



# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### Priests of the Parish

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### Priest on Call

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The Parish Office is open to the Public on  
*Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday*  
 mornings 10.30am—12pm

All Mass bookings & enquiries should be  
 made in the Parish Office

**Parish Secretary** Mary Mullen



Season of Creation

### Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 9th	7pm	<u>Anniversaries Occurring Mass</u> Gráinne Bray, Bourne View, (months mind) Patrick Walsh Snr Mary, Michael & Michelle Long Arnoldas Kura Ka Brangan David O'Rourke Michael Heneghan
Sunday 10th	9am	Pro Populo
Donaghmore	10am	James, Peg and Henry Kavanagh Keith Andrews
	10.45am	Eddie Bradley, Milltown, (1st Anniversary)
	12.30pm	Pro Populo
Monday 11th	10am	
Tuesday 12th	10am	No Mass
Wednesday 13th	10am	No Mass
Thursday 14th	10am	Catherine Davis
Friday 15th	10am	Baby Holly Kane
Saturday 16th	7pm	<u>Anniversaries Occurring Mass</u> Joseph & Margaret Norris Terry O'Brien James & Sarah Reilly Eilish Bartley & deceased of Bartley Family Kathleen & Jim Flanagan & deceased of Flanagan & Brennan Family
Sunday 17th	9am	Pro Populo
Donaghmore	10am	Pro Populo
	10.45am	Frank King (months mind) Tom Ryan (months mind) Rita McMullen (months mind)
	12.30pm	Jimmy, Jean & Peadar Lawless

### Season of Creation

The season of creation was celebrated throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. This year the Catholic church has united with the Orthodox, Anglican and World Council of Churches in celebrating creation time. Pope Francis in his encyclical 'Laudato Si' calls for us all to become conscious of how we can help safeguard the created world for future generations.

Over the next two weeks some of Pope Francis' words are printed on this newsletter to help build awareness and action on environmental issues.

'We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it. We have had enough of immorality and the mockery of ethics, goodness, faith and honesty. It is time to acknowledge that light-hearted superficiality has done us no good. When the foundations of social life are corroded, what ensues are battles over conflicting interests, new forms of violence and brutality, and obstacles to the growth of a genuine culture of care for the environment.'

Describing the Amazon rainforest as 'vital for our planet' Pope Francis joined the regions bishops in praying for action to distinguish the massive fires burning there in recent years. 'We are all worried about the vast fires that have developed in the Amazon'. Let us pray that with the commitment of all they will be brought under control quickly. That forest lung is vital for our planet. The Amazon produces 20 % of the world's oxygen. 'If the Amazon suffers, the world suffers.' Officials estimate it will take 200 years for the area's forest to be restored to its original state. Pope Francis asked 'for all those with positions of responsibility in the economic, political and social fields, all men and women of goodwill to be guardians of creations, of the design of God inscribed in nature, guardians of the other, of the environment; let's not let the signs of destruction and death dictate the path of the world.'

### Diary for Next Year

The diary for the booking of 2022 masses will be open in November.



### Eucharistic Adoration

Ashbourne Church every Thursday  
10.30am-8pm

### Diocesan Retreat

The annual retreat for the priests of Meath Diocese takes place this week from October 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciaran and his contemporaries in prayer at this time of personal and spiritual renewal.

### Daily Masses on Three Days This Week

With the annual diocesan retreat taking place there is no 10am Mass on Tuesday or Wednesday morning in our parish. Masses will take place at 10am on Monday, Thursday and Friday. No Funeral mass will take place in our parish on Tuesday next.

### Retirement of our Ashbourne Church Sacristan

Shay Butler is retiring today from his role as sacristan in our church. For the last 40 years Shay has been efficiently and lovingly fulfilling this important role. As he steps back from this ministry we thank him sincerely for the support that he has given to the priests and people of our people. We wish him and his family all the very best at this time.

### Sacramental Preparation Classes to Resume

Due to a large number of late enrolments, classes for the coming academic year will now start in the week beginning October 11<sup>th</sup>. All children enrolled will be contacted by email this week to confirm individual dates and times.

### October – Month of Mission

Each October followers of Jesus reflect on the fact that we have a mission. We have been baptized and are sent in to the world to bring the good news of Jesus Christ. Everyday we meet people whose faith has been watered down or neglected. It is our job, despite our failings, to try to bring them to Jesus and his kingdom. Life is so much better if people know Jesus as a friend.

### Baptized and Sent

Pope Francis calls for this Month of October to be a special time of prayer and action based around the theme 'Baptized and Sent'. Mission Sunday is on Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup>. It is a day when we think of missionary activity at home and abroad. Pope Francis wants us to grasp the idea that we are baptized and because of this we are sent into the world to bring Jesus Christ to all we encounter. In the last century much focus of mission was on the developing world now our focus is on home turf and helping one another to know Jesus through word and action.

### History of Priests and Religious from Ashbourne and Donaghmore

For Mission Sunday on October 24<sup>th</sup> this year Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciaran would like to gather and display information about priests, brothers and religious sisters from Ashbourne and Donaghmore who worked on the missions. If you have a family member or relation from the parish who was on the missions please put together a photo and a few words on their life. Our parish would love to hear mission stories and put together a file for the archive on missionary activity in our parish.

### Pioneers of Meath Diocese

There is an afternoon of Prayer and Reflection in Saint Ciarán's Parish Church, Carnaross, Co. Meath today Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of October from 3pm to 5pm.

### Pilgrimage to Clonfert for Holy Souls

Mass on Sunday 7th November 2021. For information contact Tony Malone 087 - 9526337

### Church and Gates Close at 8pm

Ashbourne Church and Carpark Gates will close at 8pm. 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.

### Envelope Box Distribution 2021

The envelope boxes were distributed during the week for the new envelope year beginning today. We thank the 307 homes who took the boxes as use them as a means of supporting our parish. A letter from Fr. Michael accompanied each box. If you have not got a box and have been meaning to get one to support the Development and Priest's Offertory Collection they are available either from our priests after mass or through the parish office. A small number of parishioners are to collect their boxes for this year and they are available through the parish office.

### Envelope Boxes 2021

Thanks to all those who have taken a box of envelopes to support the Parish Development and Priest's Offertory Collection. A small number of parishioners who registered last year still have to collect their boxes for this year and they are available from the parish office. If you wish to register for a box please let Fr. Michael or Fr. Ciarán know or call in or email the parish office.



### Tax Rebate Forms

A reminder to anyone that got a letter from Fr. John in June re the Tax Rebate scheme that the parish is looking to submit the forms to revenue in the coming fortnight. If you still have a form please drop it in to a parish envelope box or in to the post box at the parish office at the Old National School. Many thanks.

### 2020 Financial Statement

Next weekend (October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>) Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish Finance Committee will publish its income and Expenditure for 2020. The information will be placed on our parish noticeboards. If anyone would like to know their own financial contribution last year you should contact the parish office directly. All envelope contributions are recorded and audited in line with best practice. The committee is grateful to those who are generous to the parish.

We publish today the three weekly collection figures

Ashbourne –Donaghmore Plate €1050.00

Shrines €845.00

Development Fund €715.00

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

### Welcome to Four New Parish Members

Edward Michael Faulkner, Aoife Catherine Staines,

Daisy Jane Smith, Emmie Dee Creighton

### Remembering those who have died

Maureen O'Farrell, Rathlodge, Ashbourne

Kay McKendrick, Scotland, sister of Collette Gallagher

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