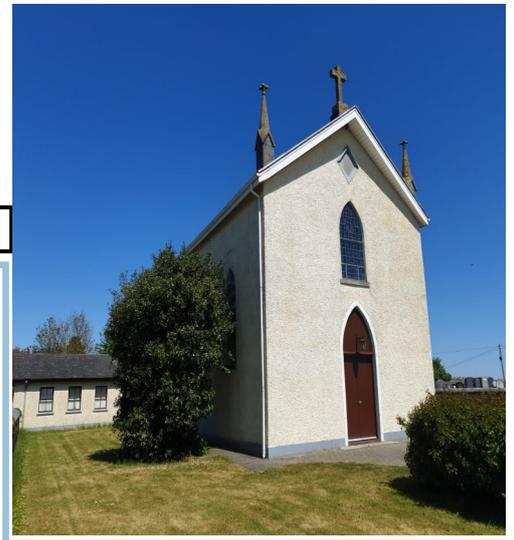




ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Website: ashbourneparish.ie

First Sunday of Lent 21/02/2021



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** 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 21st - 28th FEBRUARY

Sunday 21st	10am	Ann Clarke, Elizabeth & Patrick Murray, Diane Carey, Helen Cotter, Patrick Flanagan
	12.30pm	Patricia McCutcheon & husband Frank, Ellen & Dan Lynch, Bríd Madden
Monday 22nd	10am	Sp Intention
Tuesday 23rd	10am	Sp Intention
Wednesday 24th	10am	Jim Mullen months mind Mary & Veronica McMenamin
Thursday 25th	10am	Gerard Kelly, Theresa Moran
Friday 26th	10am	Ann Fitzpatrick, Pat O'Connell
Sunday 28th	10am	Harry Cullen, Mortimer & Katherine O'Sullivan & daughter Mary

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/

Adoration every Thursday until 8pm

Church opens after cleaning

Monday - Saturday at 11.15am (Funeral permitting)

Sunday after final morning Mass

Church Closes at 8pm

Parish calendars available at the back of the Church

Please Pray for those who have died in recent weeks



Tony Hegarty, Father of Caroline McCarton
Oliver Dignan, Uncle of Anne Kane
Una O'Brien, Sister of Doris Heffernan
Florence (Bonnie) O'Neill, Ratoath, Mother of Mary Ellen Moore
James (Jim) Mullen, Balrath/Ashbourne Meath Father of Donal Mullen
Biddy Carey, Kilcommon Tipperary, Mother of Donie Carey
Christine (Chris) Foran-Moore, Ashbourne, Meath /Whitehall, Dublin
Tom Kavanagh, Killucan, Co. Westmeath Brother-in-Law of Frank McLoughlin
Brid Cantwell, Tipperary sister-in-law of Joan Newsome Castle Pk
Robert Kevelighan, Baltrasna, Meath
Dónal ÓLoingsigh, The Hawthorns, Ashbourne, Meath.Cork
Tony McMahon, The Ward Dublin, husband of Dorrie and dad of Steven
Marion (Mir) Condon, Cookstown, Ashbourne, Co. Meath
Paudie Daly, Cork, Brother-in-law of Mary Brady
William (Bill) Henry, Fieldstown, Kilsallaghan, Ashbourne, Co. Meath

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

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 €1610.00 (2 weeks)
We thank all who contribute and all who pay by Standing Order.
Míle Buíochas



LENT 2021

PRAY
IS LOVE FOR GOD
FAST
IS LOVE FOR YOURSELF
GIVE
IS LOVE FOR OTHERS

PrayRay.com

Pope Francis focuses on the three theological virtues in his Lenten message for 2021: the journey of conversion, through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, “makes it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, hope, and love.”

“Lent is a time for believing,” the Pope says, “for welcoming God into our lives and allowing Him to ‘make His dwelling’ in us.”

Although hope may seem challenging in fragile and uncertain times, “Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God.” “Love is a leap of the heart,” says Pope Francis. “It brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion.”

Prayer for the Lenten Journey

Lord, be with me during my Lenten journey. Let me be honest with myself, let me see everything that is wrong with my soul and my heart and admit my shortcomings and sins. Lord, show me what I should change in my life and please fill my heart with patience, gratitude, and peace. Please teach me to accept others and show my love to them.

Heavenly Father, please give me the strength to keep my promises and to get closer to you through prayers and good works. In the name of Jesus. Amen.



Welcoming vaccines for the Common Good

Bishops' Conference statement

@catholicbishops

The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference recognises that safe and effective vaccination is an essential aspect of the prevention of disease. We are encouraging Catholics to support a programme of vaccination, not only for their own good, but for the protection of life and the health of those who are vulnerable and for the common good of humanity.

Access to healthcare is a fundamental human right. The Church, while respecting intellectual property rights, believes that essential medicines, including vaccines, should be made available on the basis of need rather than on the basis of capacity to pay. This position is consistent with the TRIPS agreement of the WTO, which permits national governments to arrange for the manufacture of essential pharmaceuticals, for domestic use and for the use of poorer countries, even without the consent of patent owners.

'Violence is not the way of the strong' – Archbishop Dermot Farrell

In his first Sunday homily since becoming Archbishop of Dublin, Archbishop Dermot Farrell condemned the growing problem of knife crime in Dublin. He delivered this homily in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Ballymun, Dublin.

At the outset of his homily, Archbishop Farrell expressed his sympathy for the family of teenager Josh Dunne RIP, a recent victim of knife crime in Dublin. Referring to the Dunne family, the Archbishop of Dublin said, “Suddenly, darkness has descended upon them, their neighbours, and their friends. I share in the grief of the family of Josh Dunne, and pray that they may experience consolation, healing, and reconciliation through God's grace.”

Archbishop Farrell went on to express his views on knife crime. He said, “Carrying a knife does not ensure your security. You do not leave your home carrying a knife with you for the sole purpose of peeling an apple. Rather, when you carry a knife you are travelling down a dangerous road full of risks. Sooner or later, it will be used in a malicious way which puts yourself and others in the way of serious injury or death. This is not the way to construct a world that is safe—safe for ourselves, safe for each other, safe for our children, and safe for the vulnerable—be they old or young, friend or stranger. Violence is not the way of the strong; in the end, violence is the way of those who see no other way. Regaining hope is the way we must work together to build a culture of non-violence in our city.”

The Primate of Ireland then emphasised three ways Catholics can challenge the problem of knife crime from a spiritual perspective. He said, “First, human life is sacred, and we need to address the threat to life posed by knife violence with the full strength of our Catholic faith. Knife crime and violence, which is self-destructive, must always be condemned. Let us not forget that our Lord knew first-hand what violence could do—and never succumbed to it himself.

“Secondly, we have become desensitised to knife violence and the resulting tragic deaths. People of peace remain shocked by all manifestations of violence. Violence—on the street or in the home—is never “the way things are.” While laws and regulations may help, we need a different way of thinking which turns such a dominant and destructive culture on its head. We need to come to the realisation that in wielding a knife, everything can be lost, and nothing gained.

“Thirdly, there is a spiritual issue in that there is a loss of empathy towards other human beings. The truth of who we are—and of what we are—is at stake. Genuine empathy is the entry point into the commandment to love your neighbour and to live in peace. If the problem of violence in our country is to be overcome, we need a spiritual and moral conversion. We need to recover how we truly are—what it means to be a neighbour, what it means to be a sister or a brother, friend and neighbour.”



St. Vincent de Paul Society THANK YOU
for your very generous response to our Christmas envelope appeal. In these difficult Covid times you enabled us to help so many families in need.
We are truly grateful.



TRÓCAIRE boxes and envelopes
available in the Church

SeniorLine is open every day of the year including Christmas and New Year from 10am to 10pm Freefone 1800 80 45 91