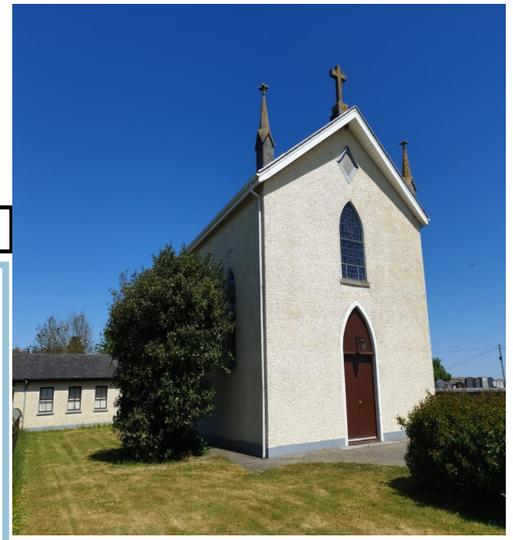




ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Website: ashbourneparish.ie

3rd Sunday of Easter 18/04/2021



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 11th APRIL– 18th APRIL

Sunday 18th	10am	Tony O'Connor 1st Anv, Oliver & Mary Walsh, McLoughlin & Tierney Families, Kathleen Tormey 1st Anv.
	12.30pm	Pat Doherty 1st Anv, Collette O'Herlihy, Jouzas Kvaracieujus mths mind.
Monday 19th	10am	Special Intention.
Tuesday 20th	10am	Anthony Laffey, Surinder Singh Bhatia.
Wednesday 21th	10am	Billy & John Dunne, Sp. Intention.
Thursday 22nd	10am	Eamon Tuttle, Sr. Deirdre Mellett, Fr. Bernard O'Connor OSA.
Friday 23rd	10am	John Mather, Julianne & Eugene Curran, Carmel Cawley, Dec'd of Mulvey Family, Jim Flanagan, Brigid Kelly, Thomas, Rita & Albert Murtagh & Dec'd of Murtagh, McNamee & Browne Families.
Sunday 25th	10am	
	12.30pm	Anna Murphy.

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

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.
Anna Murphy, Mother of Helen McQuaid & Robert Murphy.
Brian Whelan, Oberstown, Tara, Meath/Gorey, Wexford.
Claire McDonagh, Moycullen, Galway.
Michael (Mick) McDonnell, Monaghan, Brother of Audrey Birmingham
Ger Dowd, Milltown, Ashbourne, Co. Meath.
Jimmy Gough, Moorepark, 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 €605.00

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



The Parish/Church of the Future

(excerpt from Bishop Denis Nulty's Sermon for the Chrism Mass)

This past twelve months has changed the face of parish for all of us. All our churches have been closed for public worship for seven out of the past twelve months and some parishes have suffered even longer lockdowns because of local restrictions. While our celebration of the Mass, which is central to our faith as priests and people has been offered behind closed doors, the parish doors have remained wide open bringing good news to the poor, liberty to captives and to the blind new sight. While our parish outreach is nourished very much by the Eucharist, it's mandate is missioned by our baptism. That moment we were anointed with the oil of catechumens and chrism.

“On Chrism night it is good for us to ask what we understand by parish now and what will it be like in the future? Some might say it is still too early to consider the implications of the pandemic for parish life. We all accept the virtual has redrawn parish boundaries. The virtual has dried up the stream, has flattened the ditch, and much closer to home, has crossed the bridge! We didn't need a pandemic to tell us the way we minister was already fraying at the edges. Let us not blame everything on Covid -19.”

Returning to public worship will not be as simple as switching on the lights and opening the church doors. We must reflect on how we celebrate Mass and when we celebrate Mass. Maybe we had too many Masses for a Mass going population that was instinctively already socially distancing in churches? Maybe we need to collaborate closer with neighbouring parishes coordinating schedules and times? Maybe we have to reflect on how we celebrate, asking ourselves are we allowing all the elements to speak? This is the work of the immediacy of Luke's text this Chrism night. It reminds us we are re-visioning the post pandemic parish as we speak. And this is only a start.

“The oils that are blessed today reassure us we are never abandoned, we are never on our own. Our sacred signs and gestures are grounded in the life and ministry of Jesus. It's not our work, it's His work. We are merely instruments in His hands, all of us anointed at baptism and confirmation; more of us anointed at ordination. Let the oils speak. Let us be signs of hope in a world that needs such hope. And let us be brave not simply to pander to an understandable hunger by some – simply to receive Christ's body without actually becoming His body. Transforming our parishes to be His body where every person in the parish has a voice and every person is heard. This is synodality at its best and we look forward to travelling where it brings us as parishes and diocese over the coming months and years.”

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

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

Trócaire and Poetry Ireland launch their 2021 poetry competition on the theme 'Pathways to Peace'



Trócaire and Poetry Ireland have launched their annual poetry competition which this year will focus on the theme 'Pathways to Peace'. The closing date for entries is Friday 7 May 2021.

This year's competition invites poets to explore the theme of conflict from a local to global perspective.

With this year's theme Trocaire hopes to highlight the plight of families who have lost their homes and loved ones to war are rebuilding their lives through love and friendship. Fleeing their homes with nothing but the clothes on their back. Families trek through dangerous territory with no food or water for themselves or their children. When they reach safety, the struggle continues to earn money, grow food and attend school. But with pathways to peace and the support of others, they are able to start new lives based on love, friendship and kindness, and to try and put the pain of war behind them and begin again.

The competition is always free to enter and is open to young people, children and adults alike, at all stages in their writing careers. Many published poets have participated in the competition, including, Daragh Bradish, Eileen Casey, Joseph Horgan, David Butler, Lorraine Carey, Angela T. Carr, Nicki Griffin, Afric McGlinchey, John Donaghy, Dairena Ní Chinnéide, Ann Joyce, Karen O'Connor, Wilma Kenny, Mary Turley-McGrath, Eleanor Hooker, Jane Clarke, Geraldine Mitchell, David Mohan and Breda Joy.

Poems in English or Irish, written or spoken word, are welcome in all six categories:

ADULT

Published poets

Unpublished poets

POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Junior: 1st-3rd year

Senior: Transition Year-Leaving Certificate

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Junior: 3rd/4th Class

Senior: 5th/6th Class

An online Awards Ceremony will be held on Culture Night in September.

How to Enter

Entries of up to three poems per person can be made online or by post. Full details are available on [Poetry Ireland's website](#) or you can [submit your entry here](#).

For more see www.trocaire.org.