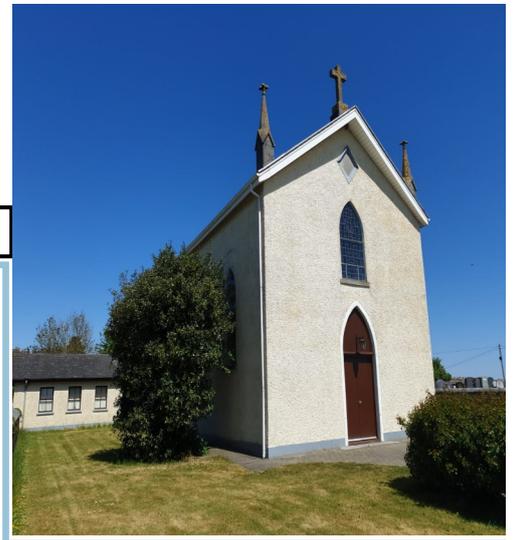




# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Website: [ashbourneparish.ie](http://ashbourneparish.ie)

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 17/01/2021



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

All Mass bookings & enquiries should be made in this way please. **Mass Cards** will be posted out only as the **office is closed** due to Government restrictions..

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  
Parish Office (01) 8353149

## MASS INTENTIONS 16th - 24th JANUARY

**Sunday 17th 10am** Ann Grimes, Joe Kelly,  
William & Sheila Butler  
**12.30pm** Christopher Tormey, Ann Brennan  
**Monday 18th 10am** Holy Souls  
**Tuesday 19th 10am** John, Annie & Jack (Jackie) Fitzsimons,  
Andrea Fleming  
**Thursday 21st 10am** Angie & Paddy Foy  
**Friday 22nd 10am** Pat Sheehy  
**Sunday 24th 10am** T.J. Shanahan, James (Jimmy) Lee months  
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**12.30pm** James Tunnah months 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.

## Please Pray for those who have died in recent weeks

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  
Babs Cotter, Broadmeadow Castle, Ashbourne, Co. Meath  
Patrick (Pat) Sheehy, Malahide, Dublin, Father of Karen Peel  
Des Rochford, brother of Ben Rochford  
Patrick Cronan, Milltown Road, Ashbourne / Rathfarnham, Dublin  
Annie Kelly, Rathconrath, Mullingar, Westmeath / Westport, Mayo  
Patrick Boyle, Monaghan, uncle of Pauline Duffy & Aileen Dennehy  
Tom Hyde, Southampton, husband of Frances Newman, formerly Ashbourne  
Michael Daly, Monaghan, brother of Séamus Daly  
Tony Hegarty, Father of Caroline McCarton



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



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

## 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/](http://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**

## 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 amount to follow

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

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- Archbishop Eamon Martin

@catholicbishops

Archbishop Eamon Martin has welcomed the publication of the Mother and Baby Homes Report, published on Tuesday 12 January. In a statement, Archbishop Martin said, "As a Church leader today, I accept that the Church was clearly part of that culture in which people were frequently stigmatized, judged and rejected. For that, and for the long-lasting hurt and emotional distress that has resulted, I unreservedly apologise to the survivors and to all those who are personally impacted by the realities it uncovers. Mindful of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which calls us to protect life and dignity and to treat everyone – especially little children and all who are vulnerable – with love, compassion and mercy, I believe the Church must continue to acknowledge before the Lord and before others its part in sustaining what the Report describes as a "harsh ... cold and uncaring atmosphere".

"Although it may be distressing, it is important that all of us spend time in the coming days reflecting on this Report which touches on the personal story and experience of many families in Ireland. The Commission's Report helps to further open to the light what was for many years a hidden part of our shared history and it exposes the culture of isolation, secrecy and social ostracizing which faced "unmarried mothers" and their children in this country.

"I ask all those who are in positions of leadership in the Church to study this lengthy report carefully and especially to spend time reflecting on the courageous testimonies of the witnesses to the Commission. Together we must ask "How could this happen?" We must identify, accept and respond to the broader issues which the Report raises about our past, present and future."

The archbishop said, "Above all we must continue to find ways of reaching out to those whose personal testimonies are central to this Report. They have shown determination in bringing to light this dark chapter in the life of Church and society. We owe it to them to take time to study and reflect on the findings and recommendations of the Report, and commit to doing what we can to help and support them. The Report makes it clear that many are still learning about their personal stories and searching for family members. The rights of all survivors to access personal information about themselves should be fully respected and I again urge the State to ensure that any remaining obstacles to information and tracing should be overcome.

"The Commission believes that there may be people with further information about burial places who have not come forward. I appeal to anyone who can help to do so. All burial grounds should be identified and appropriately marked so that the deceased and their families will be recognized and never be forgotten."

Concluding his statement, Archbishop Martin said, "This Report will hopefully speak not just to our past but will also have lessons for today and for future generations. As Church, State and wider society we must ensure together that, in the Ireland of today, all children and their mothers feel wanted, welcomed and loved. We must also continue to ask ourselves where people today might feel similarly rejected, abandoned, forgotten or pushed to the margins.

"This report will stir many emotions as it further uncovers disturbing and painful truths about our past. I commend those who have fought to have this story told and I thank those who have already been supporting survivors through various organisations and providing a platform for their voices to be heard."

## Vatican begins its Covid-19 vaccination programme

The Vatican has begun its program of vaccination this week, starting with the elderly and others in high-risk categories.

Matteo Bruni, the Director of the Holy See Press Office, has confirmed that the Vatican's vaccination campaign against Covid-19 began in the Paul VI Hall in Vatican City. Priority is being given to health care and public safety personnel, the elderly, and those persons most frequently in contact with the public. It was confirmed today that the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine has been administered to Pope Francis and to the Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

Citizens of Vatican City State, along with employees and pensioners will have the opportunity to receive the vaccination, as will family members who are entitled to the use of the Vatican health care system, FAS (*Fondo Assistenza Sanitaria*). The vaccination campaign is entirely voluntary.

Speaking in an interview on 10 January with Italy's TG5 news programme, Pope Francis said he believes that 'morally everyone must take the vaccine'.

Pope Francis' remarks are the latest in a series of firm signals to the world's 1.3 billion Catholics that he and the Vatican strongly support the global vaccination effort.

## Week of prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January 2021

The theme for the 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 'Abide in my love ... You Shall Bear Much Fruit'. It was discerned by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland and finds its origins in the Gospel of John (cf. Jn 15:5-9).

In choosing the 2021 theme, the Community of Grandchamp desired to share the experience and wisdom of their contemplative life abiding in the love of God and keeping his commandment of 'loving one another as He has loved us'. They remind Christians worldwide about the importance of praying for the fruits of closer communion with our brothers and sisters in Christ and greater solidarity with the whole of creation.



### 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