

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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1st Sunday of Lent

In today's gospel we hear of Jesus temptation in the desert. Each of the three scenes follow a regular pattern of words by the tempter met by a reply of Jesus citing a verse from scripture. During the 40 days Jesus fasted and clarified his mission.



These 40 days mirror the 40 years that the Israelites spent in the desert as they journeyed to the promised land. As we start the journey toward Easter we focus on the central tenets of faith and our mission to renew ourselves in Christ. Make sure Lent has meaning in your life by giving yourself a faith- lift in Lent 2022.

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 5th Anniversaries Occurring	7pm	Con Moynihan, Robert Eager Jim Luttrell Ciarán Benville Theresa & William Tierney Peggy, Eithne, Michael & Alec Crean Peggy Murphy, Agnes Lawlor Lorraine & deceased of Gray Family Paddy & deceased of McGrath Family	
	Sunday 6th	9am	Mass for the People of the Parish
	Donaghmore	10am	Lawrence Kearns
		11am	Alaa Seweify
	12.30pm	James Clancy	
Monday 7th	10am	John Farrell	
Tuesday 8th	10am	Stephen Taylor	
Wednesday 9th	10am	Priest's Intention	
Thursday 10th	10am	Laurence Kearns	
Friday 11th	7.30am	Mass for the People of the Parish	
	10am	Mass for the People of the Parish	
Saturday 12th Anniversaries Occurring	7pm	Rita Keogh, Milltown Ext, (Months Mind) Michael Larkin Thomas Byrne	
	Sunday 13th	9am	Christina Kearns
	Donaghmore	10am	John O'Beirne
11am		Ken Woods, Hickeys Lane (1st Anniv)	
12.30pm		Mass for the People of the Parish	

Trócaire 2022



Trócaire Boxes are available in both our churches. Please take one and place your box in a prominent place in your home as a reminder of the call for us to remember those in need in the developing world. These are often the most forgotten. Learn about the young woman featured on this year's Trócaire campaign, Thandelike.

Children in third and fourth class in St. Declan's, St. Mary's and Gaelscoil na Cille are learning about this year's Trócaire Lenten campaign. We thank their teachers and families for helping to promote social justice and the Christian call to give to the poor.

Confirmation on Saturday



Bishop Tom Deenihan will confirm 201 children from our parish on Saturday next at 11am and 3pm in Ashbourne Church. Parents and children are asked to extend a warm welcome to Bishop Tom and to help make the ceremony both prayerful and meaningful. Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciarán express thanks to all those helping them to organise the two ceremonies. At this time, all of us who believe are asked to be especially conscious of the role of the Holy Spirit and the call of God to live Spirit filled lives on earth.

Wearing Red in Preparation for the Holy Spirit

The children for confirmation wear something red as they come to mass today and prepare for receiving the sacrament next Saturday. We encourage the children and their families to pray this mass for themselves and each other. We hope that the children and families will have a lovely day on Saturday but above all know the joy and strength of the Spirit always.



Lenten Art

Our churches are decorated for Lent. The display in front of the altar represents the desert that Jesus entered the first Lent. We are all asked during Lent 2022 to 'strip things back' that hinder our relationship with God. You will see a cross beside the statue of the Sacred Heart and reflections encouraging us to pray the stations of the cross. Next to our Lady's statue the three words 'Pray, Fast and Give' highlight the Three Lenten Pillars that help us reflect on how Christian we are.



Give – Support Trócaire or the Ukraine Humanitarian Relief Agencies. Give some of your money or time to helping those in need.

Pray – do the Stations in Your Local Church - Attend Eucharistic Adoration on a Thursday-Attend Mass and celebrate it with Your Whole Heart – Did you know we have an extra Friday Mass For Lent @ 7.30 am. **Fast** – Work on Giving something up that holds you back on being the person God wants you to be. Alcohol, Cigarettes, Drugs, Aggression can control us!

Everyone is Invited to the Synodal Meetings!



A Synod has been called by Pope Francis in order to listen to the living voice of the entire People of God. Everyone has their own experience of following Christ, parents, parents with young families, grandparents, young people who are working, in school or college, those married or single. Whether you feel distant or close to what is happening in your parish, you are invited to join in discussion and prayer to discern where the Spirit is leading the Church. This will be happening in every parish in the world. People from the 6 parishes in our area will meet in Ashbourne Parish Hall for two nights in the coming weeks. You are welcome to come on a night which suits you, but in an attempt to spread the attendance, we have this flexible structure.

Tuesday 15th March @ 8pm

- those involved in the liturgical life of the parishes. Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, choir members, organists, stewards/collectors, counters, sacristans, etc
-those involved in schools, pupils/students, teachers and school staff, members of parents' association, members of BOMs, those involved in youth organisations and sports groups, young people and parents of children and teenagers.

Tuesday 22nd March @ 8pm

- those involved in the administration of parish life parish staff, members of Parish Pastoral Councils, members of Parish Finance, Committees, members of Baptism Teams, Safeguarding Representatives, those involved in prayer and apostolic groups, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, Pioneer Association, Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration, Teams of Our Lady, Meals-on-Wheels, etc.

Volunteers Sought

As Ashbourne Parish plays host to these meetings we thank the volunteers who are facilitating these gatherings. We seek volunteers to help with a cup of tea on three Tuesday evenings and seek some parishioners who will help with car-parking and directing people to the parish buildings each evening.

Are You in the 18 to 35 Age Group?

As part of our preparation for the synod our parish wants to hear from people in the 18 to 35 age bracket. Next Tuesday evening at 8pm young people are invited to the parish hall to begin the conversation on the future of the church. Young people are important and we want to hear your voice.

Mass on Tuesday 29th March @ 8pm

All of our synodal events will take place in a prayer filled environment. At Mass today, as we hear about the synod, we pray the Synodal Prayer and the Rosary Group will include the prayer in the coming weeks. Exposition will begin in Ashbourne Church each Tuesday evening of the Synod at 9.30pm as people fill in their questionnaire as part of their contribution to the synodal process. A Mass of Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit and Prayer for the success of the worldwide synod will take place on the final Tuesday night of March in Ashbourne Church at 8pm.

Synodal Prayer

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 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 the 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.

Supporting Ukraine



Thank you to all those who visited the church on Ash Wednesday for Pope Francis' Day of Prayer and Fasting for Ukraine. Pope Francis asks us to continue to pray to our Lady, Queen of Peace, to preserve the world from 'the madness of world'. We have left the Prayer for Peace in Ukraine by the candle shrine at our Lady's Shrine in Ashbourne. The government is seeking community support for people fleeing from the war in Ukraine and people are asked to be as generous as they can in finding ways to accommodate and provide for people fleeing the unfolding events in Eastern Europe.

Pilgrimage to Oberammergau

Fr. Michael will lead a pilgrimage in southern Germany from September 7th to 11th. The pilgrimage will take in the shrine of St. Killian, the Marian Shrines of our Lady of Knots and Altotting and the Passion play of Oberammergau. This play takes place every ten years and was delayed due to the pandemic. The pilgrimage is organised by Marian Pilgrimages. Costing €1465, the price includes dinner each night and Category 2 tickets to the passion play. For details and the full itinerary call (01) 8794621 or look up www.marian.ie



St. Patrick's Day 2022



St. Patrick's Day is next Thursday week. Mass in the Church of St. Patrick, Donaghmore, will be at 10am. Ashbourne Masses will be at 9am, 11am and 12.30pm. The 11am will be bilingual. People are encouraged to wear shamrock to mass and children especially are encouraged to wear a little bit of green as a nod to our patron saint. Shamrock will be blessed at masses as a reminder of how this Welsh man explained the Blessed Trinity to the early Christians on our island. We look forward to the celebration of St. Patrick in our parish.

Keeping Our Churches Tidy



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the clean up of our two churches in recent days. We ask everyone to keep our churches tidy by taking home their newsletter or returning it to the newsletter table after Sunday Mass. We also ask people not to leave any literature or prayers in the church as such material must be approved.

2nd Collection Next Weekend

A second collection will be taken up at Masses next Sunday after Holy Communion. We thank the stewards for their help with this task. A second collection takes place in our parish every second month (ie. January, March, May, July, September and November). Today's collection goes towards the insurance premium paid by our parish. This year our insurance with Allianz is costing €12,060. Insurance is paid on parish related activities and all our buildings including three of Ashbourne's protected structures namely, Ashbourne Church, Parish Hall and Donaghmore Church.

Last Weekend Collection Totals

Plate €1345.00
Shrines €695.00
Development Fund €1075.00
Gratitude is expressed to all those who support our parish.



We pray for those who have died
Fergal Murphy, Clontarf, Dublin
John Glynn, Castlejordan, Co. Offaly