

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Website: ashbourneparish.ie

22nd Sunday in Ordinary time 30/08/2020

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 29TH AUGUST TO 6TH SEPTEMBER

Saturday 29th	7pm	Barney Kearns, Anthony Butler
Sunday 30th	12.30pm	Jim Langan
Monday 31st	10am	Barbara Glynn (Chicago)
Tuesday 1st	10am	Birute Tomacuk, Regimantas Sarka
Thursday 3rd	10am	Paddy Lee Adrienne Rock
Friday 4th	10am	Altar List of the Dead
Saturday 5th	7pm	Mary & Jack Hickey, Catherine Galway & daughter Sr. Merlyn Galway, Walter Meleady Snr
Sunday 6th	9am	Paddy Lee & dec'd Lee Family Mary, John & Dan Landers
	11am	Eileen King 1st Anv
	12.30pm	Joe Donnelly
Donaghmore	10am	Matthew & Elizabeth O'Sullivan



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.

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.

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.

**Ministers of the Eucharist meeting Tuesday next
1st September at 8pm in the Parish Hall**

**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**

Please Pray for those who have died in recent weeks

Isabel Foley, The Ward Dublin / Enniskillen, Fermanagh
Bridie Bannon, Glasnevin
Seamus Donnelly, Ashbourne, Co. Meath, Garristown, Dublin
Fr. Gerry Rice, Retired Parish Priest of Kilcloon
Margaret (Gretta) ó Siochrú, Dingle, Co. Kerry



Giving during this time:

A number of people have asked us to put the Parish account number (IBAN and BIC) so that you can support us online. 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 accepts payment by Bank /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

Ashbourne Plate €410 Donaghmore Plate €50 Development Fund €1155
We thank all who contribute and all who pay by Standing Order.
Míle Buíochas



Pandemic is a crisis and we must come out of it better: Pope

By [Sarah Mac Donald](#) - 20 August, 2020

"It is essential to find a cure for this terrible virus, which has brought the world to its knees. We must also cure the larger virus of social injustice, inequality of opportunity, marginalisation, and lack of protection for the weakest."

Pope Francis has appealed to people to use the Covid-19 crisis as an opportunity to make the world a better place by repairing injustices, helping the poor and protecting the environment.

During his weekly general audience on Wednesday, the Pope said that any vaccine developed to protect against the Coronavirus must help everyone and not be prioritised for the rich.

"It would be sad," he said, if priority for a vaccine "were to be given to the richest. It would be sad if this vaccine were to become the property of this nation or another, rather than universal and for all".

He said the pandemic had exposed the plight of the poor and the great inequality in the world.

"The virus, while it does not distinguish between people, has found, in its devastating path, great inequalities and discrimination. And it has exacerbated them!" he said.

In his address, Pope Francis said the response to the pandemic must be a dual approach. On the one hand, it is essential to find a cure for "this small but terrible virus, which has brought the whole world to its knees".

On the other, he stressed, a larger virus must also be cured – that of social injustice, inequality of opportunity, marginalisation, and the lack of protection for the weakest.

The two-pronged response to healing is rooted in the Church's 'preferential option for the poor' and this, the Pope underlined, was not a political option nor an ideological option. "The preferential option for the poor is at the centre of the Gospel," he said.

Acknowledging that everyone is worried about the social consequences of the pandemic, he noted that many people want to return to normality and resume economic activities.

"Certainly, but this 'normality' should not include social injustices and the degradation of the environment. The pandemic is a crisis, and we do not emerge from a crisis the same as before: either we come out of it better, or we come out of it worse. We must come out of it better, to counter social injustice and environmental damage."

"Today we have an opportunity to build something different. For example, we can nurture an economy of the integral development of the poor, and not of providing assistance."

However, he acknowledged that aid is important and described the voluntary sector as one of the best structures of the Italian Church.

"But we must go beyond [aid], to resolve the problems that lead us to provide aid – an economy that does not resort to remedies that in fact poison society, such as profits not linked to the creation of dignified jobs. This type of profit is dissociated from the real economy, that which should bring benefits to the common people, and in addition is at times indifferent to the damage inflicted to our common home."

He said the preferential option for the poor, "this ethical-social need that comes from God's love" inspires us to conceive of and design an economy where people, and especially the poorest, are at the centre.

It also encourages us to plan the treatment of viruses by "prioritising those who are most in need".

BAPTISMS

Ashbourne Church on Saturdays at 3.30pm

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.

Face coverings are the new Church norm, as faith leaders unite to ask for masks - By [Cian Molloy](#) - 20 August, 2020

"It has become increasingly clear that the wearing of face coverings is likely to reduce the spread of coronavirus, thus helping to protect others," say Irish Church leaders.

From cover-your-head to cover-your-face: a good Christian should wear a face covering over their mouth and nose during Mass or during other religious services, say Church leaders.

"It is our responsibility to ensure that our services of worship are safe," said the heads of Ireland's four main Christian denominations – Catholic primate Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh, Church of Ireland primate Archbishop John McDowell, Presbyterian Moderator Rev David Bruce and Methodist Church President Rev Tom McKnight.

The Church leaders acknowledged that neither the Dublin nor the Stormont governments have made the wearing of face masks mandatory at services of worship and they attributed this to the fact that Christian communities are committed to maintaining two-metres physical distancing between household groups and to strictly adhering to government guidance on hand-hygiene, cleaning, ventilation, etc. Notably, the Church leaders' statement does not use the word 'mask' at all, referring only to 'face coverings'.

Nevertheless, the four leaders said in their joint statement issued yesterday evening: "It has become increasingly clear that the wearing of face coverings, in conjunction with hand washing etc., is likely to reduce the spread of coronavirus, thus helping to protect others. Their use is therefore one way in which we can evidence protection for the most vulnerable, support for our health workers, and practical love for our neighbours.

"Following further recent consultations with public health authorities, we join with Christian church leaders all over this island in formally recommending and encouraging the use of face coverings at all services of worship, along with the ongoing maintenance of 2 metre physical distancing, from Sunday 30th August 2020, and earlier if practicable."

The joint statement recognises that there are some people who 'are exempted from the wearing of face coverings' and that 'it may not be appropriate for those who are leading from the front during worship, including preaching, to wear face covering'. In such cases, people should always maintain a two-metre physical distance from one another and that preachers and celebrants need to be at least four metres away from those in the front row of the congregation.

This guidance has already been put into effect in many parishes that are asking worshippers to wear masks before entering Church buildings.

Earlier yesterday Bishop Francis Brennan issued a 'wear a mask' request to the people of the Ferns diocese, saying: "In solidarity with the vast majority of our fellow citizens who actively promote and pursue as safe an environment as possible, I strongly recommend the wearing of face-coverings as public Masses and services continue in addition to the continuation of social distancing and sanitising in all of our diocesan churches and buildings."

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