

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Priests of the Parish

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[currently on sabbatical leave]

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

That you love one another;
as I have loved you,
that you also love one another.

John 15:14



When love is shown in the members of the Church, it enables the community to be seen as disciples of Christ.

Mutual love within the community overflows to the whole world.

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 14th	7pm	Vincent & Mary O'Gorman, Rose Griffith
Sunday 15th	9am	Deceased of Boylan and Garvey Families
Donaghmore	10am	Fr. Tom Rafferty, Pakistan (1st Anniversary) Joseph & Mary Morris
	11am	Judy Cassidy, Churchfields (Months Mind)
	12.30pm	Gerry & Geraldine O'Loughlin
Monday 16th	10am	Michael Finnegan
Tuesday 17th	10am	Gerard and Kitty Kelly
Wednesday 18th	10am	Stephen Ledwith
Thursday 19th	10am	Thomas Conroy
Friday 20th	10am	Phylis Peakin
Saturday 21st	7pm	PJ McGrath (Months Mind) Tommy & AnnaMarie Scully The Mooney Family
Sunday 22nd	9am	People of the Parish
Donaghmore	10am	Al O'Connell
	11am	Patricia Pegley, Brindley, (1st Anniversary)
	12.30pm	John McManus

The Month of May



The Month of May is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God and our Heavenly Mother. We especially remember to pray the Hail Mary and the great gift of the Rosary during this month. On Friday, May 13th we celebrated the Feast of our Lady of Fatima. This Feast is represented in our

Ashbourne Church with the statues of Our Lady of Fatima and the three children of Fatima who witnessed the Apparition of Mary. These statues are placed in the Sanctuary of the church for this month of May. We also remember that Ashbourne Church is dedicated to Mary as it is named the Church of the Immaculate Conception after one of Mary's titles. On Sunday, May 29th, we invite children who are currently in Senior Infants to come to Sunday Mass with Artwork which highlights Mary, as the most special and holy of all women. - *'Blessed are thou among women'*

Congratulations to the First Holy Communicants

Congratulations to all the children who received their First Holy Communion on May 7th and 14th. We welcome them, especially those children who are 'guests of honour' today as they receive Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday - the Lord's Day. Thank you for joining us at Mass today with your families. We rejoice as you receive the Body of Christ.



Thank You for your help

Thanks to all those who cleaned our church and donated flowers for the days of our Holy Communion Masses. Thank you also to the musicians, singers and volunteer sacristans who are helping with the extra ceremonies.

thank you

Hail Mary

**Hail Mary, Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour
of our death.**



Amen.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 10.30am to 8pm



Confessions this Saturday 5pm to 6pm

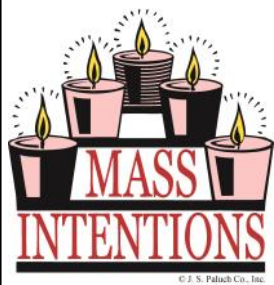
Building a Vibrant Parish Campus



The Parish Office is now located in the Parish Hall. 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 for the future. Recently Broadband was set up in the Hall for the Parish Office and Sacramental Programme Classes. The parish phone line is in the process of being upgraded but it will still maintain the same office number which we hope will be in operation again soon. The opening hours of the office remains unchanged - Tuesday to Friday 10.30am to 12noon. A temporary Post Box is available inside the hall doors.

Mass Intentions

Those placing an intention on a Parish Mass should note that diocesan recommendation is only one intention per Mass. The celebrant of the Mass takes that specific intention. A stipend for the priest offering the Mass should be given at the time of booking a weekday intention. The guide in this diocese for a weekday Mass is €10. However, we do have one shared intentions Mass which is the 7pm Vigil Mass celebrated every Saturday. The 11am Sunday Mass in Ashbourne is always reserved for those whose Months Mind or First Anniversary occurs. Please be aware of these guidelines when meeting our Volunteers and Staff in the Parish Office.



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Offertory Gifts at Sunday Mass

Families booking a Mass do so through the Parish Office and those placing an intention for a Sunday Mass are invited to take up the Offertory Gifts of Bread and Wine. These gifts that we offer at Mass are symbolic of the prayers that we offer together for those who are deceased. It is an important aspect of our faith that we pray for those who have died and keep them alive in our hearts. The 11am Sunday Mass is reserved for a Months Mind or First Anniversary Mass. The 7pm Saturday Vigil Mass is a shared intention Mass and one person is invited to bring forward a candle in remembrance of those included in the intentions of the Mass. This is part of the ritual of praying for the perpetual light of Heaven for those who have died.



Coeliac or Gluten Free Hosts

Parishioners are reminded that a Gluten Free Host is available from the priest during Communion time. This means that if you are gluten intolerant please indicate that you need to receive this host when you come forward for Holy Communion. The Pyx with these hosts is contained within the Large Ciboria to emphasise the oneness of all God's people around the Eucharist. It is hoped in the coming months that the Eucharistic Ministers will also distribute these hosts from their Ciboria when the parish purchases more of these Pyx.



Marriage - the basic guidelines outlined



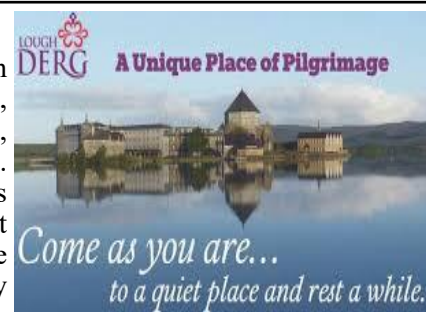
A year before Marriage couples need obtain a *Marriage Booking Form* from the priest to book the Church. They need to contact the *Registrar of Marriages* and begin the process to get permission from the State for Marriage. A *Pre-Marriage Course* should also be booked.

Six months before the Marriage couples should ensure that the *Pre-Nuptial Enquiry* meeting with the priest is arranged. At this point it is important that a couple must establish their Canonical Freedom to Marry. This means they must obtain a recent (updated) Baptism Certificate (no more than 6 months old) showing no entry for marriage. Each person must also submit an Affidavit, sworn before a solicitor, stating that they have not contracted a religious or civil marriage previously. More detailed Marriage guidelines and information is obtained with the *Marriage Booking Form*.

Best wishes and blessings to couples preparing for Marriage.

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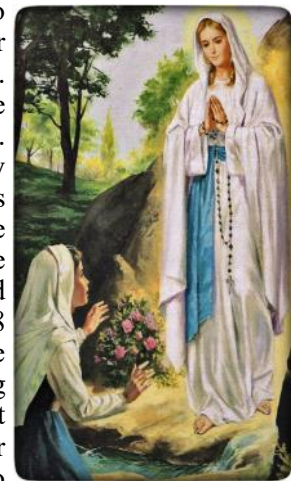
The pilgrimage season on St. Patrick's Island, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal has begun. One Day Retreats takes place in May, August and September. The traditional Three Day Pilgrimages happen in



June, July and August of the coming months. Fr. La Flynn is the prior and he and his team look forward to welcoming this year's pilgrims. For more information see the Posters on our Church Noticeboards. You may also contact Maureen or Nuala by telephone 071 9861518 or go online and checkout their excellent website www.loughderg.org

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year from 12th to 17th of September. The pilgrimage is organised by Joe Walsh Tours, 69 O'Connell Street. For details contact them by telephone 01 2410800. Lourdes is one of the most famous sites in the world dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Our Lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in 1858 and ever since pilgrims have gone to this shrine to pray for healing and spiritual strength. For just short of 100 years the bishop of our diocese has led a pilgrimage to Lourdes. After two years of no visitation of international visitors - Lourdes is now open again for pilgrims.



Last Sunday's Collection Total Amounts

Plate €1265.00 Shrines €660.00
Development Fund €1145.00
Second Collection-Vocations €1665.00
Gratitude is expressed to all those who support our parish.



Rest in Peace

We pray for those who died recently

Michelle Donnelly, Tara Close
John Fanning, Castle Crescent
Eugene Doyle, Milltown Meadows
Elizabeth Carthy, Milltown
James Keegan, Spain