

# 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 - Public Opening Times**  
Tuesday - Friday  
9.30am - 12pm

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Sixteenth Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
17th July 2022



**Hospitality has a special place in the life of God's people. He always rewards kindness done to him. The welcome we give him should be characterised by listening in faith. 'For some have entertained angels unaware'**

## Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 16th	7pm	Elizabeth Dunne, Breda Doherty Michael Dignam
Sunday 17th	9am	Tony, Mary Teresa, Patrick, John & Bertie Clarke
Donaghmore	10am	Sonny Dwyer
	11am	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	Gerry, Pauline, Patrick & Maura Harrington
Monday 18th	10am	Brian McCabe
Tuesday 19th	10am	Catherine and James McDonnell
Wednesday 20th	10am	James Fox
Thursday 21st	10am	Fr. Samuel 's Priestly Anniversary
Friday 22nd	10am	John Gernon
Saturday 23rd	7pm	Julie & Eugene Curran Bernard & Kathleen Carragher
Sunday 24th	9am	Hannah Kelly
Donaghmore	10am	May White
	11am	Jimmy Molloy, Brookville, (Months Mind) Phyllis Faherty, Milltown, (1st Anniversary) Terry Cassidy, The Bailie (1st Anniversary)
	12.30pm	Bridget Traynor

## Deacon Barry White to be Ordained Priest

Today, Sunday 17th July at 3pm Rev Deacon Barry White will be ordained a priest in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar by Bishop Tom Deenihan, bishop of Meath Diocese and he will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving in the Church of St Louis and St Mary, Rathkenny on Monday 18th July at 7pm.

These are very special celebrations in the life of Barry, his parents Maree and Paddy and sister Niamh, his family, his native parish of Rathkenny, and for the Diocese of Meath. Everyone is welcome to attend the ceremonies.

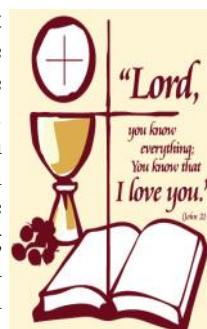
*"I will raise for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and in my mind. I will build him an enduring House and he will walk in the presence of my Anointed forever." - 1 Samuel 2:35*

## Rev Barry reflects on this momentous day

*"Over many years, with the "ear of the heart" (c.f. St Benedict), I discerned the voice of God speaking through experiences of faith, prayer and pilgrimage along with experiences of study, work, travel, and relationships.*

*This discernment gradually gave way to a deeper understanding of my own personal identity, found in Christ's call and his plan for my life. This sense of vocation, strengthened through prayer and the sacraments, has given me the inner freedom and peace of mind to respond to God's call, amidst so many other competing voices in life. I now commit to a life of prayer and service to the People of God as a priest in the Diocese of Meath filled with joy and hope.*

*For me Priesthood is a ministry of joy in this hour of history. It is an office that can speak to the hearts of many with the voice of Christ the Teacher who leads all of us on the road to life."*



## Community Rosary

The Rosary will be recited this Wednesday, 20th July at 7.30pm in Churchfield Park



## Hospitality in Parish Hall

Everyone welcome to enjoy Tea/Coffee, refreshments each Sunday after 11am Mass in the Parish Hall. This offers all of us opportunities to build community and make new friends.



## Baptisms

Baptisms take place every Saturday at 2.30pm in Ashbourne Church



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 10.30am to 8pm

Confessions this Saturday 5pm to 6pm

**WORLD DAY FOR  
GRANDPARENTS AND  
THE ELDERLY  
SUNDAY 24 JULY 2022**



**THEME: 'IN OLD AGE THEY WILL STILL BEAR FRUIT (PS 92:15)**

The World Day was established to be celebrated on the Sunday closest to the Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Anne on 26 July.

**Pope Francis' Message for World Day  
for Grandparents and the Elderly**

Many people are afraid of old age. They consider it a sort of disease with which any contact is best avoided. The elderly, they think, are none of their concern and should be set apart, perhaps in homes or places where they can be cared for, lest we have to deal with their problems. This is the mindset of the "throw-away culture", which leads us to think that we are somehow different from the poor and vulnerable in our midst, untouched by their frailties and separated from "them" and their troubles. The Scriptures see things differently. A long life – so the Bible teaches – is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance. Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honours the elderly!

Old age is not a time of life easily understood even by those of us who are already experiencing it. Even though it eventually comes with the passage of time, no one prepares us for old age, and at times it seems to take us by surprise. The more developed societies expend large sums on this stage of life without really helping people to understand and appreciate it; they offer healthcare plans to the elderly but not plans for living this age to the full. This makes it hard to look to the future and discern what direction to take. On the one hand, we are tempted to ward off old age by hiding our wrinkles and pretending to be forever young, while on the other, we imagine that the only thing we can do is bide our time, thinking glumly that we cannot "still bring forth fruit".

**World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly Prayer**

I give thanks to you, Lord,  
For the blessing of a long life  
For, to those who take refuge in You,  
Grant always to bear fruit.  
Forgive, O Lord, Resignation and disillusionment,  
But forsake me not  
When my strength declines.  
Teach me to look with hope  
To the future you give me,  
To the mission you entrust to me  
And to sing your praises without end.  
Make me a tender craftsman  
Of Your revolution,  
To guard with love my grandchildren  
And all the little ones who seek shelter in You.  
Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis  
And grant Thy Church  
To deliver the world from loneliness.  
Direct our steps in the way of peace.  
Amen.

**Youth Ministry Gap Year Opportunity**

The Diocese of Lancaster are looking for team members to join their team for the coming year at their retreat centre in the English Lake District. Applicants must be 18+ and interesting in developing their faith. The role involves working with young people on retreats and occasionally in schools and parishes. Pocket money, accommodation, meals and amenities are provided. If you are interested please Contact [jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or check out the website for more information: [castleriggmanor.com](http://castleriggmanor.com)

**Young Adults Retreat (18 - 40yrs)**

Young Adults Retreat will take place on Saturday 23rd July from 10am to 5pm. The Retreat begins with Mass in St Mary's Church, Navan and then it continues in the Parish Room at the back of the Church. It promised to be a prayerful informative day, with testimonies from people in various Christian vocations such as Married life, Priesthood, Single life, Religious life. The day also includes a talk on discernment, Adoration, confession, personal help if desired, walk and chat. Cost is Donation (Lunch & Tea Breaks). For more information Telephone Sr Úna 090 6481666 or John 087 2478519 or Email [youthretreats@gmail.com](mailto:youthretreats@gmail.com)



**Parish Sacramental Programme**

For all those seeking places for the 2022-2023 Parish Sacramental Programme: Year 1 or Year 2 of First Confession, First Holy Communion or Confirmation. Please ensure that you have completed the Enrolment Forms and returned them to the Parish Office.



**Bethany Bereavement Support Group**

This group is a parish-based ministry whose members provide caring support for people who wish to talk about the death of a loved one. Their next meeting will take place in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 19th July from 7pm-8pm and they will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month. If you, or someone you know is struggling with bereavement, the group are available to offer confidential support. Telephone at 087 2715222.



**Lough Derg 2022**

The pilgrimage season on St. Patrick's Island, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal has begun. One Day Retreats takes place in August and September. The three day pilgrimages happen in June, July and August. 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 checkout their website [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)



**Last Sunday's Collection Total Amounts**

Plate €1175.00  
Shrines €980.00  
Development Fund €1102.00



Gratitude is expressed to all those who support our parish.