghty, Henry Ellis,
Michael O'Reilly, Joan Deegan, Phyllis Twomey (Mths
Mind), Hugh Bartley (Mths Mind),

Wednesday 3rd 10am Tom Hollywood

Friday 5th 10am Altar List of the Dead

Saturday 6th 10am Bethany Mass



**PLEASE RETURN TRÓCAIRE BOXES / DONATIONS
THIS WEEK TO THE PARISH OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY 10.30AM -12.30PM.**

Giving during this time:

Dear Parishioners,
The past few months 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 : **Parish Funds BIC: BOFIE2D
IBAN :IE81BOFI90318941259940**

**Priest's Offerings BIC: BOFIE2D
IBAN: IE66BOFI90318941030708**

**The Parish Office now accepts payment by Bank Card /
Credit Card over phone (01) 8353149**

**A secure designated box is located at the back of the Church
for Parish Funds, Priest's Offerings and Donations**

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.

SACRAMENTS

Sacraments & Devotions

Masses will continue to be
celebrated via our Webcam:
http://
www.ashbourneparish.ie/
news/church-services-tv/
Sunday @ 11am.
Mon -Sat @ 10am

Confessions:
Are suspended until further
notice.



Baptism

Baptisms are not continuing at the
present time except in cases of
illness.

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.***

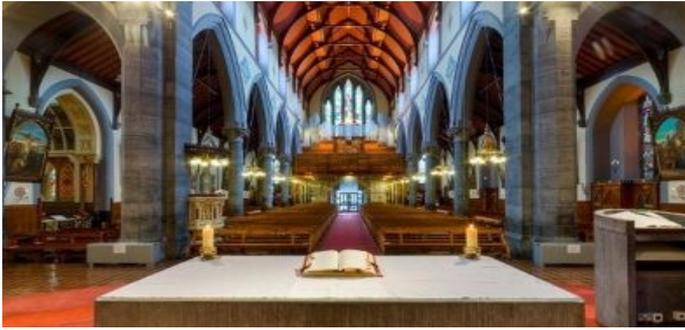
Please Pray for those who have died in recent weeks

Gerard (Gerry) Lillicrap, Milltown, Ashbourne, Co. Meath.
George Kelly, Huntsgrove, Ashbourne, Co. Meath.
Denis O'Brien, Kilbrew Demesne, Ashbourne/Kilmore West,
Dublin.
Pat Doherty, Broadmeadow Road / Donegal
Andrew (Andy) Roche, Milltown, Ashbourne, Co. Meath.
Tony O'Connor, Baltrasna, Ashbourne, Co. Meath
Kathleen Tormey, Fleenstown, The Ward, Ashbourne, Co.
Meath.
Fr. Phonicie Macken, retired Parish Priest of Bohermeen and
former director of Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.
Fr. Gabriel O'Dowd, retired Parish Priest of St. Margaret's
Parish, Dublin.
Hugh Bartley, Castle Park, Ashbourne, Co. Meath
Phyllis Twomey, The Ward, Dublin/Meath
Gerry Murray, Milltown Rise, Ashbourne, Co. Meath
Brigid Flynn, Castle Park, Ashbourne, Co. Meath
Pauline Loughran, Castle Park, Ashbourne, Co. Meath
Pawel Jankowski, Poland



Bishops to release guidance to parishes on returning to public worship

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The Bishops are set to release a Draft Framework document on the return of churches to public worship with checklists for parishes to help them prepare for their reopening by 20th July.

In a message to priests and parishes about preparing for public worship, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin said, “It is important that we as Church are ready to respond to any change in the current proposed timescale”.

He said there was “a longing” among believers “to be able to return to public worship and towards building up Christian communities”.

Dr Martin paid tribute to the way parishes have been “working creatively in reaching out during this complex lockdown situation” but he also acknowledged “we need to move beyond the virtual”.

As Christians, Archbishop Martin said, “we suffer through not being able to celebrate our faith through public worship” and he said there was a clear recognition by believers and many non-believers alike that in the process of healing and grieving, “as we journey through these difficult times, faith and spiritual experience constitute an important contribution in sustaining people’s personal and mental wellbeing”.

The void brought about by the pandemic, he said, was especially experienced by priests.

“Priests share in the anxiousness of all believers and in addition they find themselves unable to carry out to the full what is most essential in their calling. Priests are called to break the bread of the Scriptures and of the Body and Blood of the Lord in nourishing and being nourished by the Christian communities entrusted to their ministry. As Archbishop, I experience that void in a deep way.”

Noting how over the past weeks, all over Ireland, parishes have begun working on plans to be ready to open their churches as soon as it is safe to do so, Archbishop Martin thanked those Dublin parishes who had responded to his request to develop a plan to be ready to open at the appropriate moment, while respecting social distancing and public hygiene.

The Bishops, he revealed, had pooled suggestions from each diocese and had drawn up a first Draft Framework document.

The Standing Committee of the Bishops Conference examined this Framework on Monday and is working on producing a shorter and sharper document, with checklists to enable parishes to monitor where they are on the path forward.

This document, Dr Martin said, should be available in the next days.

Referring to the Government’s Roadmap and the constant respond to any change in the current proposed timescale.

“We have to examine how our desires can be measured within the overall public health situation. It is not that we place public health measures above our spiritual mission.”

He reminded priests and parishes of the words Pope Francis said when he greeted of the opening of churches in Italy: “but please, let us proceed respecting the norms, the prescriptions we are given to safeguard the health of each individual and the people”.

He also echoed the words of the Archbishop of Boston as churches in his diocese were preparing to “proceed patiently and with caution” towards reopening for public worship: “No matter what the start date, no parish should have Mass unless they can do it safely”.

The Archbishop thanked “all those who have been sustaining and supporting the ministry of the Church in these times” and told them that they have been making “a unique contribution to building up the Church”.

Accord’s new helpline identifies problems and offers advice to couples during pandemic restrictions



**COVID-19
COUPLES & RELATIONSHIPS
SUPPORT LINE**



**IF YOU NEED TO SPEAK TO AN
EXPERIENCED COUPLES &
RELATIONSHIPS COUNSELLOR
DURING THIS TIME OF
UNPRECEDENTED STRESS AND
PRESSURE ON FAMILY LIFE...**

Contact:

01 531 3331 028 9568 0151 01 905 9555

9.00 am - 8.00 pm, Monday to Friday

All calls charged at local rate.

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Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will not travel this year owing to the corona virus and it has been deferred until 12 September, 2021. A word of appreciation to everyone who supports the pilgrimage and make it possible and we look forward to being able to travel again next year.

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