



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Parish Office is open to the public on
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All Mass bookings & enquiries should be
 made in the Parish Office

Parish Secretary Mary Mullen

**“It is...a holy and wholesome
 thought to pray for the dead.
 We have loved them in life, let
 us not forget them in death.”**

St. Ambrose



Mass Times and Intentions

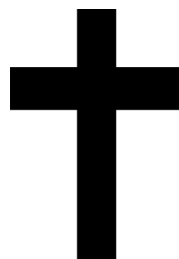
Saturday 30th	7pm	<u>Anniversaries Occurring Mass</u> Robert J. Galway Jim Humphries Hugh Gallagher Fionnula & John O'Driscoll Christine & Hugh McAree Amy, JJ & Trudy Gallagher John Ward James Keating Betty Meleady
Sunday 31st	9am	Bernard, Peg, Thomas & Ann Boland
Donaghmore	10am	Andrea, Gerard & Christian Hoste
	10.45am	Joseph Finglas (Months Mind)
	12.30pm	Pro Populo Mass
Monday 1st All Saints Day	10am 7pm	Altar List of the Dead and Liam Davis Altar List of the Dead
Tuesday 2nd All Souls Day	10am 7pm	Altar List of the Dead Altar List of the Dead
Wednesday 3rd	10am	Maureen & Jim Mullen
Thursday 4th	10am	Deceased members of the Legion of Mary
Friday 5th	10am	Altar List of the Dead
Saturday 6th	7pm	David Behan Mary & Martin Guinnane PJ, John & Mary Roche Helen Coughlan Philomena Carrsano Ian & Gabrielle Overton
Sunday 7th	9am	Patrick Walsh Jnr
Donaghmore	10am	Thomas Morgan
	11am	Pro Populo Mass
	12.30pm	Eileen Fenton Ellen McGrath Kathleen Doherty John Gernon

All Saint's Day & All Souls Mass Schedule

Tomorrow is All Saint's Day and begins a month when Catholics reflect on death, eternity and the final things of life. There are two masses in Ashbourne Church at 10am and 7pm. On this holyday of obligation as we begin this new month we reflect on the lives' of the saints. On the feast of All Soul's on Tuesday masses are scheduled at 10am and 7pm and are offered for all those on the Altar List of the Dead.

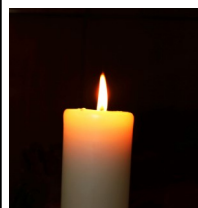
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them

Altar List of the Dead



As the month of remembrance begins the envelopes for the new Altar List of the Dead have been placed in each of our churches. You can return your list of the Dead any time during the month of November. We offer mass on each First Friday for those on the Altar List of the Dead. The priests of the parish are grateful to all who support them in this way.

Annual Mass of Remembrance



On Saturday 20th November at 7pm in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne a special Mass of Memory will be offered at which we will think of the parishioners whom we have buried since this time last year. We invite their families to join us for this Memorial, as we recognise their grief and support them with our prayers. It has been an especially trying year in which to cope with the loss of loved ones with the enduring effects of the covid pandemic. We also invite other parishioners who may have lost loved ones and celebrated their funerals elsewhere. Please come and join with us as we pray for the gentle repose of their souls in the eternal love and mercy God.

New Sunday Mass Times

9am, 11am and 12.30pm

The 10.45am Sunday Mass returns to its normal scheduling from Sunday next, November 7th. This means our Sunday mass times in Ashbourne Church will be 9am, 11am and 12.30pm. Donaghmore faith community continue to meet at 10am each Sunday morning.



Child Safeguarding in Our Parish

Safeguarding



Children

Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciarán are doing their annual child safeguard training at this time. As priests they are mandated persons in our parish and must watch out for and report any incidents of concern regarding children. In the coming weeks two new parish safeguarding representatives will also do training and we thank our parishioners who voluntarily help with this important role. The most recent safeguarding newsletter from the diocese of Meath is now on display on our parish noticeboards.

Meeting for Parents attending Catholic Schools

A meeting for all parents/guardians intending to register a child for holy communion will take place in Ashbourne Church at 8pm on Monday evening next, November 1st. At this meeting our priests will outline what is involved in the parish and home preparation for the sacrament. Our three catholic primary schools in Ashbourne work with the parish and family home and all three are co-responsible in preparing children for the sacraments.



After School Sacramental Classes 2022



A meeting for parents/guardians with children due for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2022 enrolled on the after school programme will take place in Ashbourne Church on Thursday November 4th at 8pm. The after school classes are now completely full and closed for registration until May of next year. The classes take place every Tuesday and Wednesday in the Parish Hall.

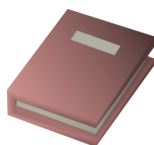
We thank the teachers for the work that they do to support the enrolled children and parents in preparing their children for these Sacraments.

Living with Covid

Church buildings are now able to operate in a normal way due to the high levels of compliance with health guidelines by people attending. The ribbons on the seats in Ashbourne and Donaghmore Churches have been taken away and please God this will mark the end of a very difficult chapter in our parish history. Parishioners are asked to continue to wear masks at all times when visiting our parish churches. Please keep a distance from other parishioners in the seat as much as possible as some people may still be anxious. Sanitise on the way in and out. Follow the directions of the stewards. Receive Holy Communion on the hand. Dress appropriately as doors are left open in between Sunday masses.

Diary for Next Year

The diary for the booking of 2022 masses will be open on the 8th of November.



Help Required in our Parish



Our parish is as strong as its members and all of us are called to serve one another in building the faith communities of Ashbourne. As we live with covid there are areas of parish life where it would be wonderful if we had more volunteers. At masses this weekend our priests are highlighting ministries and tasks where the time and talent of parishioners are needed. If you like what you hear and can give a little more time and commitment to your parish we would love to hear from you and to work with you in building up the faith communities of Ashbourne and Donaghmore.

First Friday Mass

Friday next is the First Friday in November. The 10am Mass offered on this day- like every first Friday - is for those enlisted on the Ashbourne/Donaghmore List of the Dead. This is the last mass offered for those on the current 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.

Financial Matters

- A meeting of the parish finance committee will take place on Wednesday evening next November 3rd at 7pm in the Old National School. Fr. Michael hopes to review the role of a finance committee, the 2020 Income and Expenditure report published last week, discuss the 2022 budget for music ministry and possible future capital projects. All committee members are asked to read over the briefing documents to be issued in the coming days by email.
- The Sunday basket collection was reintroduced in Donaghmore Church last weekend. The offertory collection goes towards the day to day running of our parish. We thank the stewards and parishioners in Donaghmore who are helping their parishioners and priests to manage the gradual return to good liturgical and pastoral practices.
- We publish today four weekly collection figures from last weekend



Ashbourne -Donaghmore Plate €1035.00

Shrines €1005.00

Development Fund €1080.00

Mission Sunday (2nd collection) €1530.00

Baptisms every
Saturday at 2.30pm



Welcome to our New Parish members

Koby Paul Keating Moloney, Milltown Estate
Max Wilde Keogh, Millbourne Park
Callum Kennedy Cullen, Bourne View
Liam Tolan, Archerstown
Finn Cormac Kealy, Alderbrook Glen

We remember those who have died

Betty O'Connell, Donaghmore

REST IN PEACE