



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Website: ashbourneparish.ie

Second Sunday of Christmas 03/01/2021

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

Tel: 087 - 3519516 [For urgent enquiries]

Parish Secretary

Mary Mullen

Parish Youth Ministry Worker

Joe Mahony
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MASS INTENTIONS 3rd - 10th JANUARY

Sunday 3rd	10am	Catherine and James McDonnell, Philomena Mulvaney, Thomas & Ellie O'Boyle & husband Thomas.
	12.30pm	Noel Rock & parents William & Catherine, Seán Conway, Maureen Maloney.
Monday 4th	10am	Edward & Mary Rafferty, Tom & Maureen Fox, Patricia Campbell.
Tuesday 5th	10am	Siobhán Cochrane, Pamela Hurley, Augustine Kearns, Brendan O'Byrne, Liam Harding.
Wednesday 6th	10am	Jim & Mary Mitchell, Tom & Elizabeth Farrell.
Thursday 7th	10am	Noel McGunness, Barney McKenna, Dec'd of MacMenamy, Prendegast, Walsh & Burke Families.
Friday 8th	10am	John Harty, Marian O'Brien, Celia Farrell & baby Reiltín.
Sunday 10th	10am	Joan & Séamus Lyons, Ann & John Brennan, Aidrain Rock, Catherine Walsh.
	12.30pm	Barry Maguire, Patty McNevin mths mind.

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.
James Tunnah, Castle Crescent, Ashbourne, Co. Meath.
James (Jimmy) Lee, Finglas, Dublin.
Dolores O'Neill, Tudor Grove, Ashbourne / Marino, Dublin.



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



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.

Collections

Development Fund details to follow.

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

Míle Buíochas





A CULTURE OF CARE AS A PATH TO PEACE

Pope Francis' message for the
World Day of Prayer for Peace
1 January 2021

@catholicbishops

Lessons from the pandemic

Pope Francis begins his message noting how the “massive Covid-19 health crisis” has aggravated deeply interrelated crises such as those of the climate, food, the economy and migration, causing great sorrow and suffering to many. He makes it an occasion to appeal to political leaders and the private sector to spare no effort to ensure access to Covid-19 vaccines and to the essential technologies needed to care for the sick, the poor and those who are most vulnerable.

Alongside the pandemic, the Pope also notes a surge in various forms of nationalism, racism and xenophobia, and wars and conflicts that bring only death and destruction in their wake. These and other events of 2020, he says, have underscored the importance of caring for one another and for creation in our efforts to build a more fraternal society. Hence, “A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace” is a “way to combat the culture of indifference, waste and confrontation so prevalent in our time,” he says.

Evolution of the Church’s Culture of Care

The Holy Father traces the evolution of the Church’s Culture of Care from the first book of the Bible to Jesus, through the early Church down to our times.

After the creation of the world, God entrusts it to Adam to “till it and keep it”. Cain’s response to God – “Am I my brother’s keeper?” – after killing his brother, Abel, is a reminder that all of us are keepers of one another. God’s protection of Cain, despite his crime, confirms the inviolable dignity of the person created in God’s image and likeness. Later, the institution of the Sabbath aimed to restore the social order and concern for the poor, while the Jubilee year provided a respite for the land, slaves and those in debt. All this, the Pope says, shows that “everything is interconnected, and that genuine care for our own lives and our relationship with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others.”

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

The Father’s love for humanity, the Pope says, finds its supreme revelation in Jesus, who asks His disciples to do likewise. The early Christians followed Jesus by sharing what they had and caring for the needy, thus making their community a welcoming home.

Today, the Church has “many institutions for the relief of every human need: hospitals, poor houses, orphanages, foundling homes, shelters for travellers...”

Church’s social doctrine – a “compass”

In the face of our throw-away culture, with its growing inequalities both within and between nations, Pope Francis urges government leaders, and those of international organizations, business leaders, scientists, communicators and educators, to take up the principles of the Church’s social doctrine as a “compass”. It is capable of pointing out a common direction and ensuring “a more humane future” in the process of globalization. He also calls on everyone to take this compass in hand and work to overcome the many existing social inequalities.

Humanitarian law needs to be respected, especially in situations of conflict and war, which cause enormous suffering to children, men and women. Instead of regarding conflicts as something normal, the Pope says, we need to convert our hearts and ways of thinking in order to work for true peace in solidarity and fraternity.

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.



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