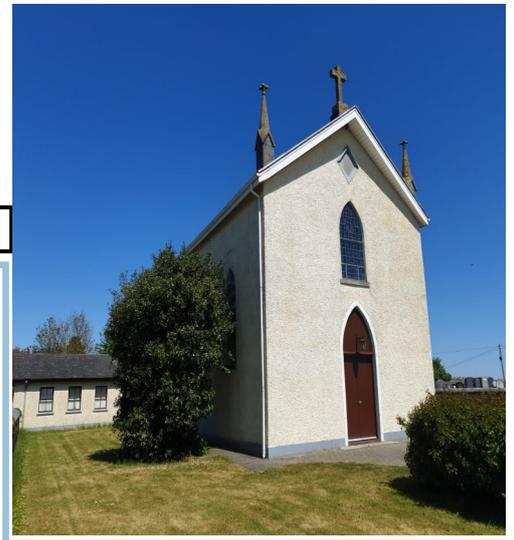




ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Website: ashbourneparish.ie

6th Sunday of Easter 09/05/2021



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 9th May - 16th May

Sunday 9th	10am	William & Eileen Fitzsimons, Tommy & Anna Marie Scully
	12.30pm	Michael Finnegan, Sp. Intention
Monday 10th	10am	Dec'd of Ashbourne Dramatic Society John Brennan
Tuesday 11th	10am	Martin Moore
Wednesday 12th	10am	Eileen & Dec'd of Sulliuvan Family Ned & Dec'd of Nulty Family
Thursday 13th	10am	Margaret Feeney
Friday 14th	10am	Ida Russell
Saturday 15th	7pm	Mary Tracey
Sunday 16th	10.45am	Ger Dowd Mths Mind
	12.30pm	Christine Gleeson, Pat & Maggie Whitty
Donaghmore	10am	Al O'Connell

FRESH MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES: 9am, 10.45am, 12.30pm
(Please note: No Sunday evening Mass)

(Mass in Donaghmore Church at 10am book a bench:-
Please book in for Mass in Donaghmore by ringing the office. No need to book in for Masses in Ashbourne)

DAILY MASS: Monday - Friday at 10am

Eucharistic Adoration: until 8pm each Thursday

SATURDAY: 7pm (vigil)

CONFESSIONS: 5pm - 6pm on Saturday

Church must be vacated immediately after each Mass / Ceremony for cleaning please

Church re-opens after cleaning

Monday-Friday 11.15am
Saturday at 11.15am

Sunday after final morning Mass / Ceremony

Church Closes at 8pm

Please Pray for those who have died in recent weeks

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
Graeme Mills, UK, brother of Max Mills
Michael Quinn, Greenogue, Ashbourne / Woodford Galway
Pat Murphy, Greenogue, Kilsallaghan, Dublin



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 €1235.00 (2 weeks)
We thank all who contribute and all who pay by Standing Order.
Míle Buíochas



A Time Of Change

Dear Parishioners,

After heartfelt prayer, reflection and seeking the promptings of the Holy Spirit over a lengthy period I have decided to move parish, from Ashbourne Donaghmore. I have very much enjoyed my time in this parish and it has been my privilege to be here. Indeed, I am also moving from Meath Diocese to The Diocese of Waterford and Lismore 'on loan' for a number of years. I have come to this decision with the agreement of Bishop Tom in Meath and Bishop Phonsie in Waterford.

It is not an easy decision to make and I know it will come as a surprise to many after ministering for two years here in Ashbourne, however, I am very much at peace with this decision and it is my decision.

I want everyone here to be at peace with this decision too and I don't want anyone here to feel that I wasn't made to feel welcome and supported because I was and still am. It's a fabulous parish with wonderful people so let God's peace descend upon this time of change. Let no one feel disheartened or unhappy.

So, why move? For many years I have always felt the desire to 'Go-on-loan', as we say in Church circles, to a different Diocese. In fact, even in my training all those years ago I always said I wouldn't spend my entire priestly ministry in the same Diocese. The events of Covid in the last year has sharpened that sense and caused me to look again, as it has all of us, at what we're doing and what The Lord is asking of us. It doesn't take a genius to realise that Covid has changed everything for the Church and change whether its in my placement or in more general terms for the Church, just simply can't be put off anymore. After two years here in Ashbourne I'm at the stage that if I stay for a much longer period of time then I run the real risk of not wanting to make this 'jump' in years to come. I don't want to be in that position especially when I feel God's powerful move within me to take this step. It is the right time for this change.

That's why, in all of this, I am conscious of the continuity needed to carry forward the changes which the Parish Team has undertaken in the last while. This includes the provision of strong, 'Faith-based' Youth Ministry. We are truly blessed to have Joe Mahony leading this with the Youth Initiatives Organisation. It also involves the full outlay of the many types of Alpha programmes due to continue in the coming year. A new Parish Pastoral Coordination Group/Council has come through the two "Online" Alphas run during the last year and they are very excited about the year ahead. In this regard a 'New Website' is due to go 'live' in the next week.

With all that in mind I am delighted to be allowed inform you that Fr. Michael Kilmartin will replace me as Parish Priest from 1st July. With Fr. Michael continuity is very important. Fr. Michael is a classmate and close colleague. He is a very talented priest with a tremendous heart for modern ministry. We have a shared view of Ministry, Church, style of Liturgy and the change needed for the future. I am particularly happy that he will now be here to see these emerging initiatives explored and progressed.

May I sincerely thank everyone in the parish, especially the Parish Team and Fr. Ciarán, for their prayer, support and friendship over the last couple of years as I now make my way to Waterford at the end of June.

Fr. John



WELCOME

It's great for all of us to be back together again!

The last few months have been difficult for all of us but we will help each other as the next few weeks unfold. Please keep in mind these 3 simple words;- **Patience, Flexibility** and **Support** as we face into change together.

- We need to be **Patient** with each other and new realities
- We need to be **Flexible** when situations are not as they were before or as we would like them to be.
- We need to **Support** with positivity those who are trying to help us.

We want you to be confident about returning to the Church and Mass/Ceremonies so please take a minute to read through the following:-

- There is still no obligation to attend Mass physically as stated by all the Irish Bishops.
- Mass can be viewed on webcam where you can pray in solidarity with those gathered in the building.
- If you are coming to Mass you might consider attending on a weekday if you can so others can attend on Sundays.
- Face covering are most desirable and very welcome
- Mass in Donaghmore Church must be booked in through the office (Book a Bench) please.
- Please avoid standing outside the Church during Mass as Government are very concerned about large groups of people outside buildings. The outside amplification will be turned off.
- Collection boxes are available for donations, parish envelopes inside the Church at all Masses. There is also a safe box at the back of the Church at all times
- **The Parish Church in Ashbourne** has now moved to a **3 "Pod" system** for capacity attendance which means that the central aisle is now split into 2 separate **"Pods"**. This is in accordance with Government restrictions and exemptions given to Church buildings under the **"Pod"** system.
- The only changes that this necessitates is a **'One-Way' system for Holy Communion** distribution in the side aisle and the employment of both bottom doors as exit doors. This will be explained at Masses this weekend. Mass in Donaghmore will have a different system as before.

The Parish Office will remain closed during the month of May.

