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

Congratulations and Best Wishes to our 1st Communicants

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 25th	7pm	Anniversaries Occurring Mass Seán Norton, Rathfarnham, (Months Mind) Paddy Lee & deceased members of the Lee Family
Sunday 26th	9am	Bridget Slattery
Donaghmore	10am	Pro Populo
	10.45am	Pro Populo
	12.30pm	Brendan Reddington, Bourne Avenue (1st Anniversary) Jack Barrett
Monday 27th	10am	James, Brigid & Liam Keating
Tuesday 28th	10am	Joe Rooney
Wednesday 29th	10am	Frank Deering
Thursday 30th	10am	Pro Populo
Friday 1st	10am	Altar List of the Dead
Saturday 2nd	7pm	Anniversaries Occurring Mass Declan Conroy, Castle Park, (1st Anniversary) Deceased members of the Farrelly & Gaughan Families Hugh & Bridie Bannon Philip Baxter, Maureen Kearney
Sunday 3rd	9am	Ann Doherty
Donaghmore	10am	Margaret Jones
	10.45am	Michael Reilly, Killegland, (Months Mind)
	12.30pm	Pro Populo

Diary for Next Year

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

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. Ciarán 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.

10am First Friday Mass

Friday is the First Friday in October and the feast of St. St Thérèse. The 10am Mass is offered for those enlisted on the Ashbourne Donaghmore List of the Dead.

First Friday Calls to the Sick

The monthly communion calls by the priests of our parish to the sick and housebound of Ashbourne and Donaghmore will take place on Friday next. Parishioners receiving the blessed sacrament are asked to have a candle, cross and white cloth in place for this visit. Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciarán ask that they be allowed to wash their hands while visiting and they of course will be wearing a facemask. If anyone would like their priest to call and are not on the parish list, please contact the parish office.

Eucharistic Adoration - Ashbourne Church every Thursday 10.30am-8pm

Church and Gates Close at 8pm

The gates of Ashbourne Church carpark and campus will close at 8pm - the same time as the church. With no evening activities taking place within the parish campus for the foreseeable future, it makes sense to fully secure this property each evening. As has always been the case the parish takes no responsibility for cars parked on its premises at all times.

Ministry of the Word - Acclaiming the Gospel

At last week's meeting of the readers it was decided that just before the gospel acclamation the reader at mass in our parish would say 'Let us acclaim the gospel'. The congregation stand as this instruction is made and the acclamation is either sung or said together with the priest and people. The gospel acclamation is important part of the Liturgy of the Word and takes place just before the priest or deacon proclaims the holy gospel.

Saints of the Week

Monday 27th September - St Vincent de Paul—he is the founder of the Vincentian Priests and the Daughters of Charity (who were the first sisters to work outside their convents in active service). He is the patron saint of all charitable works. As we celebrate the feast of Saint Vincent de Paul we express thanks to a wonderful group of people involved in Ashbourne parish and in parishes throughout Ireland helping those most in need in our country. If you can, please support their work, by giving clothes or good quality items to the charity or perhaps volunteer some of your time to help in the local SVP shop. If you need help do not be afraid to contact them.

Wednesday 29th September - Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael—they are our Archangels. Michael has been venerated as protector of Christians in general and solders in particular. Gabriel is known as God's messenger and the one who brought the message to Mary at the Annunciation that she would be the mother of God. Raphael's name means 'God heals' as we pray for healing for ourselves and others through his intercession.

Thursday 30th September - St Jerome—he translated the Bible into Latin, a language which was commonly used in liturgical celebrations and one which was generally accepted as being the most accurate version. He wrote many commentaries on scripture.

Friday 1st October - St Thérèse of Lisieux. She became known as 'The Little Flower' and she has gained popular devotion because of her intercession in helping with the needs of many people. Her message is that we have a vocation to love God through doing little acts of kindness in His name.

Saturday 2nd October - The Guardian Angels. We venerate our Angels to seek their constant protection as we pray:

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits thee here. Ever this day, be at my side, to light, to guard, to rule, to guide. Amen.

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 2023 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.

2021 Envelope Boxes

Fr. Michael recently met the parish accountant in preparation for the publication of the 2020 parish accounts on Sunday October 17th. The new envelope boxes will be distributed this week. The new envelope year starts next weekend 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 .

Tap To Donate

Ashbourne Church is now offering the facilities for contactless payments through a 'TAP TO DONATE payzone unit' which is located at the back of the church beside the Donate Safe Box. It provides a safe and secure way for people to support the parish in making a fixed sum donation of €5 with the tap of a debit/credit card. The contributions will go towards payment for shrine candles, maintenance, electricity, heating, necessary supplies and repairs to ensure that we all have a good place to pray and worship.

We publish today the three weekly collection figures

Ashbourne –Donaghmore Plate €1125.00
Shrines €685.00
Development Fund €725.00

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

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.

Welcome to Five New Parish Members

Leo Vorohta, Emilia Hazel Fee, Eirn Bridget Brennan,
Florence O'Neill, Adeline Skye Gaul

Remembering those who have died

Bernadette Hemeryck, The Ward, whose funeral took place on Monday.

Pat Frawley, Coolfore, whose funeral took place on Friday.

REST IN PEACE