

# 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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Our office can be contacted  
 Monday – Friday 9.30am - 2.30pm  
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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

## Come, Holy Spirit



At our Masses this weekend we pray for those in our parish receiving confirmation on Saturday.. The liturgical art on our sanctuary highlights the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we are all asked to pursue as spirit filled people.

## Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 4th	7pm	<u>Anniversaries Occurring Mass</u> Lilly Ronan Mary, Michael & Michelle Long The deceased members of King family Adrian Rock Julia Finnegan Eddie & Kathleen Caffrey Edward, Mary & Eileen Caffrey Ellen & Thomas Newman Newman & Tuite Families Catherine Galway, Sr. Merlyn Galway Walter Meleady Snr.
Sunday 5th	9am	Pro Populo
Donaghmore	10am	Pro Populo
	10.45m	Paul Kelly, Duleek (Months Mind)
	12.30pm	Joe Donnelly Margaret, John & Sean Farrelly Frank Kiernan Michael & Philomena Allen
Monday 6th	10am	James, Ellen & Gerard McGrath
Tuesday 7th	10am	John & Bridget Garvey Boylan & Garvey Families
Wednesday 8th	10am	Ronnie Cosgrave 1st Anniversary
Thursday 9th	10am	James & Joey Nevis
Friday 10th	10am	James & Mary Rogers
Saturday 11th	7pm	<u>Anniversaries Occurring Mass</u> Pat Moran Patrick Twomey John & Ann Brennan
Sunday 12th	9am	Pro Populo
Donaghmore	10am	Pro Populo
	10.45m	Legion of Mary Centenary Mass
	12.30pm	Michael Gleeson Lillie Ronan Sarah Doherty

## Busy Saturdays Ahead!

Due to First Communion and Confirmation the normal Saturday schedule of afternoon confessions and baptisms has now finished. Baptisms on Sundays at 2.30pm will remain unchanged and the regular Saturday schedule will resume on Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Confirmation on Saturday

Bishop Tom will visit our parish on Saturday next for the conferral of the sacrament of confirmation. Across four separate ceremonies 232 children from our parish will receive this sacrament. We thank the schools for their support to the parents and parish in helping the candidates to learn about the Holy Spirit. The children are asked to make sure that they know how to bow, bless themselves, say the 'I confess' and the 'Our Father'. Each candidate will have three other people with them one of which is their sponsor. The parish protocols around covid will be in place.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Communion Masses will take place in Ashbourne Church on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. There are four masses each Saturday for the families involved and the child and up to four others are welcome to attend. Children at masses in preparation for first Holy Communion are reminded they can come forward to the priest for a blessing at communion time and they ask for this blessing by crossing their hands in front of them. Parents are asked to ensure that they and their children are familiar with the prayers of mass and that they know the covid protocols in our church. We all look forward to this important celebration of the Eucharist in our parish.



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

## Liturgy Meetings

On the week after next Fr. Michael would like to meet with those involved in liturgy in the parish (ie. readers, ministers of the Eucharist, musicians and stewards). This will help him to get to know those involved and see if there are any issues that he and Fr. Ciarán need to help address. The priests are conscious that with the pandemic things are difficult for everyone as we try to keep our ministry and faith alive and active. The meetings will take place in Ashbourne Church in a socially distanced manner and more details of the proposed meetings will be posted in the newsletter next weekend.

Tuesday 14th September 7pm—Readers Meeting  
Tuesday 14th September 8pm—Musicians / Singers

Wednesday 15th September 7pm—Ministers of the Eucharist  
Wednesday 15th September 7.45pm—Stewards Meeting

On Wednesday evening September 15<sup>th</sup> at 8.30pm Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciarán will be in Donaghmore to meet all those involved in looking after the church there. If you are a reader, Eucharistic minister or help in anyway Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciarán extend this invitation to you.

## Daily Readers at Mass

As part of restoring daily activities in our parish from the damage of covid Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciarán are hoping that the daily readings at mass in Ashbourne will be read once again by lay people. It is hoped that this ministry will recommence on Monday September 13<sup>th</sup>, the feast of St John Chrysostom. If anyone attending daily mass can help out with this function we would love to have you involved.

## Wedding Inquiries

The priests of the parish deal with all wedding inquiries in the parish. On a Saturday Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciarán meet couples preparing for the sacrament. If any one wants to book a wedding or needs to get church paperwork done this is the opportunity our priests give to those embarking on this journey.

## Booking of Any Parish Property

Our parish has in place the new diocesan guidelines around the booking of any parish property. If any group in the future wants to book a building belonging to the church agreement must be made through the St. Finian's diocesan trust. The diocesan property commission oversee the management of properties in the 69 parishes of our diocese of which Ashbourne-Donaghmore is part. As part of this process groups must provide their insurance to the diocesan office and take responsibility for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The form for submitting to the commission is available through the parish office and will be in use when buildings are open again to the public.

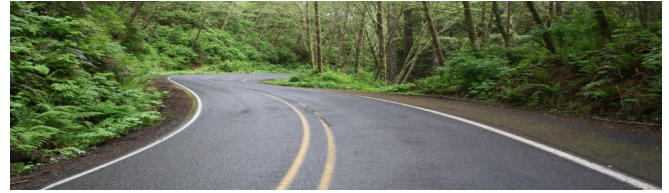
## Mass Cards

Mass cards and mass bouquets signed by the priests of the parish are available for purchase during public office hours. Many people like to get a specific mass said when a loved one is sick or bereaved.

We wish the Meath Minors and the Ladies Senior Football Team and all the very best in their finals today.



## Roadmap to Easing Covid Restrictions



The government announced on Tuesday that from tomorrow (Monday 6 September 2021) up to 50 per cent of the capacity of a church building that can be filled. On 22 October 2021 all capacity limits at masses, weddings and funerals are due to be lifted. Ashbourne parish will continue to gradually reopen and strengthen itself as it lives with covid. Face masks still remain mandatory in church buildings and parishioners are asked to continue to sanitise their hands often and keep a respectful distance. The two- metre rule is being phased out by the government but we still must try to avoid congestion in our church buildings as we gather or disperse from our masses. The new ways of coming up to holy communion in an orderly one way system and the new means of collecting the offertory will remain in place. The plastic screens dividing parishioners into pods will remain in situ for the month of September as we celebrate the sacraments and pray together. The sanitisation of the church building in between ceremonies will also continue during this phase of transition. We thank the stewards for their work and everyone for their cooperation, patience and understanding.

We publish today the three weekly collection figures

Ashbourne Plate €1585.00

Shrines €1065.00

Development Fund €1330.00

We thank all those who contribute, collect and count our finances.

We thank our parishioners for their generosity.

Bank online details : Parish Funds BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE81BOFI90318941259940

Priest's Offerings BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE66BOFI90318941030708

Welcome to 2 New Parish Members

Freya Barker, Chloe Marie McLoughlin Dando

Remembering those who have died

Michael Reilly, Killeglend, whose funeral mass will take place on Monday at 11.30am

Joe Finglas, Milltown Estate whose funeral mass will take place on Tuesday at 11.30am

## Anniversary Occurring Masses Begin

This Saturday evening our vigil mass is offered for those whose anniversary occur at this particular time. This mass is being established as main parish mass that will have multiple intentions. Family members booking the mass are asked to attend and pray the mass with priest and parishioners. After the names on the mass are read, one family member will be invited to come forward to light a candle for the deceased from our paschal candle. Please note it is one candle per family intention.

