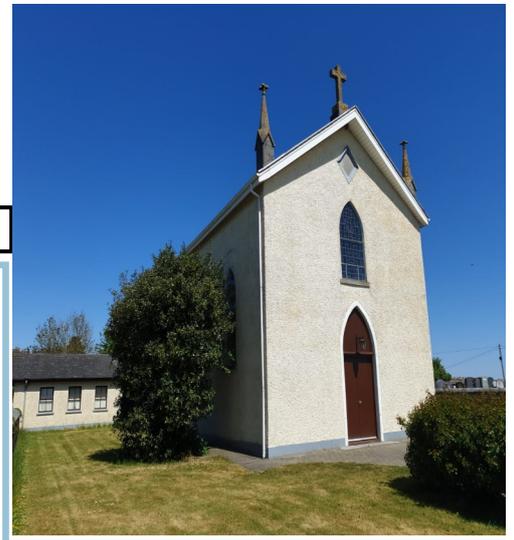




ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Website: ashbourneparish.ie

Easter Sunday 04/04/2021



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 4th APRIL– 11th APRIL

Sunday 4th	10am	Michael Kelly, Pawel Bochen
	12.30pm	John Clarke & Brother Tony & parents Patrick & Mary Theresa, Gerry Lillcrap 1st Anv Alaa Seweify Months Mind
Monday 5th	10am	No Mass
Tuesday 6th	10am	James, Ellen & Gerard McGrath Special Intention
Wednesday 7th	10am	Paul Geoffrey Smith
Thursday 8th	10am	Katherine Conroy
Friday 9th	10am	Special Intention
Sunday 11th	10am	Mary & Andy Roche, Mary Furlong, Dec'd of Ward Family, Tom Riggs, Tom Walker, Ken Woods months mind
	12.30pm	Mary & Andy Roche, Marie McManus & brother Michael Sheedy Niamh Carson, Hughie Kelly

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

Mary Heeb, sister of John Boylan
Alaa Seweify, Turkey, father of Susie & Tamara Seweify
Kate Curran, Aunt of Mairéad Ní Caba
Ger Reddington, brother of Phil Duffy & brother-in-law of Bernie Reddington
Ken Woods, Hickey's Lane, Ashbourne, Co. Meath
Michael Feeney, Nephew of Chris Feeney
Michael Dillon, Brother-in-law of Mary Kelly
Betty Moran, mother of Derek Moran
Angela Owens, mother of Debbie Ryan



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

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 €1550.00

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



HAPPY EASTER



Let Us Be Amazed!

For the second year in a row, Pope Francis led the celebration of Holy Week inside Saint Peter's Basilica with a limited congregation participating due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The Holy Father focused his thoughts around the sense of amazement evoked in the liturgy of Holy Week.

"A faith that no longer experiences a sense of amazement can grow dull, the Pope noted, whereas we should remember to be "astonished and amazed" by the love of Jesus which always brings forgiveness and the possibility of new beginnings." "Let us be amazed by Jesus so that we can start living again"

The exclamation of the Roman Centurion who upon seeing that Jesus died said: "*Truly this man was the Son of God!*" is a powerful testimony of his amazement in witnessing the gratuitous and unprecedented love of Jesus, the Pope said. The Gospels mention many others who admired Jesus for his miracles and works, but Christ silenced them, the Pope noted, because they risked embracing only the idea of a God to be adored and feared for his power and might. That understanding must evolve since at the foot of the cross, "God has revealed himself and reigns only with the disarmed and disarming power of love", which is why today, the Pope concluded, "let us be filled with that amazement as we gaze upon the crucified Lord. May we too say: "You are truly the Son of God. You are my God".

Easter Blessing:

May the Lord bless you this Easter time...

Bless you with faith,

Guard your doubt,

Bless you with hope,

Keep you from fear,

Bless you with peace,

Calm you in trouble,

Bless you with mercy,

Help you forgive,

Bless you with joy,

Comfort you in sorrow,

So may your heart rejoice in Him who is Risen.
Amen.



Not Seeing is Believing **An Easter Reflection by Fr. Tom Cahill**

Is seeing really believing? Well, in the case of the 'other disciple' in today's Gospel reading (John 20:1-9) it's what he doesn't see that convinces him: Jesus' corpse. He doesn't see the Resurrection. What he does see is the results of it in his new depth of faith in Jesus as the Risen Christ, and later in the formation of Christian communities that the Resurrection brings about.

This is the two-edged sword of God's word at work—one edge being the positive and the other the negative. The seeing and the not seeing. The seeing something new in ourselves or in others, which wasn't there before, or at least in the same way or to the same degree; something that indicates growth, that points to the Spirit at work within us.

The Spirit that transformed Jesus of Nazareth to the Risen Christ is the same Spirit at work within us individually and collectively. It is the Spirit that gives new life. When we open ourselves to the Spirit's influence we too are transformed. Gone is the old self with its pride and selfishness, with its anger and resentment, with its backbiting and constant criticizing and with its jealousies and lusts.

Let us hurry to peek inside the sepulchre of our old self and surprise ourselves by what we do not see there. Then let us fall on our knees in gratitude to God for what he has done, in spite of ourselves.

Jesus lives! We are living proof of that—often more than we realise.

**The Parish Office will be closed for Easter from
Good Friday 2nd April and will re-open on
Monday 12th April at 9.30am**