

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Rejoice for Jesus is Risen
from the Dead, Alleluia!



Easter Sunday is the first day of Eastertide. Churches are festooned in colour as we celebrate the good news of Easter. We use the word 'Alleluia' again after refraining for Lent. The readings at Mass for the next fifty days record the resurrection appearances of Jesus and the formation of the church. We celebrate as Christians our faith and our belief that we are people of the good news. As part of building the Christian community in Ashbourne after the 11am Easter Sunday morning mass there is a cup of tea and a few sweets for the younger members in the Parish Hall. Enjoy!

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 16th	9pm	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
Sunday 17th		Easter Sunday Celebrating the Resurrection
	9am	Michael Kelly
Donaghmore	10am	Dickie Sweeney Mucherstown (Mths Mind)
	11am	Easter Mass for the People of the Parish
	12.30pm	Easter Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday 18th	10am 1.30pm	Eamon Tuttle Polish Community Mass
Tuesday 12th	10am	Michael Tuttle
Wednesday 13th	10am	Anthony Laffey
Thursday 14th	10am	John Dunne
Friday 15th	10am	Tony O'Connor
Saturday 16th	7pm	Kathleen Tormey, Sr. Deirdre Mellet, Jim, Kathleen & deceased of the Flanagan Family, Hugh, Madeline & John Sheridan
Sunday 17th	9am	Oliver & May Walsh
Donaghmore	10am	Edward Faherty
	11am	Oliver Fox, Frederick Court (months mind)
	12.30pm	Carmel Cawley

Please Bring Back Your Trócaire Boxes

Now that Lent is over it is time to collect the Trócaire Boxes from the homes, schools and workplaces of our parish. Trócaire works in several countries in the developing world and there is a real danger, that with the media spotlight constantly on war in Europe, people in poor parts of Africa and Asia will suffer. Please fill and return your Trócaire box to Mass next weekend (the 2nd Sunday of Easter) and place it in one of the collection boxes as you enter. Where possible please change coin into notes to help us process the collection. Otherwise, you can return your Trócaire envelope on Sunday next or give on www.trocaire.org or by Freephone 1800 408 408. Thank you for your generosity to those in need of our help. Your love is a lifeline to a family in need



Easter Garden

An Easter Garden has been put in place in each of our parish churches. The garden is made up of an empty tomb and figurines that represent the events of the first Easter Sunday morning. Do have a good look at our Easter space and dwell on the biblical scene portrayed. When visiting other churches perhaps get an idea of how other parishes do their garden. We are starting this year, and in the years ahead God willing, we will continue to improve our liturgical art and creative talents. 'They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb ... ' Lk 24:2



History behind Easter Eggs

For many years people gave up eggs for Lent and they were collected up to be used during the days of Easter. People swapped eggs and gave them as gifts or reward for doing the Easter fast. Sometimes the story of Easter would be painted on the eggs. A chick hatching from an egg reflects Jesus rising from the dead and leaving the tomb. When the Lenten fast moved on to people giving up sweet things, chocolate eggs became the norm in many parts of the world.



**Thank
You**

Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciarán take this opportunity to wish all of our parishioners a very happy, peaceful and blessed Easter Season. Thanks to all of you who took the time out to celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection Ceremonies. Thanks to all our volunteers and helpers: Eucharistic Ministers; Readers; Stewards; Choir members; Altar society members; the volunteer sacristans and all those who help us keep our parish alive. Your help and cooperation is much valued and appreciated by parishioners and priests alike at times like this and right throughout the year. We hope that the journey through Lent and the Holy Week, to Easter itself, will bring many blessings upon you and your families, and that it has brought you closer to Christ and to each other.

Easter Offering Day

Today is an Offering Day for the Support of the Priests of our Parish. We thank you for your support and are grateful to all parishioners paying their parish dues at this time. Míle buíochas



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 10.30am to 8pm

✠ Confessions this Saturday 5 to 6pm.



‘Ubi et Urbi’

Pope Francis’ Easter Blessing will be broadcast live from the balcony of St. Peter’s this Easter morning on RTE and EWTN. Please let the housebound and sick of faith know that this is happening.

Easter Holy Water

Holy Water was blessed during the Easter Vigil and will be left in the baptismal font throughout the Easter season. New Holy Water is available in the silver container at the sacristy door facing Ashbourne church cemetery. Holy Water is a sacramental that reminds us of the new life that we are called to as believers.



Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday



At mass next Sunday in Ashbourne prayers before the Divine Mercy icon will be recited. ‘Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is love and mercy itself.

Next Sunday We Host A ‘Three Tenors Concert’

Kenneth O’Regan, Paul Feery and Kevin Fagan come to Ashbourne Church next Sunday evening to perform their special collection of popular hits and uplifting songs. Tickets for the parish concert are available after Mass today. Over one hundred tickets are already. The concert begins at 8.00pm with the doors opening at 7.30pm. Tickets are €30 and are also on sale after the 10am daily mass this week and are available everyday from SuperValu. We look forward to hosting this musical celebration and thank SuperValu and parishioners for their help with the ticket sales.



Parish Office on the Move this Easter Octave



As announced a few months ago the parish office is relocating to the Parish Hall in the coming days. As a result of this move the office will be closed to the public throughout Easter week. The office will reopen on Monday April 25 with the same opening hours and telephone number as it currently has. 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 Mary, our parish secretary, and everyone in the parish office who are helping them with this transition.

Help Required as We Move the Office

Has anyone a van and some time on Saturday morning next (April 23) that they can give to the parish? We need to move furniture to the Parish Hall and we need to send stuff to the Recycling Day in Ashbourne Retail Park. If you can help us out please email the parish office. Many hands will make light work and help bring about positive change in our parish.



Helping Ukrainians at Easter

Next Sunday the Orthodox Church celebrates Easter. It is one week different to ours. Ukrainian Christians living in Ashbourne are welcome to the 12.30pm Mass next Sunday as they celebrate the Good News of Jesus’ Resurrection and we welcome Ukrainians to our town.



Parish Finance Committee Meeting

A meeting of the parish finance committee will take place at 6pm on Wednesday, April 27th. At this meeting the accounts for last year will be presented and approved upon their return from the accountant. Members will be updated on the current state of parish finances and plans will be put in place for the new envelope year and the release of the income and expenditure of 2021 on Sunday, May 1st. We thank all those who serve on the finance committee for the work that they do and guidance they give.



Anointing with New Easter Oil

The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be part of the 10am daily Mass on the last Friday of the month, April 29th, the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena. Every three months our parish offers the opportunity for parishioners to receive this sacrament. This



will be the first time the oil of holy anointing will be used in our parish since it was blessed at the Chrism Mass on Spy Wednesday. As followers of Jesus, we recall how Jesus was close to the sick and as Christians we pray for those who are sick, infirm and in need of physical, mental or spiritual healing.

Seeking Increased Road Safety at Donaghmore Church

Next Sunday is the last day for signing the petition asking the council to improve safety measures at Donaghmore Church. The petition is available in the church and the people of Donaghmore are asking their neighbours and friends to support the campaign. The church is at a blind corner and in works carried out this year the yellow painted lines and rumble strips were taken away both from the bend and outside the church. The safety of people crossing the road to attend church and visit the cemetery needs to be addressed. Parishioners should ask local representatives to highlight safety measures and find a solution that improves safety around the church. A church has existed in Donaghmore for centuries.



Oberammergau Passion Play



In a village called Oberammergau in southern Germany every ten years a cast of 4,000 act out the passion of Jesus over 7 hours. It is one of the great pilgrimages and a theatrical spectacle that goes back to the Middle Ages. Fr. Michael will bring a group of pilgrims to the play as part of a German tour from September 7th to 11th. Pilgrims will also visit the shrine of St. Killian of Cavan, Pope Francis’ beloved

Icon of our Lady of Knots, three German cities and the national Marian shrine of Altotting. The pilgrimage is organised and escorted by Marian Pilgrimages. Costing €1465, the price includes flights, hotels, meals each day and Category 2 tickets to the passion play. Details are available from Fr. Michael or anyone interested can call (01) 879 4621 or look up www.marian.ie

Palm Sunday Collection Total Amounts

10/04/2022 Plate €1045.00 Shrines €905.00
Development Fund €925.00

Gratitude is expressed to all those who support our parish.



We pray for those who died during Holy Week

Judy Cassidy, Dublin Road
Bernie Coleman, Castle Crescent
Miguel Cardoso, Cluain Rí