



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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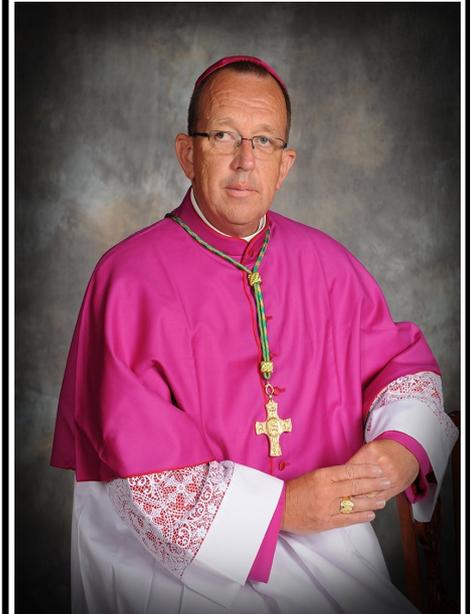
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The Parish Office is open to the Public on
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
mornings 10.30am—12pm

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

Parish Secretary Mary Mullen

Universal Synod



Message from Most Reverend
Tom Deenihan, Bishop of Meath

Mass Times and Intentions

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 Families Patrick Lillicrap
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
Monday 18th	10am	Kitty Doran
Tuesday 19th	10am	Pro Populo
Wednesday 20th	10am	Special Intention
Thursday 21st	10am	Ned Nulty & deceased of the Nulty Family
Friday 22nd	10am	Patrick O'Sullivan & deceased of the O'Sullivan Family Rose McLoughlin Pat Bailey
Saturday 23rd	7pm	Austin & Charlotte McGuire & Family May McCabe Margaret Molloy & parents Margaret & Richard Molloy
Sunday 24th	9am	Pro Populo
Donaghmore	10am	Matthew, Maura & Christy Lambe
	10.45am	Pat Frawley (Months Mind) Patricia Bird (1st Anniversary)
	12.30pm	James & Sarah Reilly Joe Curran

Message from Most Reverend Tom Deenihan,
Bishop of Meath, to mark the beginning of the
Universal Synod

At all masses in Ashbourne and across the Diocese of Meath today Bishop Tom invites parishes to be part of a two year synodal process. He asks each parish to set up a parish pastoral council to help discern God's will for His Church in the coming years. At the end of the spoken text today we will be invited to join in the prayer offered by Pope Francis last Sunday as he opened the Synod.

Prayer of Pope Francis

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path

Nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life

And not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,

in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



Eucharistic Adoration

Ashbourne Church every Thursday
10.30am-8pm

Mission Sunday 2021

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday. It is a day when we support the less well off churches in the developing world by praying and collecting for them. It is a day too when we reflect on the mission we all have of building God's kingdom on earth.

For Mission Sunday 2022 Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciarán have begun gathering 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 let the parish know. Our parish would love to hear mission stories and put together a file for the archive on missionary activity in our parish.

Ashbourne Apostolic Works Society who make and collect material goods for the missions have been in touch with the parish and we are glad to say that they are now back up and running and look towards rebuilding themselves and putting on a display of works in our church this time next year.

Retirement of our Sacristan Shay Butler

For the best part of 40 years Shay has been efficiently and lovingly fulfilling the role of sacristan. Shay opened and closed Ashbourne Church diligently every day, he prepared the altar for mass and took care of all the church vessels along with many other duties. 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 parish. Fr. Michael is grateful to Shay for staying on the last few months We wish Shay and his family all the very best as he retires.



New Baptism Schedule

Over the last five months the priests of the parish have been busy facilitating the large number of requests for the sacrament of baptism many of which had been held back due to the pandemic. From the first Saturday in November baptisms will take place at 2.30pm every Saturday afternoon. Parents with a child for baptism bring their child to Sunday mass and introduce themselves after mass to one of our priests and on asking for the sacrament they receive a parish baptism request form. This is completed by the parents after watching the parish video on baptism and once it is returned to the parish office arrangements are made for the celebration of the sacrament. Restrictions on the numbers attending a baptism are lifted in our parish from the beginning of November.

Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

A parishioner of ours, John Smith (Alderbrook), was invested last month as a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem by his eminence Sean Cardinal Brady (Grand Prior) at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. We congratulate him on receiving this honour and wish him well on taking on his new responsibilities. The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is an Order of Knights and Dames specially charged by the Holy Father with the support of Christians and the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Pilgrimage to Clonfert for Holy Souls

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

2020 Financial Statement

This weekend Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish Finance Committee publishes its income and Expenditure for 2020.

The parish of Ashbourne - Donaghmore had an overall loss of €58,787. Income was down by €95,000 in the year and expenditure increased by €29,790. It is estimated by our accountants that covid expenses amounted to €16,000 with a significant increase on repairs and maintenance to older parish buildings.

With the loss of income due to the suspension of masses throughout many months of 2020 due to severe covid restrictions our parish like many others suffered a significant financial blow and got no state support unlike many other sectors.

The accounts show how dependent our parish is on those going to mass and the need for more people of faith to support their parish community as best they can.

Parishioners are asked to look at their contribution and perhaps to give a little more if possible. Just over 300 parishioners use the envelope collection and another 300 contribute online. Our parish would like these numbers to increase in the years ahead.

The priests of the parish and the parish finance committee hope that our parish will break even this year in its day to day running and ask everyone who uses church facilities and consider themselves members of the faith community to support the mission of the parish. The full details of the 2020 accounts have been placed on our parish noticeboards for everyone to read and anyone is welcome to receive a copy of these details by email. Our parish accounts have now been sent to the diocese and are forwarded to the charity commissioner.

The parish finance committee is grateful to those who are generous and committed to strengthening our parish anew as we plan and develop together a synodal pathway for our church.

Donaghmore Church Basket Collection

Next Sunday (October 24th) it is intended that the basket collection will be reintroduced at the mass in Donaghmore Church. We thank the stewards who are helping their parishioners and priests to manage the gradual return to new liturgical and pastoral practices.

In the Spirit of Giving to the Missions and the Parish

Next Sunday we reintroduce one of six second collections in our parish year. The second collection takes place after communion and goes towards the foreign missions and the work of Propaganda Fide in the developing world. As ever people are asked to be generous as they can. Thank you.

We publish today the three weekly collection figures

Ashbourne - Donaghmore Plate €1070.00

Shrines €750.00

Development Fund €1925.00

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

School admission 2022

The Annual Admission Notices for the three parish primary schools - St. Declan's N.S., St. Mary's N.S. and Gaelscoil na Cille have been recently published on their school websites. Parents of children who wish to apply for admission to Junior Infants September 2022 should read these notices carefully as they include important information about how and when you can apply. Further information is available on the school websites.

www.decsash.ie, www.smash.ie, www.gaelscoilnacille.scoilnet.ie

Welcome to Four New Parish Members

Eireann Grace Bonner, Luke Oliver Danca,

Noah Dominic Carroll and Réaltín Mary McConnell

Remember those who have died

Declan Fitzpatrick, Brother-in-law of Pat Heneghan
Rose Hand, Swords, Aunt of Jennifer Comiskey

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