

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Website: ashbourneparish.ie

Fourth Sunday of Advent 20/12/2020

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 and Fridays 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 Youth Ministry Worker

Joe Mahony
Parish Office (01) 8353149

MASS INTENTIONS 20TH DECEMBER TO 27TH DECEMBER

Saturday 19th	7pm	Susan Clearey, Siobhán O'Connell & Dad Danny, Ann Grimes, Walter Murphy, Mark Ward 1st Avn
Sunday 20th	9am	Paul Kelly, Sean O'Connor, Ena McDade
	12.30pm	Charlie Fitzsimons, Byrne & Heapes Families
	7pm	Pauline Larkin, Declan Mahon, Thomas & Monica Carberry & dec'd of Carberry Family
Donaghmore	10am	Eddie & Kathleen Caffrey, Bernadette Ralph
Monday 21th	10am	Andrea Fleming, Siobhan Cochrane & dec'd Cochrane Family Pamela Hurley & dec'd Hurley Family
Tuesday 22nd	10am	Christopher Cassidy, Thomas & Patrick Rattigan, Sean O'Connor
Wednesday 23rd	10am	Derek Tyson, Sean Brown, Molly & Joe Healy
Thursday 24th	Christmas Eve	People of the Parish <u>No 10am Mass Christmas Eve</u>
Friday 25th	Christmas Day	People of the Parish
Saturday 26th	7pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 27th	9am	Jane Kellegher Robert
	10.45am	Christopher Cassidy
	12.30pm	Paddy & Julian Brady, Kevine Devine
	7pm	Special Intention
Donaghmore	10am	Phil & Joe Bobbitt

CONFESSIONS

Sunday 20th December 4-7pm

No Confessions on Saturday 26th December

Please Pray for those who have died in recent weeks

Anna Russell wife of Oliver Russell, Garristown
Margaret (Cooke) Donato, Aunt of Michelle Roache &
Elaine Kavanagh
Mary Brady, Broadmeadow Green, Ashbourne, Co. Meath



FRESH MASS SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY MASSES: 9am, 10.45am. (PLEASE NOTE
CHANGE OF TIME) 12.30pm, 7pm**
(Mass in Donaghmore Church at 10am book a bench)

**ANYONE WHO HAVE MASS INTENTIONS BOOKED
PLEASE ENTER CHURCH VIA ZONE 3 (OLD
CHURCH DOOR)
WHERE STEWARDS WILL HAVE NAMES ON
CLIPBOARDS**

**DAILY MASS: Monday - Friday at 10am
SATURDAY: 7pm (vigil)**

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**

Sunday after final morning Mass / Ceremony

Church Closes at 8pm

Giving during this time:

Parishioners and others continue to ask 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: BOFHE2D**
IBAN: IE81BOFI90318941259940
Priest's Offerings BIC: BOFHE2D
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.

**NEW BOXES OF WEEKLY ENVELOPES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER
AND WITH NEW NUMBERING SYSTEM ARE AT THE BACK
OF THE CHURCH FOR COLLECTION — THANK YOU**



Collections

Development Fund €2065

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



Keep Christ at the centre of Christmas

- Bishops



The Irish Bishops have asked people to keep Christ at the centre of their Christmas preparations this year. 'Preparations have begun in earnest in parishes across the country for the celebration of Christmas – albeit in a very different context this year. Priests working with Parish Pastoral Councils are making decisions at a local level on how best to celebrate Christmas in a safe manner. We extend our sincere gratitude to parish teams throughout the country – including stewards and cleaners – who generously ensure that our churches are safe environments where people can confidently assemble for worship. Their task, as Christmas approaches, will not be easy, and we appeal to all the faithful to cooperate fully with them.

"We strongly encourage the faithful to *keep Christ at the centre of Christmas* this year. Clearly it will be impossible for our usual large congregations to assemble for Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. We wish to remind Catholics that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended during the pandemic. But Christmas is about more than just one day. Families are welcome to attend Mass at some point during the twelve days from Christmas Eve to Epiphany. Christmas Masses will also be widely available over webcam and we strongly encourage families to "tune in" from the "domestic churches" of their living rooms and join with those who are gathering in their local churches in welcoming the birth of the Christ-child."

The bishops went on to highlight how it is possible to experience the spiritual richness of this special season in many ways. They said, "Our homes can become "little churches" where we invite the Christ-child in. The age-old tradition of having a Christmas crib in the home and gathering there as a family to pray or to sing a carol will be especially meaningful this year. We also invite families or "household bubbles" to pay a visit to their local church at some time during the twelve days to offer a Christmas prayer at the crib and pray together for their families and for those particularly impacted by the pandemic."

They said, "The hope of Advent and the joy of Christmas inspire us to reach out to those in greatest need at this time. *Keep Christ at the centre this Christmas* by bringing the hope and joy of his birth to people who are sick, isolated, lonely or poor. A simple act of kindness can make such a difference. Charities such as the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Crosscare, Trócaire and World Missions Ireland will welcome much needed contributions as they have been unable to raise funds in the normal way during the pandemic.

"We are particularly conscious of those whose livelihoods have been seriously threatened by the pandemic. We keep in mind those for whom Christmas time may bring feelings of sadness – people coping with bereavement, families that cannot be together, those in care homes who can only have limited visits from their loved ones. Christmas can be difficult for Irish emigrants and migrants living in Ireland, who are unable to travel home. We pray that the time will come very soon when sorrow will ease and loving connections can be fully restored."

They continued, "Traditionally many people turn at this time of the year to ask for God's forgiveness and for healing of spirit. Although it may not be possible for all who wish to go to Confession to safely avail of the sacrament, we encourage the faithful to confidently place their trust in God's mercy through an Act of Perfect Contrition.

'As we continue our journey through the season of Advent, waiting in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, we are acutely aware of the yearning in our country and in our world for hope and consolation. In some ways the Covid-19 restrictions open up greater opportunities for prayer and for reflection, for family time and space to enter into the true meaning of Christmas.'

BOOKING MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Eve:

4pm **FULL**
5.45pm **FULL**
7.30pm **FULL**
9.15pm **FULL**
11pm

Christmas Day:

7.15am
9am **FULL**
10.45am **FULL**
12.30pm **FULL**

You must have a ticket to attend these Masses and be seated in designated Zones

Alternatively please view it via our Webcam at
www.ashbourneparish.ie/news/church-services-tv/

No standing outside the Church is allowed under strict Government restrictions

Tickets can be booked for Ashbourne Church only by phone on 089-4049788

10am-12pm Mon-Sun & 8-9pm Mon-Fri giving name, contact number, preferred mass time and number of tickets required.

Tickets are limited to 1 household only.

Poinsettia Appeal

If you would like to donate and leave a potted Poinsettia plant into the Church at the base of the Sanctuary area, we will use them to decorate our Church for Christmas Masses. Thank you.

Parish Care Appeal

in conjunction with *Super-Valu* in Ashbourne
***** - helping those in need - *****

If you wish to support this appeal, please advise the staff at the check-out that you would like to make a contribution to the 'Parish Care Appeal', indicating the amount you wish to donate. This will appear on your till receipt.

All donations will be applied to 'Gift Cards' and distributed to those in need.

The cards can be redeemed for food, household goods, or solid fuel. The cards can also be used to top up electricity & gas meter cards which can be purchased through Super Valu.

**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**



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

No Adoration Thursday (Christmas Eve) this week but it will resume the week after