

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Website: ashbourneparish.ie

20th Sunday in Ordinary time 16/08/2020

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

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 16TH AUGUST TO 23RD AUGUST

Saturday 15th 11am	Solemnity -The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7pm	Betty & Billy Coughlan
Sunday 16th 9am	Walter Mulvey
11am	Lar Skelly months mind Breda Doherty months mind
12.30pm	Edward & Declan O'Donoghue May Brennan
Donaghmore 10am	Ann Somers
Monday 17th 10am	Patrick & Jean O'Dea, John & Ann Brennan
Wednesday 19th 10am	Mary & James Rogers
Thursday 20th 10am	Paddy Murphy
Saturday 22nd 7pm	Patrick Stritch, Lisa Doherty, Elizabeth Dunphy, Thomas Sayers, Mary Kelly, Sean Byrne, Sean Farrell & sister Phyllis & niece Kathleen
Sunday 23th 9am	James Kearns
11am	David Keegan months mind
12.30pm	Peggy Swinburne, Eddie & Kathleen Caffrey , Edward, Mary & Eileen Caffrey
7pm	
Donaghmore 10am	Anthony Ellis



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.

Each family will be limited to **10 Adults** (includes Parents &
Godparents) of the child to be baptised 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.

Please Pray for those who have died in recent weeks

Sr. Lawrence DeTherese, Dublin
Rita Nally, Castlepollard, Westmeath
Mae Landers, London
David Keegan, Deerpark, Ashbourne, Co. Meath
Marie Hickey, Perth, Australia
Mary Maher, Mountrath, Co. Laois
Isabel Foley, The Ward Dublin / Enniskillen, Fermanagh



Collections

Ashbourne Plate €480 Donaghmore Plate €50 Development Fund €1605

We thank all who contribute and all who pay by Standing Order.

Mile Buíochas



Celebrating Mass together during restrictions

Every Mass is now a 'Sunday Mass'. The Irish Bishops are continuing to suspend the 'obligation' to attend Mass on a Sunday every Mass now holds as a Sunday Mass. This means that parishioners who are 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**.

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.

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 remain in your car during Mass and you can receive Holy Communion in the Marquee.

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. These boxes will also be available at the weekday masses.

The 'Sign Sheet' initiative has now achieved its purpose of helping parishioners to self regulate the one Mass that they choose to attend each week so these sheets are no longer needed. Thank you very much for your cooperation in this regard.

The Marquee in the Church Carpark now acts as the overflow for Masses and is equipped with perfect sound. Understandably some parishioners remain nervous about entering a Church for Mass so this option is a welcome addition to our Parish's response to this emergency. Holy Communion will now be distributed in the Marquee

Toilets:- Will only be available in the Parish Hall and not the Parish Office. Toilets will only be available during Mass times.

The wearing of '**Face Coverings**' at Mass is very welcome and desirable.

Please obey the stewards, social distancing and the signage.

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

There is a **Church Gate** collection this weekend after all Masses in aid of ***Cystic Fibrosis***— Please support

Pope Francis sends a quarter-million euro to aid Beirut

"This donation is intended as a sign of His Holiness's attention and closeness to the affected population and of his fatherly closeness to people in serious difficulty," – Vatican press release.

According to Catholic News Agency (CNA), Pope Francis has sent a donation of 250,000 euros (\$295,488) to aid the Church in Lebanon with their recovery efforts after the devastating explosion which occurred in the capital city of Beirut on 4 August.

"This donation is intended as a sign of His Holiness's attention and closeness to the affected population and of his fatherly closeness to people in serious difficulty," a Vatican press release stated regarding the recent gift to the Church in Lebanon.

Church leaders have warned that the city and nation are on the brink of total collapse, and pleaded with the international community for aid. Bishop Gregory Mansour of the Eparchy of St Maron of Brooklyn and Bishop Elias Zeidan of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles described Beirut as an "apocalyptic city" in a joint call for assistance on Wednesday.

Pope Francis' donation was sent through the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development to the Apostolic Nunciature of Beirut and will go to "meet the needs of the Lebanese Church in these moments of difficulty and suffering", according to the Vatican.

Pope Francis made an appeal for prayer for the people of Lebanon after his general audience address on 5 August. He said: "Let us pray for the victims, for their families; and let us pray for Lebanon, so that, through the dedication of all its social, political and religious elements, it might face this extremely tragic and painful moment and, with the help of the international community, overcome the grave crisis they are experiencing."

Knock closes for its best attended feast of the year

"For the safety of our parishioners, pilgrims, visitors, staff, volunteers and priests, Knock Shrine has taken the unprecedented and heart-breaking decision to close the Shrine and grounds for the 15th August only," said Father Richard Gibbons, Rector, Knock.

"In the light of the current escalation of COVID-19 cases around the country together with the sheer impossibility of having the resources necessary to deal with the potential of large numbers of people gathering at the shrine for 15 August and being extremely conscious of our responsibility for the safety of our parishioners, pilgrims, visitors, staff, volunteers and priests, Knock Shrine has taken the unprecedented and heart-breaking decision to close the shrine and grounds for 15 August only," said Father Richard Gibbons, Rector, Knock.

He explained that the decision was taken following discussions with church and state bodies. "We are appealing to people therefore, not to travel to Knock for 15 August as the shrine and grounds will be closed off to everyone in order to prevent large gatherings," said Fr Gibbons

This year it will be different as the shrine and grounds will be closed from 8.00 p.m. on Friday 14 August to 7.00 a.m. on Sunday 16 August. Masses will be celebrated online only and behind closed doors at 12.00 noon, 3.00 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

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