

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Website: ashbourneparish.ie

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and
Joseph 27/12/2020

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 26TH DECEMBER TO 3RD JANUARY

Sunday 27th	10am	Jane Kellegher Robert, Phil & Joe Bobbitt
	12.30pm	Paddy & Julian Brady, Kevin Devine Special Intention
Monday 28th	10am	No 10am Mass or Communion Service
Tuesday 29th	10am	No 10am Mass or Communion Service
Wednesday 30th	10am	Paddy Murphy, Jack & Kitty Moore & Son Martin, Fr. Martin E. Butke
Thursday 31st	10am	Vincent Beggy & Dec'd of Beggy Family, Connolly Family
Friday 1st	10am	Altar List of the Dead
Sunday 3rd	10am	Maureen Moloney, Philomena Mulvaney, Thomas & Ellie O'Boyle & Husband Thomas
	12.30pm	Noel Rock & parents William & Catherine Rock Seán Conroy



Mass on Webcam

During this new and present time of restriction (level 5) our **Masses** celebrated in the parish can **only be viewed on Webcam**. During the last time of restriction (March - June) our Sunday Mass time was at 11am, however, during this time Fr. John and Fr. Ciarán will celebrate two Masses each Sunday in **Ashbourne Church** at **10am and 12.30pm**. Intentions from other weekend Masses will be moved to these times and the relevant families will be notified. In celebrating the 10am Sunday Mass in Ashbourne Church it establishes a greater bond with our sister Church of St. Patrick's in Donaghmore.

SUNDAY MASSES

10am & 12.30pm
via **webcam** only

DAILY MASS: Monday - Friday at 10am via webcam only

Webcam:

www.ashbourneparish.ie/news/church-services-tv/

Church opens after cleaning

Monday - Saturday at 11.15am (Funeral permitting)

Sunday after final morning Mass

Church Closes at 8pm

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
Raymond Sheedy, Artane, Dublin uncle of Michelle
Heneghan
Augustine Kearns, brother of Maureen Coggins
Trisha (Mary) McDonnell, mother of Paddy McDonnell



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



**Church closes from Christmas Day to 28th
December at 5pm**

**The Parish Office is closed until 4th
January**



Collections

Development Fund €1310

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



THE POPE'S NEW BOOK



LET US DREAM

In his new book *Let Us Dream*, the Pope shares a very personal vision of a fairer world in the aftermath of Covid. In one of the most moving passages, he describes coming to see that the call to live in friendship with God and our neighbour is inseparably bound up with care for our environment.

“For a long time we carried on thinking we could be healthy in a world that was sick. But the crisis has brought home how important it is to work for a healthy world.

The world is God’s gift to us. The biblical story of Creation has a constant refrain: “And God saw that it was good” (Genesis 1:12). Good means bountiful, life-giving and beautiful.

After my election as Pope, I asked experts on climate and environmental science to assemble the best available data on the state of our planet. Then I asked some theologians to reflect on that data, in dialogue with experts in the field from across the world. Theologians and scientists put their heads together until they reached a synthesis.

The fate of Creation is tied to the fate of all humanity. When I give audiences in St Peter’s Square, I greet the three or four rows of sick people who are there. Particularly in the case of the children, I ask: “What does he or she have?” I would say about 40 per cent of the time it’s “unusual sicknesses” caused by some neglect of the environment: the irresponsible use of waste, the reckless deployment of pesticides that are continually being developed.

A year ago I met fishermen from the Italian town of San Benedetto del Tronto who told me of the tons of plastic they had fished up from the sea. Theirs is a fleet of small boats, crews of no more than maybe six or seven on board each one. This year they came to see me again and told me they had hauled up 24 tons of garbage of which about half – that’s 12 tons – was plastic. They’ve taken it upon themselves as a kind of mission not to throw it back in the water. So along with the fish, they gather the plastic and separate it on the boats – which costs money, of course.

A humanity impatient with the limits that nature teaches is a humanity that has failed to master the power of technology. In other words, technology has ceased to be our instrument and has become our overlord. It has changed our mindset. How? We become more intolerant of limits: if it can be done, and it is profitable, we see no reason why it shouldn’t be done. We begin to believe in power, confusing it with progress, such that whatever boosts our control is seen as beneficial.

Our sin lies in failing to recognise value, in wanting to possess and exploit that which we do not value as a gift. Sin always has this same root of possessiveness, of enrichment at the expense of other people and Creation itself. The sin is in exploiting what must not be exploited, in extracting wealth (power or satisfaction) from where it should not be taken. Sin is a rejection of the limits that love requires.”

*An extract from *Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future* by Pope Francis in conversation with Austen Ivereigh, published by Simon & Schuster*

Prayer for the New Year

Lord Jesus, as I face into 2021, may I always embrace the gift of each new day. As I step to face all my tomorrows, full of opportunity, changes and challenges, I know you are with me. Increase my trust even when I don’t understand. Increase my love even when I am hurting. May I hear your voice which reminds me that I am precious, I am loved, I am a child of God. Increase my faith so I may see your path unfolding before me. May this year be a Blessing for me and those I journey with. Amen.

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: 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.

**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

The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration on the Main Altar of Ashbourne Church after Mass (funeral permitting) until 8pm each Thursday for private prayer and devotion **in silence.**



This is an opportunity for people to listen to God and pray quietly in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

We ask those visiting the Church to observe social distancing and hand sanitizing.