

# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Website: ashbourneparish.ie

**17th Sunday in Ordinary time 26/07/2020**

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

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 25TH JULY TO 2ND AUGUST

<b>Saturday 25th 7pm</b>	Kevin Devine months mind
<b>Sunday 26th 9am</b>	Catherine Walsh
<b>12.30pm</b>	Tom O'Keefe, Bridget Traynor, Michael Heavy
<b>Monday 27th 10am</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday 28th 10am</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday 29th 10am</b>	Anthony Scanlon
<b>Thursday 30th 10am</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Sunday 2nd 9am</b>	Patrick O'Sullivan
<b>11am</b>	Manus O'Byrne months mind
<b>12.30pm</b>	William & Olga Ward, Paul Duignan,



## 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.

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

Brigid Flynn, Castle Park, Ashbourne, Co. Meath  
Pauline Loughran, Castle Park, Ashbourne, Co. Meath  
Pawel Jankowski, Poland  
Tom Cotter, Broadmeadow Road, Ashbourne, Co. Meath  
John Emmett, Cluain Rí, Ashbourne / Finglas, Dublin  
Mary McCormack, Cluain Rí, Ashbourne, Co. Meath  
Noreen King, Curragha, Ashbourne, Co. Meath  
Kevin Devine, Crenigans, Bawnóg, Ashbourne, Co.  
Meath  
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 DeSt. Therese, Dublin  
Rita Nally, Castlepollard, Westmeath  
Mae Landers, London



## 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. 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**

**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.

**Eucharistic Ministers meeting  
Tuesday 28th July in the Church at 8pm.**

## Celebrating Mass together during restrictions

The last few months have been difficult for all of us but we will help each other as the next few weeks unfold. Please keep in mind these 3 simple words;- **Patience, Flexibility and Support** as we face into change together.

- We need to be **Patient** with each other and new realities
- We need to be **Flexible** when situations are not as they were before or as we would like them to be.
- We need to **Support** with positivity those who are trying to help us.

We want you to be confident about returning to the Church and Mass/Ceremonies so please take a minute to read through the following:-

- **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.
- At present and until 10th August the Government has introduced a "pod" system for buildings/Churches of Worship. A "pod" is a maximum of 50 people at a social distance of 2 metres with its own entrance and exit and must be 4 metres away from its neighbouring "pod". Under these restrictions Ashbourne Church can have 2 separate "pods". One located in the "New Church" and one in the "Old Church". Stewards will direct parishioners on arrival.
- Given these restrictions we are conscious of holding to the following principle -
  - A) that everyone who comes to Mass is treated equally in our Parish
  - B) That everyone who would like to receive Holy Communion is allowed to do so safely
- **Mass will be celebrated at the Main Altar** for all Masses from this weekend and not in the porch of the Church as has been the case for the last two weekends. Numbers coming to each Mass are manageable and thanks to the "Sign in Sheet" initiative parishioners are now almost self regulating their attendance. 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 (weather permitting) 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.

**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**

## Sign-In Sheets

Sign-In Sheets are now available at each Mass for parishioners to indicate which Weekday (Mon-Fri @ 10am) Mass or Weekend Mass they would prefer to attend during the week. These sheets are available before and after Mass for signing. There are 38 spacing's on each sheet and they cover both "pods". A spacing can be for an individual or a couple or a family. These sheets are reviewed on a daily basis to make sure our Parish is compliant with Government restrictions.

- **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.
- Some people will be understandably nervous and anxious about returning to sit in a Church for Mass due to all kinds of reasons. For those who feel they just can't attend but would dearly like to receive the Eucharist a special hour between 3.30pm-4.30pm is being set aside so people can come and receive and then leave in their own time
- Toilets:- Will only be available in the Parish Hall and not the Parish Office. Toilets will only be available during Mass times
- First Holy Communions (7 separate sessions) have been arranged for the Saturdays of July and August so the 10am Mass on Saturday morning has been dropped. However an extra Mass at 7pm on Sunday has been added

**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**