

# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Website: [ashbourneparish.ie](http://ashbourneparish.ie)

**18th Sunday in Ordinary time 02/08/2020**

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

## **Parish Secretary**

Mary Mullen

## **Parish Hall**

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

## **MASS INTENTIONS 2ND AUGUST TO 8TH AUGUST**

<b>Sunday 2nd 9am</b>	Patrick O'Sullivan
<b>11am</b>	Manus O'Byrne months mind
<b>12.30pm</b>	William & Olga Ward, Tony & Maureen Coffey
<b>Monday 3rd 10am</b>	Angie & Paddy Foy
<b>Tuesday 4th 10am</b>	Patsy Hickey
<b>Wednesday 5th 10am</b>	Morgan Doyle
	Deceased members of St. Declan's Credit Union
<b>Friday 7th 10am</b>	Altar List of the Dead
<b>Saturday 8th 7pm</b>	Jack Walsh, Danny O'Connell & daughter Siobhan, Bill Dormey
<b>Sunday 9th 9am</b>	Paddy Grattan
<b>12.30pm</b>	Christy Garrett, Christopher O'Reilly

## **Please Pray for those who have died in recent weeks**

**Manus O'Byrne**, Dublin Road, Ashbourne, Co. Meath  
**Fr. Paddy Keary P.P.** (former parish priest of Clara and Holy  
Family parish Drogheda)  
**Maria O'Sullivan**, Ashbourne, Co. Meath / Rathcoole Co. Dublin  
**Aisling Parks**, Kilbrew Demesne, Ashbourne, Co. Meath  
**Lar Skelly**, The Ward, Dublin / Ashbourne, Co. Meath  
**Deirdre Fairbrother** (nee Cusack), Ratoath  
**Eileen (Ely) Crowley**, Cork  
**Breda (Bridget) Doherty**, Crestwood, Ashbourne, /  
Coolock  
**Sr. Lawrence De St. Therese**, Dublin  
**Rita Nally**, Castlepollard, Westmeath  
**Mae Landers**, London  
**David Keegan**, Deerpark, Ashbourne, Co. Meath  
**Marie Hickey**, Perth, Australia



## **Baptism**

Baptisms will take place in :-

***Ashbourne Church on Saturdays at 3.30pm and  
Sundays at 2pm  
and Donaghmore Church by request***

Pre-Baptism meetings are suspended for the moment however, a  
Baptism preparation video has been produced in our own parish  
and details of how to view it will be sent to each family.

In Ashbourne Church the maximum number of families we can  
take at any one session is 4. Each family will be limited to Parents,  
Godparents, child and the child's siblings for the time being.

## **Giving during this time:**

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. Recently we have also  
added a new **DONATE** button onto our parish website which will  
make it even easier for people to send us funds.

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**

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.



**Collections**  
19th July - Ashbourne Plate €655 Donaghmore Plate €140 Development Fund €1485  
26th July - Ashbourne Plate €425 Donaghmore Plate €70 Development Fund €610



## ***Celebrating Mass together during restrictions***

- **Every Mass is now a 'Sunday Mass'.** The Irish Bishops have suspended the 'obligation' to attend on a Sunday so every Mass now holds as a Sunday Mass. This means that parishioners who are not free and not working could attend the 10am Mass during a weekday instead of a Sunday Mass thereby allowing working parishioners and young families to attend at the weekend.
- May we also ask that those who attend Mass everyday would please limit themselves to attending **once a week**. I know this is an imposition but as with all these requests / guidelines its "For the time being" and not forever.
- **Mass will be celebrated at the Main Altar** for all Masses except with perhaps the 11am Mass and not in the porch of the Church. This will be subject to review each week. Numbers coming to most Masses are manageable thanks to the "Sign in Sheet" initiative. We are indebted to the very many stewards who are helping us in this regard.
- The "Jubilee doors" facing the Main Altar will be left open during Mass for those who wish to remain outside. Some seating (under a canopy) will be provided along with extra Amplification. Some parishioners feel more comfortable outside the building and we aim to make them as much a part of our worship as everybody else.
- Special **"Collection Boxes"** have been made for parishioners to leave donations, envelopes or offerings as they enter or leave the Church. This will replace the collection which used to take place in the middle of Mass as baskets/bags can no longer be used as per the Bishops instruction.as

### ***Sign-In Sheets***

'Sign-In Sheets' for each Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception—Ashbourne have been provided for some weeks both for the weekday and weekend Masses. Parishioners are now self regulating the one Mass they attend each week.

Important points to remember :

- 1) If you have signed in for a particular Mass please try and keep to that Mass
  - 2) If you have signed for a particular Mass you need to show up at least 5 minutes before the Mass begins to be guaranteed a seat
- **Donaghmore Church** will only have 16 benches available for public use which means that one family from an individual household can occupy one bench. This means that the Sunday 10am Mass at Donaghmore Church will be most restricted of all Masses to attend. For this particular Mass, parishioners will have to book in to the Parish Office to secure a bench. Obviously those who have a Mass intention arranged will be given a priority. Outside amplifications will be switched on for those who wish to stand outside.
  - **Overflow Issues** Whether its Ashbourne or Donaghmore Church there will be certain Masses especially at the weekend where not everybody will be able to get into Church so the outside amplification will be switched on. In Ashbourne a Minister of the Eucharist will distribute Holy Communion at a specially designed station located at the Parish Office door.

- Ministers of the Eucharist will distribute Holy Communion wearing a mask and visor for your and their protection. They will not wear gloves as per the instructions we have been given from Bishop Tom. Holy Communion will only be distributed on the hand and not on the tongue. This is for everybody's protection and we appreciate your understanding in this regard.
- The hour of Communion distribution on a Sunday (3.30-4.30pm) will be discontinued from Sunday 16th August as the number of parishioners turning up is very small. If people are nervous about attending Mass then remaining in your car during Mass and receiving at the Parish Office door during Communion time is a possibility.
- **Toilets:-** Will only be available in the Parish Hall and not the Parish Office. Toilets will only be available during Mass times
- Please obey the stewards, social distancing and the signage.

***Pope Francis*** has invited young people around the world to perform "gestures of tenderness" toward the elderly, as many are forced into isolation to observe Covid-19 health guidelines.

The Vatican's Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life quickly answered that call and launched "The elderly are your grandparents" campaign.

In a communiqué released on Monday, the Dicastery invited young people "to do something that shows kindness and affection for older people who may feel lonely."

"The pandemic has hit the elderly particularly hard and it has disconnected the already weak links between generations," reads the statement. "However, respecting social distancing rules does not mean accepting a destiny of loneliness and abandonment."

The Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life recalled examples of people contacting the elderly by phone and internet, with some even performing serenades to the residents of retirement homes.

"Young people," says the communique, "have been doing this to help alleviate the loneliness being felt by many people who are obliged by the pandemic to stay at home or remain confined in residential care facilities."

### ***Send a hug***

Since health regulations remain in place in many countries to protect the elderly, the Dicastery urges young Catholics to send a hug to the older people of their parish or neighborhood who may be experiencing loneliness. They can do so by phone, video call, or by sending an image.

"Wherever possible – or whenever the health emergency will allow it – we invite young people to make the embrace even more concrete by visiting elderly in person."

### ***Share on social media***

Young people are encouraged to share their outreach efforts on social media by including [#sendyourhug](#) in the post. The best posts will be shared on the social media accounts of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life [@laityfamilylife](#).

**SUNDAY MASSES: 9am, 11am, 12.30pm, 7pm**  
**(Mass in Donaghmore Church at 10am)**

**DAILY MASS: Monday - Friday at 10am**

**SATURDAY: 7pm (vigil)**

**No 10am Mass on Saturday**

**CONFESSIONS: 5pm - 6pm on Saturday**

**Church must be vacated immediately after each Mass / Ceremony for cleaning please**

**Church re-opens after cleaning**  
**Monday-Friday 11.15am - Saturday at 1.30pm**

**Sunday after final morning Mass / Ceremony**

**Church Closes at 8pm**

**Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line**  
**1800 807 077 Mon—Fri 10am-1pm or leave a message**  
**The Samaritans call 116 123 lines open 24hr**