



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
13/06/2021**

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 13th June - 20th June

Saturday 12th	7pm	John D Curtain, Patricia Reid mths mind
Sunday 13th	9am	Mary, Dan & John Landers
	10.45am	Tom Cotter 1st Anv, Ann & Patrick McDonald, Ann Sheehan, Eileen McDonald
	12.30pm	Nora Loftus & Sister Lilly Simon, Sean Byrne
Donaghmore	10am	Roger Barry
Monday 14th	10am	Special Intention
Tuesday 15th	10am	Special Intention, Steve Garavan
Wednesday 16th	10am	Martin Finn, Sheila Kiernan
Thursday 17th	10am	Special Intention
Friday 18th	10am	Special Intention
Saturday 19th	7pm	Austin & Noreen Corcoran, Patricia (Patty) Peggly mths mind
Sunday 20th	9am	McLoughlin & Tierney Families, Zigmantas Kalibatas
	12.30pm	John Bernie, Timothy Fitzgerald
Donaghmore	10am	Sonny Dwyer

MASS TIMES

Ashbourne

SUNDAY: 9am, 10.45am, 12.30pm

(No Sunday evening Mass)

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 10am

SATURDAY: 7pm (Vigil)

Mass in Donaghmore at 10am:-

Please book a bench by ringing the Office.

[No need to book for Masses in Ashbourne]

Eucharistic Adoration: until 8pm each Thursday

CONFESSIONS: 5pm - 6pm on Saturday

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

Church re-opens after cleaning

Monday - Saturday at 11.15am

Sunday after final morning Mass

Church Closes each evening at 8pm

Please Pray for those who have died in recent weeks.

Fr. Tomas (Tom) Bernard Rafferty MHM, Ashbourne, Co. Meath.
Walter Dehane Belgium, Brother of Carlo Dehane.
Sally Queenan, Ballina, Co. Mayo, Aunt of Ambrose
McLoughlin.
Chris Gough, Los Angeles USA, formerly of Cushionstown,
Brother of Maria Brady.
Patricia (Patty) Pegley, Ashbourne, Meath.
Anne Hughes, Castle Crescent, Ashbourne / Graiguenamanagh,
Kilkenny
Lena McGeough, New York, sister of Joe & James Dervan
Sadie O'Riordan, Cork, Mother of Eimer Healy
Terry McCarthy, Crestwood, Ashbourne
Francis Kelly, Archerstown Wood, Ashbourne
Thomas Aiden McManamy, Ashbourne, Ballymote, Sligo
Fr. Patrick Casey, retired Parish Priest of Carnaross
Mary Brigid Mooney, Ashbourne, Meath / Ballyboughal, Dublin



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



Pope Francis speaks about the beauty of marriage as a vocation born from the heart

‘Year of the Family’

The Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network, which prepares “The Pope Video” each month, released a press statement accompanying the prayer intention. The communique recalls that the Church is currently marking a special Year of the Family, which started off on 19 March 2021.

Marriage rates, says the statement, have plummeted around the world since 1972, while divorce rates have skyrocketed and the age at which people marry has grown steadily.

These trends have likely worsened since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Pope invites Catholics to pray for young people preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community.

“May they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience,” he prays. “Because a great deal of patience is necessary in order to love.”

He closes his video with a brief reminder: “But it’s worth it, eh?”

“Marriage isn’t just a ‘social’ act,” he notes. “It’s a vocation that’s born from the heart, a conscious decision for the rest of one’s life that requires specific preparation.”

And the Pope urges everyone to remember that God has a dream for us, which is love.

The full text of the Pope’s prayer intention is below:

Is it true, what some people say—that young people don’t want to get married, especially during these difficult times?

Getting married and sharing one’s life is something beautiful.

It’s a demanding journey, at times difficult, and at times complicated, but it’s worth making the effort. And on this life-long journey, the husband and wife aren’t alone; Jesus accompanies them.

Marriage isn’t just a “social” act; it’s a vocation that’s born from the heart; it’s a conscious decision for the rest of one’s life that requires specific preparation.

Please, never forget this. God has a dream for us —love— and He asks us to make it our own.

Let us make our own the love which is God’s dream for us.

And let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience. Because a great deal of patience is necessary in order to love. But it’s worth it, eh?



Silver Jubilee of Priesthood

On Sunday 27th June Fr. John Nally will celebrate the 10.45am and 12.30pm Masses as Silver Jubilee Masses marking 25 years of Priesthood. His Parents and some family / friends will attend the 12.30pm in particular. Both Masses are being celebrated so as not to attract a substantial gathering at either. In accordance with Covid restrictions there will be no refreshments or gathering after Mass.

Fr. John was Ordained a priest in the Cathedral of Christ the King—Mullingar on 23rd June 1996.

“The EU Special Envoy on Freedom of Religion should have adequate resources” – EU Bishops



In a letter addressed to European Commission President von der Leyen, the Bishops of the European Union recall the need of strengthening the EU Special Envoy of Freedom of Religion

or Belief with institutional and financial support. In the letter, Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich SJ, President of COMECE, said “reasonable and adequate resources are needed to promote this fundamental right under threat in many parts of the world.”

Cardinal Hollerich emphasised the remarkable work done by the EU mechanism since its creation in May 2016. The previous EU Special Envoy addressed challenging situations in many countries where freedom of thought, conscience and religion is seriously threatened or violated, “despite its limited mandate and resources”.

In the letter, Cardinal Hollerich recalled the need of strengthening the EU mechanism, and requested EC President von der Leyen to support it “with reasonable and adequate human and financial resources that enable the EU Special Envoy to carry on his high responsibility, with a more ambitious and defined mandate and capacity”, as expressed by the January 2021 resolution of the European Parliament.

The President of COMECE expressed Bishops’ satisfaction with the recent appointment of Stylianides, whose previous commitment as Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid opened “fresh space for cooperation with Churches and Faith-Based Organisations in humanitarian activities as well as for interreligious dialogue leading to a better protection of human rights and mutual understanding in conflict situations.

In conclusion, Cardinal Hollerich said the appointment of Stylianides “will give voice to the voiceless individuals and communities whose freedom of thought, conscience, and religion are violated, being subject to intolerance, discrimination and, in some cases, even, persecution.”

Preparation for Sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Important Notice for Parents/Guardians with children in Non Catholic National Schools intending their Children for Sacraments.

Ashbourne Donaghmore Parish holds Sacramental Preparation Classes for Catholic children who attend a school where Catholic Religious Instruction for Sacraments is not on the Curriculum. If you wish your child to prepare for First Holy Communion and Confirmation a two-year Sacramental Preparation Programme must be completed. Classes are held in the Parish Hall after school hours, beginning in October.

Information packs, including Registration Forms are available for collection in Ashbourne Church this **Sunday 13th June**. They are in a box on the table at the back of the Church. Completed forms should be returned no later than Friday 25th June.. Places are limited, so early enrolment is advised.

Parish Sacramental Preparation Team
Phone 01 8353149
(Mon-Fri 9.30am – 2pm only)

