

# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### Priests of the Parish

Fr. Michael Kilmartin P.P.

Fr. Ciarán Clarke C.C.

### Priest on Call

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The Parish Office is open to the Public on  
*Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday* mornings  
10.30am—12pm

All Mass bookings & enquiries should be  
made in the Parish Office

Parish Secretary Mary Mullen



August 15<sup>th</sup>  
Feast of the Assumption

Next Sunday our masses are offered on the feast of the Assumption. For the feast day parishioners are welcome to leave flowers at the outdoor statue of our Lady. At 12 noon and 6pm on the feast parishioners are welcome to pray the rosary together at the statue (weather permitting).

### Sunday Mass Times and Intentions

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| Saturday 7th   | 7pm     | Mass for those interred in Ashbourne Church Cemetery   |
| Sunday 8th     | 9am     | Jack Walsh   |
| Donaghmore     | 10am    | Mass for those interred in Donaghmore Church Cemetery  |
|                | 10.45am | Pro Populo   |
|                | 12.30pm | Christopher O'Reilly   |
| Monday 9th     | 10am    | Mass of Thanksgiving   |
| Tuesday 10th   | 10am    | Tom Bennett  |
| Wednesday 11th | 10am    | Danny O'Connell & daughter Siobhan   |
| Thursday 12th  | 10am    | Mass of Thanksgiving   |
| Friday 13th    | 10am    | Patrick Ryan   |
| Saturday 14th  | 7pm     | Vera Godfrey, Yellow Furze (Months Mind) & daughter Siobhan Skehill<br>Margaret Doyle, Betty & Billy Coughlan, |
| Sunday 15th    | 9am     | Mass for those interred in Killelland Cemetery<br>May Brennan  |
| Donaghmore     | 10am    | Ann Sommers, Michael Bolger  |
|                | 10.45m  | Tom Bennett, Huntsgrove (Months Mind)  |
|                | 12.30pm | Peggy Swinburne, Christy Garrett.<br>Edward & Declan O'Donoghue  |

### The 2021 Blessing of Graves in the Parish

The 7pm mass is offered for all those interred in Ashbourne Church cemetery. We especially remember all those interred since the beginning of the pandemic. The 10am Donaghmore mass is offered for all those interred in Donaghmore Church cemetery.

Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciaran will bless the graves in Ashbourne Church cemetery this Saturday evening after the Vigil Mass and will bless the graves in the Donaghmore cemeteries after the Sunday morning eucharistic celebration.

Next Saturday the blessing of the graves will take place in Killelland cemetery and the 9am Sunday mass will be offered for the repose of those interred within the cemetery grounds.

Families with loved ones interred are asked to have their graves ready for the occasion. They are invited to join us at mass physically or online. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic restrictions the gathering of families for the blessing cannot take place in the usual way.

### Ashbourne Church Cemetery Crucifix



## Sale of Parish Land

In July, just as Fr. Michael moved to the parish, the diocesan property committee which act for the St. Finian's Diocesan Trust (of which Ashbourne -Donaghmore parish is a one 69<sup>th</sup> constituent) wrote to the parish stating that it had sold parish land zoned residential for the benefit of Ashbourne-Donaghmore parish. After paying costs and fees the parish is due to receive €794,954.61. It is proposed by the members of the parish finance committee that the parish use this money to pay off its outstanding debts. Three parish loans totalling €245,575.60 are currently a burden on the future development of our parish. The remaining monies from the sale of the lands will be safeguarded for investment in capital projects needed to further the mission of our parish in the years ahead. Substantial repair works have recently been completed on the roof of the parish office and with increasing seepage and dampness on the roof of the church and walls of parish hall some of this money is already needed. The parish is eternally grateful to the late Ned Nulty for donating the land in Killeland from which these proceeds derive. May he rest in eternal peace.

## First Communion in our Parish

Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciaran wrote to the school principals on Friday last detailing the proposed new September times and dates for 1<sup>st</sup> communion in our parish. These are provisional. The safety measures that our parish expects parents to follow is also outlined. In September before the sacraments take place parents will be asked to decide if they feel it is safe for their child to receive the sacrament at this first opportunity. If someone wishes to defer their child's reception of the sacrament that will be accommodated by our parish.

## New Parish Members

We welcome the following new members into our Faith Community:

Max Ryan Smyth  
Cameron James Cullen Maulds  
Jaxon Anthony McMullen  
Jacob James O'Hare  
Jamie Edward Walsh  
Stevi-Vivienne Browning-Dixon  
Ted Michael Cawley  
Ewan Tormey

## Spare Catholic Books

A large number of books that priests left behind them down the years have accumulated in our parish office. If anyone would like to take a few of them off our hands and put them to good use please call in to the parish office on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning when the parish office is open to the public.

## A Gentle Reminder ...

Please be advised to continue to wash your hands before you come to mass. Please use the sanitiser provided in our churches. You must wear a mask and do your best to keep a distance from others. At communion time we receive on the hand and follow a one system of coming forward for the blessed sacrament. We thank you for your co-operation and we are grateful to our sacristan and stewards for all their help in helping us pray and gather safely.

## Intentions on the Sunday 10.45 Mass is for Month's Mind and 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Masses

The 10.45am mass each Sunday is reserved for families whose loved one's month's mind or 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary is occurring. It is important that our priority is all the time with the recently bereaved and as is the norm this is the only intention taken on these masses. Families with these anniversaries will be invited to bring forward the bread and wine at the offertory time of these masses. Up to two intentions are taken on the other Sunday morning masses (9am and 12 noon). If a person's preferred date is not available then they are asked to move the intention to the next available date. Your accommodation with ensuring good pastoral practice is appreciated.

## New Anniversary Occurring Masses

Every Saturday evening vigil mass from the first Saturday in September (September 4th) mass will be offered for those whose anniversary occurs at that particular time. This mass is the main parish mass that will have multiple intentions. Family members are asked to attend and one family member will be invited to come forward at the Mass to light a candle for the deceased.

The 10am masses throughout the week from Monday to Friday will be available as single intention masses. Parishioners should contact the parish office to see what masses are available for the week they intend remembering their loved one.

## Donaghmore Mass Intentions

The first mass of each month in Donaghmore is reserved for month's memory masses or 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary masses. The other Sunday masses can have a maximum of two intentions. Only in exceptional circumstances should a month's mind or 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary mass be shared and it is best practise in a parish that masses be reserved for recently deceased and bereaved. Your understanding and attention to this is important.

## WORDS OF WISDOM

Religion is meant to be bread for daily use,  
not cake for special occasions.

## Supporting our Parish Financially

We publish today the three weekly collection figures

Ashbourne Plate €830.00

Shrines €545.00

Development Fund €810.00

We thank our parishioners for their generosity.

Bank online details : Parish Funds BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE81BOFI90318941259940

Priest's Offerings BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE66BOFI90318941030708

Thank You.

## R.I.P.

Ryan Smyth, Johnswood Park, whose funeral took place on Thursday last.



Eucharistic Adoration takes place in our parish every Thursday from 10am to 8pm.