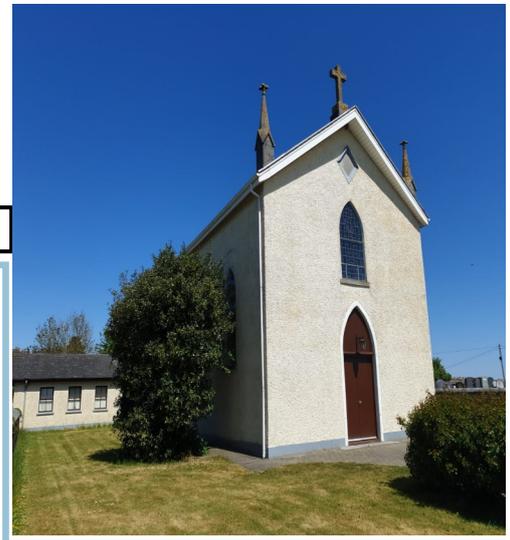




# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

2nd Sunday of Easter 11/04/2021



Our office is **contactable** to the public Monday – Friday 9.30am - 2.30pm by telephone (01) 8353149 or e-mail **ONLY** [ashbournedonaghmoreparish@gmail.com](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 11th APRIL– 18th APRIL

<b>Sunday 11th</b>	<b>10am</b>	Mary & Andy Roche, Mary Furlong, Dec'd of Ward Family, Tom Riggs, Ken Woods months mind, Tom Walker
	<b>12.30pm</b>	Mary & Andy Roche, Marie McManus & brother Michael Sheedy Niamh Carson, Hughie Kelly
<b>Monday 12th</b>	<b>10am</b>	Special Intention
<b>Tuesday 13th</b>	<b>10am</b>	Thomas Mintern, Ted Finnegan
<b>Wednesday 14th</b>	<b>10am</b>	Special Intention, Rosa Nichola
<b>Thursday 15th</b>	<b>10am</b>	John, Kathleen & Bridget Reilly, Michael Battersby
<b>Friday 16th</b>	<b>10am</b>	Patrick Garavan & Bridie, William & Eileen O'Brien
<b>Sunday 18th</b>	<b>10am</b>	Tony O'Connor, Oliver & Mary Walsh, McLoughlin & Tierney Family Kathleen Tormey 1st Anv.
	<b>12.30pm</b>	Pat Doherty 1st Anv, Collette O'Herlihy

## 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/](http://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

**William (Bill) Henry**, Fieldstown, Kilsallaghan, Ashbourne, Co. Meath  
**Bridget Hughes** sister of the late Kay Creaby  
**Mary McKenna**, Monaghan, mother of Phil Treanor & Jimmy McKenna  
**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** Dublin, Mother of Derek Moran  
**Angela Owens**, Mother of Debbie Ryan



**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 TBA

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



**Bishop Brendan Leahy reflects on the year gone by: - This time last year, Covid-19 entered our world like a bolt.**

A crisis had struck. And yet, initially, along with beautiful weather, a certain optimism reigned. It wouldn't last long we hoped. Inspirational apps with images and thoughts, like the poem *Lockdown* by the Capuchin Franciscan-priest Br Richard Hendrick, kept us going:

*"All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting; All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way; All over the world people are waking up to a new reality . . . To how big we really are. To how little control we really have. To what really matters. To Love."*

But the harshness of the Covid world didn't go away. It stayed. And we've endured so many variations. Promises hoped for, promises dashed. On the island of Ireland, with over 350,000 confirmed cases and the death toll approaching 7,000, it has been a year of hard realities.

We find ourselves, for the second Easter, with schedules and prospects in disarray. And, with that, the frayed nerves and weariness of a people indentured to a pandemic that is refusing to release us.

Ours is something of the experience of the people of Israel in exile crying out: "Watchman, what is left of the night?" We are in a prayer of waiting and hoping. It's a Covid cry. And not just our Covid cry but the pain of relationship breakdown, social and economic divisions, wounded histories, environmental destruction.

And again, "Christ's resurrection everywhere calls forth seeds of that new world; even if they are cut back, they grow again, for the resurrection is already secretly woven into the fabric of this history."

Holy Week moving into Easter is a yearly invitation to lift up our hearts and keep on hoping against hope, contemplating in hope whatever signs of the resurrection we find around us, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant. We each have our own resurrection world opening up in, through and around us.

I'm thinking too of the experience of Doha Sabah Abdallah shared with Pope Francis during his recent visit to Iraq. An Islamic State (Isis) attack killed her son, his cousin and a young man about to be married. Yet, in all her grief she could say there was a purpose.

*Bishop Brendan Leahy is Catholic Bishop of Limerick and co-chair of the Irish Inter-Church Meeting.*

**This part of an article published in the 'Rite and Reason' column in the Irish Times of 30 March 2021.**

**I prayed. ... I lit a candle**

For Faith, Hope & Charity. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For Enlightenment, Guidance, Strength & Consolation.  
I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For Life. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For Someone who died. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For God's Love and Mercy. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For the Holy Souls. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For the Food that I received. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For Help and Protection from my Guardian Angel.  
I prayed ... I lit a candle.



For a Child. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For Thanksgiving. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For a Good Journey. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For God's Grace. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For a Family. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For a Parent. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For a Grandparent. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For Success in an Exam. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For a Teacher. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For Doctors, Nurses and for all Medical Staff.  
I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For all who Work in Hospitality.  
I prayed ... I lit a candle.

For Artists, Musicians and Singers. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For all in Religious and Consecrated life.  
I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For all Volunteers. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For Deacons, Priests and Bishops. I prayed ... I lit a candle.



For Forgiveness. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For Healing. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For a Miracle. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For those who Suffered Sadness and Grief.  
I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For Peace. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For Unity. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For a Lost Object. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For Employment. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For a pet. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For those receiving the Sacraments.  
I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For all that was Needed. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For friendship. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For good relationships. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
For all Intentions. I prayed ... I lit a candle.  
I prayed. ... I lit a candle.

