



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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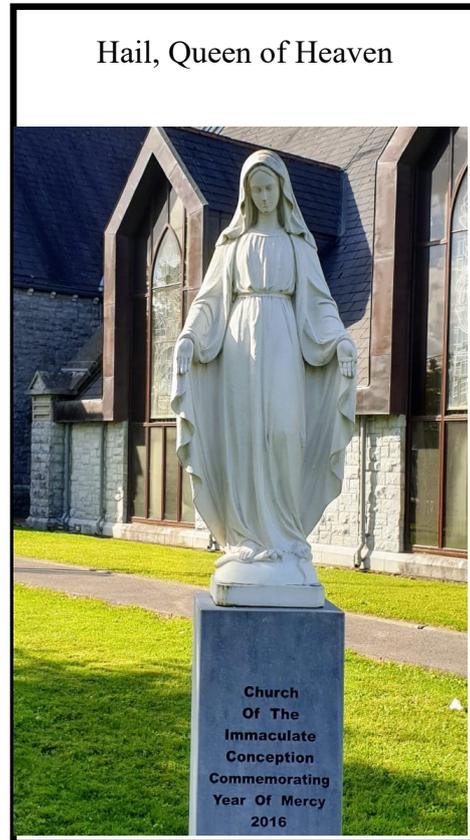
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The Parish Office is open to the Public on
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday mornings
 10.30am—12pm

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

Parish Secretary Mary Mullen



Hail, Queen of Heaven

Sunday Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 14th	7pm	Vera Godfrey, Yellow Furze (Months Mind) & daughter Siobhan Skehill Morgan Doyle, Betty & Billy Coughlan, Bridget & Christy Browne
Sunday 15th	9am	Mass for those interred in Killeglend Cemetery May Brennan
Donaghmore	10am	Ann Sommers, Michael Bolger
	10.45m	Tom Bennett, Huntsgrove (Months Mind)
	12.30pm	Peggy Swinburne, Christy Garrett. Edward & Declan O'Donoghue
Monday 16th	10am	James Kelly
Tuesday 17th	10am	Margaret Molloy
Wednesday 18th	10am	Seamus Donnelly (1st Anniversary) Special Intention
Thursday 19th	10am	Mass of Thanksgiving
Friday 20th	10am	Matthew Smith
Saturday 21st	7pm	Mary Kelly
Sunday 22nd	9am	James Kearns
Donaghmore	10am	Isabella & Frank Corrigan, Frank & Gráinne Redmond
	10.45m	Phyllis Faherty, Milltown (Months Mind)
	12.30pm	Lisa Doherty

Assumption of Mary, Full of Grace

Our masses this Sunday are offered on the feast of the Assumption. We reflect together and celebrate Mary's role in salvation history. At 12 noon and 6pm today members of the Legion of Mary will lead the rosary at the statue in our church grounds. All are welcome to join them.

Hail, Queen of heaven, the ocean star.
 Guide of the wanderer here below.
 Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care;
 Save us from peril and from woe,
 Mother of Christ, star of the sea,
 Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

This hymn 'Hail Queen of Heaven' was written by Fr. John Lingard (1775-1851) from Winchester, England and is a popular hymn on today's feast.

The doctrine of the Assumption says that, at the end of her life on earth, Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven. Some people think Catholics believe Mary 'ascended' into heaven. That's not correct. Christ, by his own power, ascended into heaven. Mary was assumed or taken up into heaven by God. She did not do it under her own power. Pope Pius XII, in *Munificentissimus Deus* (1950), defined that Mary, 'after the completion of her earthly life' (note the silence regarding her death), 'was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven'.

Missa Pro Popolo

On a Sunday when there is no intention on a mass you may see the words 'Pro Popolo'. A parish priest is asked to ensure that at least one mass a week is said in a parish for the living.

Words of Wisdom

"We are to love God for Himself, because of a twofold reason; nothing is more reasonable, nothing more profitable." St. Bernard of Clairvaux.



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

Heritage Week 2021

It is National Heritage week and all citizens are encouraged to embrace their national heritage. Perhaps you have never walked Ashbourne town heritage trail and took time to read the accompanying signs. Now may be the time to do so. Both our parish churches and the parish hall are an important part of the Christian heritage of Ashbourne and Donaghmore and the parish is committed to looking after these significant sacred buildings. Many OPW heritage sites in the country remain open with free admission as the country emerges from the pandemic and are at any time well worth a visit.



Ordination of Rathkenny Man to Diaconate

This weekend our Bishop Tom Deenihan, ordains Barry White as a deacon. Barry is from Rathkenny parish and was a secondary school teacher before entering the national seminary in Maynooth. Please God, next year, Barry will be ordained a priest for the diocese of Meath. We keep seminarians in our prayers and pray for those at this time discerning a call to diocesan or religious life.

Maynooth Higher Diploma in Theological Studies

Are you looking for an introduction to Theology this September? St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, is offering new blended learning opportunities for participants to fit in learning around other life commitments. If interested there is a poster on the parish notice board or you can find out more online at maynoothcollege.ie/courses/higher-diploma-in-theological-studies.

Distribution of Magazines or Prayer Cards

As in many parishes no literature is allowed to be left on the tables or seats of our parish churches. The tables are used for the distribution of our parish newsletters and any other materials authorised by the parish. Similarly, any religious notices for the parish noticeboards should be left into the parish office and authorised for display. Your understanding and co-operation with keeping our churches tidy is appreciated.

Visiting the National Shrine of our Lady

If you are in Mayo, why not take the opportunity to visit the shrine of Knock. While the annual novena is postponed until later in the year Knock provides space for prayer, reflection and meditation. Since 1879 Irish Catholics have gone on pilgrimage seeking the intercession and protection of our Lady of Knock.

New Parish Members

We welcome the following new members into our Faith Community:

Ruaidhrí Finnegan
Feena Grace Davis
Molly Sarah Abbey
Aurora Ruth O'Byrne
Daphne Frances Hogan
Oisín Seán McAdam

Blessing of the Graves in St. Declan's Cemetery

The 10am mass next Monday (August 23rd) will be offered for all those interred in St. Declan's cemetery. Later that day Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciaran will bless the graves in the cemetery. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the gathering of families for the annual blessing of graves cannot take place in the usual way. Nevertheless, families with loved ones interred are asked to have their graves ready for the occasion and are encouraged to make a special effort to visit the graves next weekend and pray for loved ones and people carrying the cross of grief.

Killegland cemetery was blessed during the week and this Sunday's 9am mass is offered for those interred within its ancient walls. On the weekend of August 29th the blessing of the graves will take place in Greenogue cemetery and one of our Sunday masses will once again be offered for the repose of those interred within the cemetery grounds.

Confirmation in our Parish

The conferral of Confirmation is planned for Saturday, September 11. There will be four short confirmation ceremonies at which the candidates and three accompanying adults will attend. The safety measures that our parish expects parents to follow are presently being outlined to the families concerned. In a few weeks before the sacrament is conferred 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 confirmation that will be accommodated by our parish.

Coeliac Hosts

Our parish consecrates coeliac or low gluten hosts each weekend for people unable to receive regular holy communion. People wishing to receive this host at our parish masses should come to the priest at communion time and indicate that their wish to receive this type of host. The coeliac pyx is now inserted in to the ciborium the priest uses and this emphasises the unity of the Eucharistic community.

Offertory Collection to be restored at Sunday Mass

Since the resumption of mass after the various lockdowns the offertory collection was taken up before and after Sunday masses by parishioners leaving their donation in boxes left at the church doors. Our parish seeks to re-establish the collection in its normal place at the offertory in the Sunday mass. It is hoped that in the coming weekend the offertory collection will be taken up by means of purpose made collection bags attached to poles. We thank the stewards who are helping us with this task. We thank everyone who is continuing to support this important collection. The offertory collection in a parish goes towards the day to day running of a parish with certain Sundays designated to contribute to the support of priests living in the parish. The restoration of our collection will help us to begin the slow recovery from the financial hit that all parishes have taken over the past 16 months.

Supporting our Parish Financially

We publish today the three weekly collection figures

Ashbourne Plate €470.00

Shrines €685.00

Development Fund €940.00

We thank our parishioners for their generosity.

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