

# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**Parish Office  
Relocated to Parish Hall**

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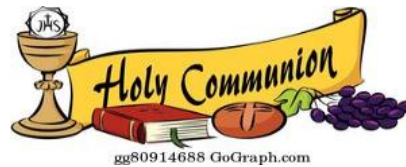
As you reflect on today's gospel, take time to think about the lakeshore meal Jesus eats with his disciples after taking the haul of fish. Every Eucharist is an invitation to sit at table with Jesus.



As this month of May begins let us rejoice in Sunday Eucharist and prepare to welcome families with children for Holy Communion. We pray that the Holy Communion families and all of us who profess faith will value the great gift given by Jesus at His table. 'O Sacrament, most Holy, O Sacrament Divine'.

## Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 30th	7pm	Michael Quinn, Greenogue (1st Anniversary) Austin and Noreen Corcoran Phylis Twomey James & Maureen Maloney Paddy Stritch
Sunday 1st	9am	McLoughlin & Tierney Families
Donaghmore	10am	Paddy & Elizabeth Murray
	11am	Terry Tormey Donaghmore (Months Mind)
	12.30pm	Colette, Emma & Joseph Flannery
Monday 2nd	10am	James Gough
Tuesday 3rd	10am	Ann, Patrick & John Joyce and deceased of Ryan & Joyce Families
Wednesday 4th	10am	People of the Parish
Thursday 5th	10am	Madge Finn
Friday 6th	10am	Altar List of the Dead
Saturday 7th	7pm	Patricia Reid, Cluain Rí (1st Anniversary) Kay Mintern Hugh Bartley
Sunday 8th	9am	Willie & Eileen Fitzsimons
Donaghmore	10am	Pat Murphy, Kilsallaghan (1st Anniversary)
	11am	Kit Gillett, Baltrasna (Months Mind)
	12.30pm	People of the Parish



Next Saturday there are four first holy communion ceremonies in our parish for the children prepared

though St. Mary's School, Gaelscoil na Cille and the Parish Program. The ceremonies are at 10, 11.30, 2 and 3.30pm. We look forward to welcoming these first communion families to our Sunday Mass next week with these boys and girls as guests of honour. We hope everyone involved but especially the children enjoy this special time.

## Sabbatical Leave Begins Next Sunday

Fr. Michael, our parish priest, begins his six month sabbatical leave next Sunday. A sabbatical is taken by a priest usually once in their life as part of their on-going faith formation. It is a time taken for study, reflection, renewal, and prayer. Our bishop has asked Fr. Ciarán to administer the parish in this period and a priest from abroad, Fr. Samuel Osuman, has been appointed to assist in the parish. Fr. Michael is grateful to all in Ashbourne and Donaghmore who have welcomed him to this part of county Meath and he looks forward, God willing, to continuing his ministry in our parish. He wishes Fr. Ciarán all the best and asks for prayers as he opens this chapter in his life.



## The New Parish Office

The Parish Office opened in the Parish Hall on Tuesday last. This move is part of the parish making greater use of the buildings in Ashbourne church campus and ensuring that the parish has less buildings to maintain and pay for as it looks to the future. The priests are grateful to all who have helped them with this transition. We ask parishioners to be patient with us as we all get accustomed to the new set up. The parish phone line is in the process of being changed. The opening hours of the office to parishioners remains unchanged from Tuesday to Friday from after the 10am mass to 12 noon.



**We hope that everyone has an enjoyable  
Bank Holiday Monday**



## Welcoming Fr. Samuel

Fr. Samuel Osuman of the Diocese of Idah in Nigeria will begin ministry in Ashbourne next week. As we look forward to welcoming Fr. Samuel to our parish we seek help in accommodating his needs. He will need assistance getting around our parish. He will also need help pronouncing Gaelic words and names so please do be patient with him and help him out as best you can. In order to get to Donaghmore Church each second Sunday he will be relying on parishioners attending Sunday mass there in organising a lift for him to the church and back again. Perhaps someone can take on to do this for the month of May and someone else can do it for the month of June etc. If you can help, please contact Mary at the parish office.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 10.30am to 8pm

Confessions this Saturday 5 to 6pm.

## Income & Expenditure

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		
Donations	23,802	39,902
Weekly Plate Collection	33,678	25,465
Envelope Collection	71,124	67,128
Offerings for Priests	35,606	35,414
Shrines	47,455	32,195
Tax Refunds	40,555	30,239
Miscellaneous Income	10,935	1,192
Cemetery Income	3,000	2,600
Covid Grants	(5,328)	16,426
Mass Intentions for Missions	13,458	22,149
Trócaire Collection	4,319	4,245
Mission Sunday Collection	1,780	-
Vocation Sunday	375	-
Peter's Pence Collection	270	-
Special Collections	8,620	22,157
	<b>289,649</b>	<b>299,112</b>
<b>Outgoing Resources</b>		
Wages and salaries	36,258	39,516
Altar Bread, Wine and Liturgical Requisites	33,443	23,457
Support & Maintenance of Clergy	43,136	62,848
Rates	1,075	-
Insurance	11,039	7,453
Light and heat	20,652	22,996
Cleaning	-	6,117
Repairs and maintenance	61,359	58,380
Bulletins, Stationery & Office Supplies	13,333	16,913
Telephone	8,082	7,815
Computer costs	408	-
Legal and professional	20,987	-
Accountancy	1,408	360
Bank charges	1,841	1,307
Bank Interest	6,597	9,904
Parish Donation for Retired Priests of the Diocese	-	9,000
Diocesan Office and Bishops' Conference	900	7,300
Levy to Diocese	9,000	-
General expenses	7,026	10,597
Mass Intentions for Missions	12,180	19,848
Trócaire Donation	3,652	4,245
Peter's Pence Donation	-	279
Special Donation	8,141	13,380
Subscriptions	2,787	-
Depreciation	38,993	38,993
Charitable donations	915	10,466
	<b>343,212</b>	<b>371,174</b>
<b>Miscellaneous income and changes in investments</b>		
Rent receivable - other income	11,209	13,274
Income from unlisted investments	10	-
Movement on managed investment (unlisted)	911	-
	<b>12,130</b>	<b>13,274</b>
<b>Net (outgoing) resources</b>	<b>(41,433)</b>	<b>(58,788)</b>



Today the parish publishes its 'Income and Expenditure for 2021'. This is part of standard financial practise in parishes across our diocese. The accounts for last year are published and left on our church noticeboards as usual and our parish office is happy to email a copy to any interested parishioner. The closure of our parish for Sunday Masses due to Covid meant that in 2020 we lost 58,788 and in the accounts presented to you today for 2021 we are in the deficit by another 41,433. Fr. Michael speaks at mass today by what the parish is doing to address the situation. Gratitude is expressed to all those who give financially to us. Thanks is expressed to all those who collect and count the monies that come in through the basket and envelope collections. It takes time to do these things and your work on behalf of the parish is appreciated. We ask people who can to support our parish and we pray that this situation can be turned around.

### After School Sacramental Classes 2022- 2023

Enrolment by parents of their children in after school parish religion classes for the next academic year will begin next Tuesday evening. Fr. Michael, Fr. Ciarán and Kay Churm, the parish co-ordinator, will hold a meeting for all interested parents in Ashbourne Church at 7.30pm that evening. Registration Forms will be available that night and parents are encouraged to return their completed forms and deposits as soon as they can after that date as places in the classes are given on a first come first served basis. A two- year program of catechesis takes place both for the sacrament of holy communion and confirmation following Meath diocesan sacramental policy and while enrolled in the classes the parents request the specific sacraments of confession, communion and confirmation for their child.



### Welcoming Ukrainians To Ashbourne

Thank you to all our parishioners who welcomed Ukrainians to Mass last Sunday and provided hospitality after the 12.30 Mass. We hope that all those arriving feel very welcome in Ashbourne and especially feel welcome to enter our church to pray. The Ashbourne Youth Café has a gathering for all Ukrainian and Russian speakers today from 12 noon to 2pm. Games and refreshments for kids will be available and a cup of tea for all adults.

### Trócaire Returns 2022

Thanks to all those who have returned their Trócaire Lenten Boxes and envelopes in recent- weeks. If you did not get round to it yet, please take your Trócaire box or envelope to Mass next weekend and place it in the special designated and supervised box. Míle buíochas.



### Second Collection next Sunday

There is a second collection at masses next Sunday. This happens after the distribution of Holy Communion. The collection goes towards students for the priesthood. Meath Diocese has four students in training at the moment and one ordination this summer of a young man from Rathkenny parish, Barry White.

### Sunday Collection Total Amounts

Plate €1705.00 Shrines €675.00  
Development Fund €730.00

Gratitude is expressed to all those who support our parish.

### We pray for those who died during the Week

PJ McGrath, Castle Crescent  
Christine (Di) Tunnah, Castle Crescent  
Tommie Coyne, Ashbourne & Galway  
Tom Traynor, Clonmel, formerly Baltrasna

