



# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### Priests of the Parish

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### Priest on Call

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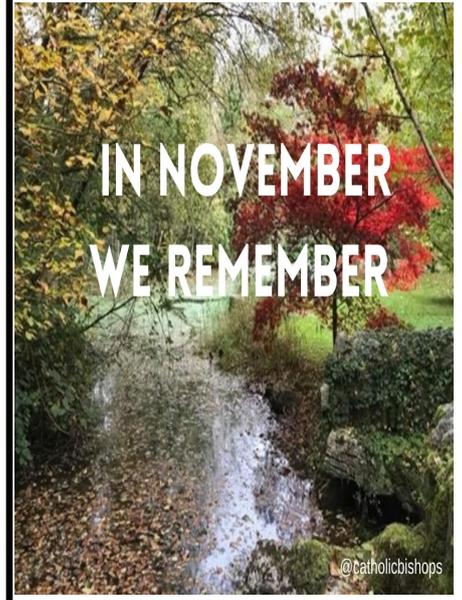
Public Parish Office Hours are *Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday* mornings  
 10.30am -12pm

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 6th	7pm	<u>Anniversaries Occuring Mass</u> Mary & Martin Guinnane PJ, John & Mary Roche Helen Coughlan Philomena Carrsano Ian & Gabrielle Overton Deceased of the McCabe Family John Enright Vera O’Hanlon
Sunday 7th	9am	Patrick Walsh Jnr
Donaghmore	10am	Pro Populo Mass
	11am	Pro Populo Mass
	12.30pm	Eileen Fenton Ellen McGrath Kathleen Doherty John Gernon
Monday 8th	10am	Jacqueline Shields
Tuesday 9th	10am	Special Intention
Wednesday 10th	10am	Mick Hill & the souls in purgatory
Thursday 11th	10am	John, Nora & Donal Downey
Friday 12th	10am	Thomas Mintern
Saturday 13th	7pm	<u>Anniversaries Occuring Mass</u> Bernadette Sheridan Paud O’Reegan Maureen & Joe McCormack Les & James Groome Etty & John Kelly David Behan Pauline Caulfield Benny Newman
Sunday 14th	9am	Peggy Hollywood
Donaghmore	10am	Thomas Morgan Patrick, Mary, Tony & John Clarke
	11am	Jane Finglas (Months Mind)
	12.30pm	Róisín O’Callaghan; Kay Creaby Margaret, Seamus, Steven & Tiny Carthy

### **Parish List of the Dead**

The envelopes for the new list of the Dead are available in each of our churches. You can return your list of the Dead any time during the month of November. Please place the envelopes in the safe deposit box beside the confessional. Mass is offered each First Friday for those on the Parish List of the Dead. The priests of the parish are grateful to all those who support them through the November offerings.

### **Annual Mass of Remembrance**

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, a special Mass will be offered, at which we will think especially of the 45 parishioners whom we have buried since this time last year. We invite their families to join us for this mass, 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. Please come and join with us.



### **Diocesan Mass for Deceased Priests**

On Wednesday evening, November 17<sup>th</sup>, in the Cathedral in Mullingar Bishop Tom will offer mass for the six priests of Meath diocese who passed away over the last twelve months. Fr. Phonsie Mackin, Fr. Paddy Keary, Monsignor Ted Dunne, Fr. Gerry Rice, Fr. M.V. Daly and Fr. Paddy Casey served our diocese faithfully for many years. With severe covid restrictions in place at funerals for most of the twelve months fellow priests will now come together to pray for their deceased colleagues and friends.

### **Bishop’s Mass in Knock**

**for those who died in the Past Year**

On Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup> the Irish bishops will gather in the Marian Shrine of Knock to offer mass for all those who died over the past year. With covid restrictions in 2021 the celebration of funerals have been extremely difficult and the bishops are conscious of marking the lives of those who died and supporting those who mourn whose bereavement has been complicated by the presence of the covid virus.

## Can You Help Us? ... More Volunteers Needed



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 Donaghmore. As we live with covid there are areas of parish life where it would be wonderful if we had more people involved. At masses last weekend our priests highlighted ministries and tasks where the time and talent of parishioners are needed. Thank you to those who have responded so far. If you 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.

## Return of the 11am Sunday Mass

Our Sunday Mass Schedule returns to normal today. This means our Sunday mass times in Ashbourne Church going forward are at 9am, 11am and 12.30pm. Donaghmore faith community continue to meet at 10am each Sunday morning.



## Blessing for Children at Sunday Mass

Children who have not yet received holy communion are welcome to come forward at communion time with their parents to receive a blessing. The children are encouraged to cross their hands in front of them when they come forward. Either a priest or Eucharistic minister is able to give a blessing to the child.

## The RCIA Program Has Started Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)



The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) program started on Saturday last. The formal rite of Christian initiation sees candidates embark on a spiritual journey and involve catechesis where one learns about faith in Jesus and living that faith in the Christian community. The six month process of formation involves the reception of the sacraments of baptism, confession, communion and confirmation. We thank Brendan and Áine O Reilly for the work that they do in delivering the RCIA programme in Ashbourne.

## Confirmation Date



Bishop Tom notified our parish in recent days to say that it is his intention to visit Ashbourne faith community on Saturday 12 March 2022 to confirm the children that the parish will have prepared to receive the sacrament. The ceremony will be similar to the past years with the emphasis on the rite of confirmation. **Come, Holy Spirit ...**

## Diary for 2022



The diary for the booking of 2022 masses is now open. It can be booked during Public Parish office hours.

## Music at Sunday Masses



At Wednesday night's parish finance meeting the budget for music going forward was discussed. As the parish lives with covid and plans for the return of music in as far that is possible it wishes to address the absence of music at Sunday masses. The parish is open to offers from any or all parties interested in providing liturgical music at Sunday mass in Ashbourne. The parish wants to have music at Sunday mass and is happy like other parishes to have a set budget for this cause and will respond to all applications addressed to the Chairperson of Ashbourne Parish Finance Committee by close of the parish office on Friday 26 November 2022.

## Pope Francis to COP26

Pope Francis' delegate to the UN Climate Summit told world leaders attending the gathering in Glasgow last Tuesday that Pope Francis stresses the urgency of efforts to protect the environment. 'Now is the time to Act, Urgently, Courageously and Responsibly.' He asked world leaders to 'prepare a future in which our human family will be in a position to care for itself and the natural environment'. Pope Francis remains a strong advocate for all of us to care for the world as our 'common home' and his 2015 encyclical letter 'Laudato Si' highlights the church's teaching on climate change.



## Trócaire – East Africa Humanitarian Crisis

The Irish bishop's are supporting a fundraising appeal at this time to support Trócaire's work in East Africa. Millions of people are being pushed to the edge of starvation in this part of the world. Trócaire teams are already on the ground and are ready to provide life -saving assistance but need more resources. Any support that you can give to this emergency appeal will help the urgent work of Trócaire and their hardworking partners. To find out more or to donate online see [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org). Any parishioners wishing to make a donation through the parish is willing to do so by dropping an envelope marked Trócaire in to the parish office or the safe deposit box at the back of Ashbourne Church. Many thanks.



Here are the weekly collection figures from last weekend. Thank You.  
Plate €830.00  
Shrines €745.00  
Development Fund €1095.00

Baptisms every  
Saturday at 2.30pm



## Welcome to our New Parish members

Leo John Singh, Brindley Park  
Archie Max Patrick Doody, Deerpark  
George Dooner, Milltown Road

We pray for our parishioners who have died

Jacqueline Mongan, Clúain Rí  
Linda Moloney, Huntsgrove  
Matthew Geraghty, Dublin Road  
**REST IN PEACE**