

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Priests of the Parish

Fr. Michael Kilmartin, P.P.
[currently on sabbatical leave]

Fr. Ciarán Clarke, C.C.
Administrator pro tem

Fr. Samuel Osuman, C.C.

Parish Office located in the Parish Hall
Open Tuesday - Friday
9.30am - 12pm

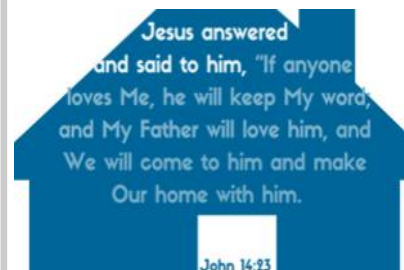
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Sixth Sunday of Easter



Jesus preparing the disciples for his departure but comforting them with the knowledge that when he has gone he will send the Holy Spirit who will be their guide and their strength.

This same Holy Spirit is given for each one of us and is always with us to guide and strengthen us.

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 21st	7pm	PJ McGrath, Castle Crescent, (Months Mind) Tommy & Anna-Marie Scully Deceased of 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
Monday 23rd	10am	Pam Ahern
Tuesday 24th	10am	Stephen Fitzpatrick
Wednesday 25th	10am	Deceased of the Egan and Porter Families
Thursday 26th	10am	Imelda & Patrick O'Riordan
Friday 27th	10am	Marian Cooke
Saturday 28th	7pm	Di Tunnah, Castle Crescent (Months Mind) Patrick, Kathleen & Pat Johnson Deceased of the Masspool Family Paddy Houlihan, Catherine Guinane & Teresa Shortall
Sunday 29th	9am	Joan Deegan
Donaghmore	10am	Michael O'Reilly
	11am	Patrick Bruton, Killelland (Months Mind)
	12.30pm	John & Sarah Thorne Frank & Geraldine Laughran

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 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. Next 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'

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.

Parish Sacramental Programme



Congratulations to the children from the Parish Sacramental Programme who have received the Sacrament of First Confessions on Saturday, May 21st. These children will begin preparations for receiving their First Holy Communion in Year 2 of the programme, which will begin in September this year.

The closing date for all children who wish to enrol in the 2022-2023 Sacramental Programme Year 1 or Year 2 of First Confession/First Holy Communion and Confirmation is May 31st. Please ensure that you have completed the Enrolment Forms and returned them to the Parish Office.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 10.30am to 8pm



Confessions this Saturday 5pm to 6pm



Gaelscoil na Cille Ag Ceiliúradh 40 Bliain

Gaelscoil na Cille - 40 years celebration

Gaelscoil na Cille are holding an open afternoon as part of their 40-year celebrations of the school, on June 3rd from 1pm to 3pm in the School Hall. Past pupils, past parents, and all those with an association with the school are invited to join them for a *cupán tae* and a trip down memory lane, looking back at photos and memorabilia from over the last 40 years. Ag súil le casadh libh ar an lá!



Safeguarding Information Session

There will be a Child Safeguarding Information Session in St Anne's Parish Room, Navan from 7.30pm to 9pm on Tuesday May 31st. This session is open to Parish Volunteers who have not previously attended an Information

Session. It is expected that every parish staff member/volunteer, regardless of their role, attends a child safeguarding session every 3 years. For further information or to Register please contact Loraine Byrne by Email: sgtraining@dioceseofmeath.ie or Telephone: 087 7951510.

Coeliac or Low Gluten Hosts

Parishioners are reminded that a low gluten 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.

Keeping Our Churches Tidy

We ask everyone to please help keep our church buildings tidy by either taking home the Parish Newsletter or returning it to the Table at the back of the church and please do not leave any literature, posters or prayers in the church without parish approval.



Lough Derg 2022

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

Pilgrimage to Oberammergau

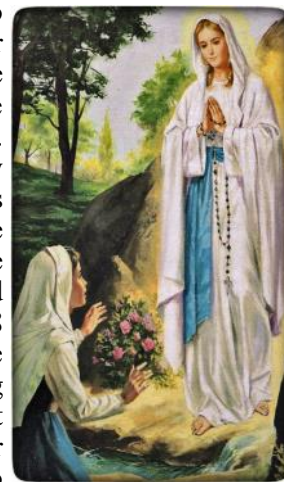


Fr. Michael will lead a pilgrimage in southern Germany from September 7th to 11th. The pilgrimage will take in the shrine of St. Killian, the Marian Shrines of our Lady of Knots and Altotting and the Passion play of Oberammergau.

This play takes place every ten years. The pilgrimage is organised by Marian Pilgrimages. Costing €1465, the price includes dinner each night and Category 2 Tickets to the Passion Play. For more details and the full Itinerary, Telephone: 01 8794621 or see the website: www.marian.ie

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year from September 12th to 17th. 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 €1025.00
Shrines €860.00
Development Fund €570.00



Gratitude is expressed to all those who support our parish.

We pray for those who died recently

Betty Murray (née Markey), London
Michelle Donnelly, Tara Close
Fr. Godwin Ogbaje, Nigeria

