



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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



O Sacrament, Most Holy

O Sacrament, Divine

Mass Times and Intentions

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| Saturday 11th | 7pm | <u>Anniversaries Occurring Mass</u> Pat Moran Patrick Twomey John & Ann Brennan |
| Sunday 12th | 9am | Pro Populo |
| Donaghmore | 10am | Pro Populo |
| | 10.45am | Legion of Mary Centenary Mass |
| | 12.30pm | Michael Gleeson Lillie Ronan Sarah Doherty |
| Monday 13th | 10am | Pro Populo |
| Tuesday 14th | 10am | Pro Populo |
| Wednesday 15th | 10am | Pro Populo |
| Thursday 16th | 10am | Pro Populo |
| Friday 17th | 10am | Aiden McManamy |
| Saturday 18th | 7pm | <u>Anniversaries Occurring Mass</u> Albert Churm and his brother Christy whose months mind occurs. Mary Ryan Jim Lenihan & deceased of members of the Lenihan family Mary Hamilton |
| Sunday 19th | 9am | Patrick Hoban McLoughlin & Tierney Families |
| Donaghmore | 10am | Pro Populo |
| | 10.45am | Jason Ellis, Milltown Estate, months mind |
| | 12.30pm | Paul Battersby Bernadette Andrew Odhrán O'Donnell Thomas Hardy |

First Holy Communion 2021

It is with joy we look forward to the celebration of First Holy Communion. Next Saturday children in our parish from four schools will receive the sacrament and the following Saturday our priests will celebrate another four masses for first holy communicants and their families. The communicants will be 'guests of honour' at masses next Sunday and we look forward to having the children with us.

Congratulations to all those Confirmed

Congratulations to all the boys and girls confirmed in our parish on Saturday. A lovely day was had by all. We hope that the power of the Holy Spirit will be nurtured by the 'confirmandi'. We thank Bishop Tom and all who helped organise and steward the four ceremonies. Thanks to all who decorated the Church and grounds.

Parish Webcam

All our parish ceremonies are broadcast online and are accessed through the parish website. The eight first communion ceremonies will be broadcast to accommodate those unable to attend due to the pandemic restrictions on numbers in church buildings.

The Feast of the Triumph of the Cross

On Tuesday we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We remember it is through the cross that Jesus showed the power of his love. The cross is the main symbol of our faith and we must be careful that it is not airbrushed from what it is to be a Christian. 'We adore you O Christ and we praise you because by thy holy cross you have redeemed the world'.

Our Lady of Sorrows

On Wednesday we mark the Marian feast of our Lady of Sorrows. We recall that Mary had great hardship in life and she endured pain with great love. Traditionally seven sorrows of Mary are reflected upon: The prophecy of Simeon; The Flight into Egypt; The Loss of Jesus for Three Days; The Carrying of the Cross; the Crucifixion; Jesus taken down from the Cross and Jesus Laid in the Tomb.



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

Ashbourne Church Liturgy Meeting

It has been a difficult eighteen months for all involved in ministry in our parish. This week Fr. Michael begins his engagement with those involved in liturgy in the parish i.e. readers, ministers of the Eucharist, musicians and stewards. This will help him as a new priest in the parish to get to know those involved and see the issues that he and Fr. Ciarán need to help address as best they can. These liturgy meetings will begin and end on time taking place in Ashbourne Church in a socially distanced manner. All involved in ministry are welcome to attend.

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

Donaghmore Church Meeting

On Wednesday evening next, September 15th, at 8.30pm Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciarán will be in Donaghmore to meet all those involved in looking after the church there. All those interested in keeping a vibrant faith community in Donaghmore are welcome to attend.

50 per cent Capacity in our Churches

Up to 50 per cent of seats in our churches can now be filled. This is a welcome development. The two-metre rule is being phased out by the government and the emphasis is that people take responsibility for their own safety. The important thing is that we continue to open up and pray safely. Face masks remain mandatory in church buildings and parishioners are asked to continue to sanitise their hands often. We keep a respectful distance from others and avoid congestion when leaving the church. The new one-way system of coming up to holy communion in and the new means of collecting the offertory remain in place. Holy communion remains by hand only. The sanitisation of the church building in between ceremonies also continues during this phase of transition. We thank the stewards for their work and everyone for their cooperation, patience and help with this transition. Ashbourne parish is gradually reopening and strengthening itself as it lives with covid. On 22 October 2021 all capacity limits at masses, weddings and funerals are due to be lifted.

Parish Hall Contract

The hall committee at their June meeting informed the parish that they will not be renewing the license agreement with the diocese. This means that all decisions to do with the day to day running of the hall will



revert to the parish directly. The two main rooms of the hall will remain open for after school classes and these rooms are used three evenings a week during the school year. The hall boardroom is used by parish groups including the Legion of Mary, the Bethany Group, the Pioneers, the St. Josephs Young Priests Society and the Knights of St. Columbanus. The priests of the parish also use the boardroom when meeting couples preparing for marriage or meeting families organising the funeral of a loved one. The parish is grateful to the various hall committees down the years who helped fundraise, restore and manage the building until now.

Mass to Mark the Centenary of the Legion of Mary



It is one hundred years since Frank Duff founded the Legion of Mary. The Legion is today a worldwide Catholic lay movement that promotes charitable works through Mary to Christ. People including recognisable names like Frank Duff, Alfie Lambe and Edel Quinn have through the Legion brought Christ to the world. The Legion of Mary group in Ashbourne was founded in 2002 and through prayer and charity seek to support the Catholic mission of our parish. The 10.45am mass this Sunday is offered as a thanksgiving

mass to God for the work of the Legion at local, national and international level.

Rosary Recitation

The rosary is said publicly in Ashbourne Church every day at 9.30am before the celebration of the daily mass. The people facilitating this prayer in the church are reminded now that it is back in place that the devotions should be completed at least ten minutes prior to the start of the celebration of mass. This is so that there is silence in the church as people prepare for mass and so that the rosary is not imposed on anyone or seen as an add on to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

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 tomorrow, Monday. If anyone attending daily mass can help out with this ministry we would love to have you involved.

2020 Annual Accounts

Fr. Michael is currently meeting the parish accountant in order to shortly publish the accounts for 2020. The new envelope boxes go out at the end of this month and are currently being prepared for distribution. A letter will accompany each box. We thank all parishioners who take the envelope box as a means of supporting our parish.

We publish today the three weekly collection figures

Ashbourne –Donaghmore Plate €1230.00

Shrines €885.00

Development Fund €915.00

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

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St Mary's NS invites applications for the position of School Secretary. Further details on educationposts.ie (Ad ID 159982) or by contacting the school on 01 8351299.

Applications to secretary.smash@gmail.com.

Closing date Monday 20th September 2021.

Welcome to Three New Parish Members

Logan Meehan-Mico

Diarmaid Laurence O'Connell

Thomas Edward Deering

Remembering those who have died

Michael Reilly, Killeland, whose funeral mass was on Monday
Joe Finglas, Milltown Estate, whose funeral mass was on Tuesday
Maureen Mackle, Co. Tyrone mother of Bernadette Reilly