

# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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10.30am -12pm

All Mass bookings & enquiries should be  
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**Parish Secretary** Mary Mullen

2nd Sunday of Advent 2021

Come, Lord Jesus,  
the Light of the World



**We light the candle of Faith  
at Masses today**

“Preparing Our Hearts with Hope, Faith,  
Joy and Love as we eagerly look  
forward to Christmas – the celebration  
of the birth of Our Lord and Saviour  
Jesus Christ.”

### Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 4th	7pm	Pat Leddy (Months mind) Kathleen Johnson James & Annie Heffernan Bobby, Noreen, & children Bobby, Noreen & Una Eager John Higgins Aiden McManamy & deceased family Beairtli, Máire, Colm, Sorcha, Pádraic and Sarah Uí Ghríofa Bob McLoughlin and Dominick Colgan Martin & Kathleen Moore & Kennedy family
	<b>Anniversaries Occurring Mass</b>	
Sunday 5th	9am	Gráinne Redmond
Donaghmore	10am	Betty O’Connell (Months Mind)
	11am	Mary Theresa Clarke & Husband & Sons
	12.30pm	Margaret & Joseph Kelly
Monday 6th	10am	Rose Hand
Tuesday 7th	10am	Paddy, Julia & Mary Brady
Wednesday 8th Holy Day	10am	Joe & Kathleen Armstrong
	7pm	Mass for Ashbourne Donaghmore Parish
Thursday 9th	10am	Deceased members of Coffey, O’Connell & Coveney Families
Friday 10th	10am	Theresa Flattery
Saturday 4th	7pm	Victor Bolster Shay Byrne John Gernan Maureen Fitzsimons Derek Harrington Paddy & Helen Warren Elaine Moran Margaret & Michael Daly Adam, Pat and deceased members of Hopkins & Taite family
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Sunday 12th	9am	Paul Kelly
Donaghmore	10am	Henry Family
	11am	Matt Geraghty (Months Mind)
	12.30pm	Sarah Doherty, Frank Meegan

### The Second Sunday of Advent

On this Second Sunday of Advent the second purple candle on the advent wreath is lit and the second word placed on the Advent tree. The candle of preparation represents ‘Faith’ and asks us to prepare the way for the Lord. For people of faith Christmas is a spiritual occasion.

### Confirmation Enrolment Mass

‘Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love ... ‘

We welcome to mass this 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent families with children who have enrolled on the parish confirmation program. The ‘confirmandi’ bring to mass today their letter to Bishop Tom in reply to his letter to them. The children and their parents are preparing for confirmation and reflecting on the importance of Christian faith in the modern world. As part of their preparatory mass the children have been learning about baptismal promises.

### Thank you to Parents for their Donation towards the Parish Program

The parish expresses thanks to all those parents who registered their children on the parish program in recent weeks and we thank those also who made a donation towards the program when they registered. This helps the parish offlay some of its expenses in running the program and in providing resources to families and children preparing for sacraments in 2022.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Confession for Children on the Parish After School Program

Congratulations to the children on the parish after school program who received their first confession on Saturday last.

### Birthday Card for Baby Jesus

Children in preparation for Christmas are invited to make a birthday card for baby Jesus. They can do this at school or at home coming up to Christmas and are invited to bring their card with them to Christmas mass to leave at the crib.



Confessions  
Saturday 5pm—6pm



Eucharistic Adoration  
Thursday 10.30am-8pm

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception



Next Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, is the Marian feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is normally a holy day of obligation and is the feast day of Ashbourne Church. Mass for the holy day will be celebrated at 10am and 7pm. The Legion of Mary will distribute miraculous medals at masses on Wednesday next for the feast of the Immaculate Conception. At Masses Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciarán will speak about the meaning behind the medal and the link with the Christian understanding of Mary's immaculate conception. Rosary will be recited for the feast following the 10am mass.

## Night Vigil to Knock

A bus to the Annual Night Vigil in Knock for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will leave Blanchardstown Church on Tuesday afternoon next, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. After mass and devotions at the shrine the bus plans to return by 8am on December 8th. Anyone interested should contact Tony Malone phone 087 - 9526337.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

There will be four masses on Christmas Eve in Ashbourne parish and four again on Christmas Day. There will be masses in Ashbourne Church on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, 7pm and 10pm. Mass on Christmas Eve in Donaghmore will be at 8pm. On Christmas morning Mass will be at 10am in Donaghmore Church and masses in Ashbourne Church will be at 9am, 11am and 12.30pm.



## Stewards Meeting for the Organisation of Our Christmas Masses

On Monday evening, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciaran would like to meet the stewards of Ashbourne Church to look at the organisation of our Christmas masses. The stewards work in a voluntary capacity and we are all grateful for their guidance and assistance.

## Donaghmore Meeting this Week

On Wednesday evening next, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8pm Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciarán would like to meet the volunteers who look after their church and faith community in Donaghmore. The meeting will look issues relevant to Donaghmore and at the organisation of masses over Christmas and the New Year including music, stewarding, cleaning of the church, putting up of the crib, rota for readers and eucharistic ministers. All are welcome especially those willing to help and build community.

## Vestments for Mass

Is there anyone around this Christmas who would like to make a donation for the purchase of new vestments to be used at Sunday masses in Ashbourne Church. A vestment costs around €350. Over time new vestments are needed for the liturgical celebrations in our churches and vestments being replaced are sent to the missions. Thanks to parishioners who have donated in this way down the years and to all who assist with the laundering and preparing of liturgical goods for our weekly liturgies.



Here are the weekly collection figures from last weekend. Thank You.  
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## Donating towards Super Valu Charity Vouchers

Our parish and SuperValu have teamed up again this Christmas to support local charities. SuperValu are kindly once again offering shoppers in their Ashbourne store an opportunity to donate to local charities. At the cash desk parishioners who are aware of the campaign can decide that they wish to add a donation by cash or card to their receipt. All donations received are added up and forwarded to local good causes. Last year over €3,000 in SuperValu vouchers were given to charities in Ashbourne to support those in need including SVP and the activities and outreach of Ashbourne Senior Citizens.

## St Vincent de Paul in Ashbourne

The annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal is taking place at this time. Envelopes have been sent out to homes and the parish is happy to facilitate the taking up of these envelopes during these days of pandemic. Anyone wishing to donate to St. Vincent de Paul can leave contribution in the safe deposit box at the back of Ashbourne Church or in the parish office letterbox. The parish refers people in need to the St. Vincent de Paul who act in the name of the parish in helping those seeking financial help. Thank you to all those who support the work of the society and thank you to all the active members in our local SVP branch.



## Welcome to our New Parish members

Alannah Condon, Churchfields  
Nathan Joyce, The Ward  
Anthony Logan, The Ward  
Montana McDonagh, Ashbourne  
Bradley Murray Sheehan, Deerpark  
Esme McNaney, Churchfields  
Oscar Aherne, Borranstown

We pray for those who have died including our parishioner  
Aily O'Regan, Cluain Rí  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**