



# 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

O Sacrament Most Holy



## Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 28th	7pm	Barney Kearns Mary & Jack Hickey Daniel Kiernan Sean Farrell Mary Norton Breda Cahill Miriam & Colm Gaynor
Sunday 29th	9am	Mass for those interred in Greenogue Cemetery & Special Intention
Donaghmore	10am	James & Alice Hickey
	10.45m	Pat Keane, Bourne View, (Months Mind)
	12.30pm	Elizabeth Dunphy James Lanigan
Monday 30th	10am	Tom Bennett
Tuesday 31st	10am	Will & Pat Linehan
Wednesday 1st	10am	Phyllis Faherty
Thursday 2nd	10am	Margaret Roberts Ciara Andrews
Friday 3rd	10am	Altar List of the Dead
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
Sunday 5th	9am	Michael & Philomena Allen
Donaghmore	10am	Pro Populo
	10.45m	Paul Kelly, Duleek (Months Mind)
	12.30pm	Joe Donnelly Margaret, John & Sean Farrelly Frank Kiernan

## Busy Saturdays Ahead!

Due to First Communion and Confirmation in our parish on three of the four Saturdays in September the normal Saturday schedule of afternoon confessions and baptisms will finish on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Baptisms on Sundays at 2.30pm will remain unchanged and the regular Saturday schedule will resume on Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Holy Communion 2021

First 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. Covid guidelines have been distributed and 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 look forward to this important celebration of the Eucharist in our parish.

## Confirmation 2021

Confirmation is due to take place on Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciarán met with the school principals recently to organise the covid logistics and guidelines around the safe celebration of the sacrament in our parish. You are asked to keep the confirmation candidates in prayer as we prepare for the visit of Bishop Tom Deenihan. We pray that the children and their families will value the importance of prayer and confirming one's living belief in Jesus. Come, Holy Spirit...



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

## 10am First Friday Mass

Friday next is the First Friday in September. The 10am Mass offered on this day- like every first Friday - is 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.

## Church Gates Close at 8pm

From September 6<sup>th</sup> the gates in the church campus will close at the same time as the church. With no evening activities in the parish campus in the foreseeable future it makes sense for the parish to fully secure its property from this time. As has always been the case the parish takes no responsibility for cars parked on its premises at all times.

## Supporting our Parish Financially

Last weekend we reintroduced the basket collection at its scheduled place at Sunday masses in Ashbourne Church. A massive thank you to the stewards who are helping with this task and we ask for your continued patience and understanding as we re-establish this ancient practise. The offertory collection in all Irish parishes 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 this collection will help us to begin the slow recovery from the financial hit that all parishes have taken over the past 16 months. We thank everyone who supports the various collections in our parish and help in any way from making a contribution, collecting the finances or counting what comes in.

We publish today the three weekly collection figures

Ashbourne Plate €1030.00

Shrines €655.00

Development Fund €795.00

We thank our parishioners for their generosity.

Bank online details : Parish Funds BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE81BOFI90318941259940

Priest's Offerings BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE66BOFI90318941030708

## Best Wishes to Children Returning to School

We wish the children, parents and staff all the best for the new academic year. It is great to have some good weather as this happens. We thank the members of the voluntary catholic boards of management in St. Mary's, St. Declan's and Gaelscoil na Cille for the work that they do in supporting the school principals, staff and parents in making the schools great places of education.



## Liturgy Meetings

On the evenings of September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Fr. Michael would like to meet with those involved in liturgy in the parish (ie. readers, musicians / singers, ministers of the Eucharist 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 8pm—Stewards Meeting

On Thursday evening September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciaran will be in Donaghmore to meet all those involved in looking after the church there.

## Care for Creation Day

September 1<sup>st</sup> is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Pope Francis continually reminds us that 'our encounter with Jesus Christ must become evident in our relationship with the world around us'. As well as hearing the 'cry of the poor' we must, also, hear 'the cry of the earth'

## New Parish Members

We welcome the following new members into our Faith Community:

Clodagh Anne Mc Entee

Hayley Madison Andrews

Aeris Margaret Abutin

Chloe Paschoal Alexixo

## Cemetery Devotions Conclude

Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciaran visited the five cemeteries of our parish in recent weeks for the annual blessing of the graves. We express thanks to all our parishioners who look after the graves of their loved ones and keep the cemeteries as places of prayer and reflection. We thank the local authorities for the work they do alongside the parish in keeping the places of interment in Ashbourne and Donaghmore. We look forward in hope to the day when the graves can be blessed with family members present.

## Anniversary Occurring Masses

On Saturday evening next our vigil mass will be offered for those whose anniversary occur at that 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

## Remembering those who have died

Jason Ellis, Milltown Estate whose funeral took place on Monday

Sean Norton, Rathfarnham and Ashbourne whose funeral took place Friday

Christopher Churm, Ranelagh, (Brother-in-law of Kay Churm)

James (Jem) Richardson, Dublin (Father of Damien Richardson)