



# 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  
 telephone (01) 8353149 or e-mail

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

Congratulations and Best  
 Wishes to our 1<sup>st</sup> Communicants



### Mass Times and Intentions

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
Monday 20th	10am	Patricia Bruton Leo Kelly
Tuesday 21th	10am	James & Mary Rogers
Wednesday 22nd	10am	Mass for the Holy Souls
Thursday 23rd	10am	Gerard McGrath Tunney, Elsie & Camilla Morgan TV Joseph
Friday 24th	10am	Eamon Lacey (1st Anniversary) Agnes & Peter Lawless
Saturday 25th	7pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 26th	9am	Bridget Slattery
Donaghmore	10am	Pro Populo
	10.45am	Sean Norton, Rathfarnham (Months Mind)
	12.30pm	Brendan Reddington, Bourne Avenue (1st Anniversary) Jack Barrett

### Welcome to Sunday Mass

We welcome to mass this Sunday the children who received holy communion yesterday. The children and their families are welcome to come up to holy communion first at mass today as guests of honour. Fr. Ciaran and Fr. Michael have a little parish prayer card for all those attending.

A lovely day was had by all yesterday. We hope that the sacrament will always be important to those involved. We thank all who helped organise and steward the four ceremonies. We thank those who decorated the church and its grounds.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion on Saturday Next

It is with joy we look forward to the final 2021 celebration of 1<sup>st</sup> holy communion. Next 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.

### Sacramental Preparation Classes to Resume

Any catholic parent with a child in a non-catholic school who wishes them to receive confession, communion and confirmation in 2022 should at this time be registered on the parish sacramental programme. Registration forms are still available through the parish office or from one of our priests after Sunday Mass. Classes for the coming academic year will once again be held in the parish hall on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and these will start the first week in October on the afternoon of Tuesday October 5th. Completed forms and the financial contribution towards the classes are now due. We thank Kay Churm and her team of teachers for their help in delivering this programme.



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

## Message from Fr. John in Clonmel

I would like to sincerely thank everybody who was so kind, thoughtful and generous during recent Silver Jubilee celebrations which coincided with my moving to take up a new role and ministry in the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore. I truly appreciate your well-wishing, cards and prayers!

While 'on loan' for the next three years in Waterford Diocese I will be based in the parish of St. Mary's, Irishtown, Clonmel as priest in residence. The Diocese of Waterford and Lismore covers all of Waterford City and County as well as the southern part of County Tipperary, 46 parishes in all. As well as ministering in Clonmel, part of my role will involve with Bishop Phonsie on his Diocesan Leadership Team. I will be helping to implement aspects of their fresh and exciting Diocesan Pastoral Plan specifically in areas of encouraging Parish Leadership Teams. I do so only having gained so much in working with and learning from you all in the parish over the last years. Thank you for your help and encouragement. You are always welcome in Clonmel.



## Thank You

Thanks to all those who attended the liturgy meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday last. Fr. Michael found it beneficial to meet some of the people involved in liturgy in Ashbourne. Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciarán met volunteers in Donaghmore Church and are grateful to all those who came along.

## Diary for Next Year

The diary for the booking of 2022 masses will be open in November. Wedding masses and 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary masses are however taken at this time. Your understanding and cooperation with good parish practise is appreciated.

## Gradual Reopening of our Churches

Ashbourne parish is gradually reopening and strengthening itself as it lives with covid. Up to 50 per cent of seats in our churches can now be filled. Face masks remain mandatory and parishioners are asked to continue to sanitise their hands often. We keep a respectful one meter distance from others and avoid congestion when leaving the church. The one-way system of coming up to holy communion remains in place with entry to your seat at the side aisle now possible. Holy communion continues 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. On 22 October 2021 all capacity limits at masses, weddings and funerals are due to be lifted.

## Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)



Ashbourne parish is currently inviting any adults wishing to become catholic to contact them. Please email the parish office and an application form will be sent out and we will take it with you from there. The formal rite of Christian initiation will see candidates embark on a spiritual journey and involve catechesis where one learns about faith

in Jesus and living that faith in the Christian community. The seven month process of formation involves the reception of the sacraments of baptism, confession, communion and confirmation. We thank Brendan and Aine O Reilly for the work that they do in delivering the RCIA programme in Ashbourne and putting our parish on the catechetical map.

## Thursday is Padre Pio's Feast Day

St. Padre Pio is a popular saint who received the stigmata of Christ and carried our Saviour's wounds for fifty years. He offered his daily sufferings in a loving way to Christ. He promoted prayer and built a hospital in San Giovanni and called it a 'home for the relief of suffering'. Mass for his feast is offered this Thursday at 10am. *Padre Pio, Pray for us.*

## Anointing of the Sick Next Friday

As part of the 10am mass next Friday the Sacrament and anointing of the Sick will be available to parishioners. When someone who is sick or infirm comes forward for the sacrament they are anointed with the holy oil on their forehead and on the palm of their hand. For the anointing during the transition out of the pandemic cotton buds are used by Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciarán.

## Parish Finance Committee Meeting

A meeting of the parish finance committee will take place on Thursday evening next (September 23<sup>rd</sup>) at 6.30pm in the boardroom of the Parish Hall. Fr. Michael looks forward to meeting all those involved in helping him look after financial affairs of our parish. At this meeting the parish accounts for 2020 will be presented and vision for the parish shared.

## 2021 Envelope Boxes

Fr. Michael recently met the parish accountant in preparation for the publication of the parish accounts for 2020. The new envelope boxes are being prepared for distribution. The new envelope year starts on the first Sunday of October and ends on September 2022. In the envelope box there are 52 regular envelopes coloured blue. There are also 18 envelopes coloured orange. We thank all who use the envelope box as a means of supporting our parish. A letter on parish finances will accompany each box.



We publish today the three weekly collection figures

Ashbourne –Donaghmore Plate €1255.00

Shrines €780.00

Development Fund €830.00

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

Bank online details : Parish Funds BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE81BOFI90318941259940

Priest's Offerings BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE66BOFI90318941030708

St Mary's NS invites applications for the position of School Secretary. Further details on [educationposts.ie](http://educationposts.ie) (Ad ID 159982) or by contacting the school on 01 8351299. Applications to [secretary.smash@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.smash@gmail.com). Closing date Monday 20th September 2021.

## Welcome to Three New Parish Members

Havana Laurena Woods

Seán Patrick Horgan

Una Mooney Femat

## Remembering those who have died

Rita McMullen, Castle Park, whose funeral took place on Tuesday.

Thomas Ryan, Ashbourne, whose funeral took place on Friday.

Bernadette Hemeryck, The Ward, Dublin whose funeral will take place on Monday.

Frank King, Listowel, (Brother of Maura Hourihan).