



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 Secretary - Mary Mullen

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Monday - Thursday 9am - 12.30pm
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**First Sunday of Advent
27th November 2022**



Today we light the candle of
Hope

The first candle to be lit in our
Advent Wreath symbolizes
hope and it is called the
'Prophet's Candle'.

The prophets of the Old
Testament, especially
Isaiah, waited in hope
for the Messiah's arrival.

The purple colour symbolises
royalty, repentance, and fasting.

Mass Times and Intentions

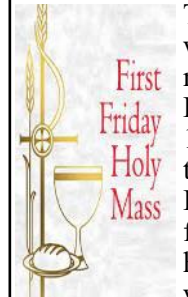
Saturday 26th	7pm	Aily O'Reegan, Cluain Rí, (1st Anniversary), Paud & Mary O'Reegan, Jane & Les Groome, Maureen & Joe McCormack, Etty & John Kelly, Jack & Margaret Buggie, Maureen & Bertie Bailey, Patrick & Katherine Flaherty, Bernard Spillane, Vera Smith, Eddie Henshaw, Patricia McNevin, John Traynor, Deceased of the Cullen Family.
Sunday 27th	9am	People of the Parish
Donaghmore	10am	Vera & Wally Browne
	11am	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	Stephen Ledwith
Monday 28th	10am	Joseph McKane
Tuesday 29th	10am	Charlie, Nancy, Joseph, Marie, Thomas & Colette Moore
Wednesday 30th	10am	Raymond Kane
Thursday 1st	10am	Deceased members of the Legion of Mary
Friday 2nd	10am	Altar List of the Dead
Saturday 3rd	7pm	Margaret Kelly, Bourne Avenue, (Months Mind), Gráinne Redmond, Bob McLoughlin, Thomas Kelly Kathleen Johnson, Paddy, Julia & Mary Brady, Margaret, Monica, Andrew & Harry Allen, Patrick, Adam & deceased of Hopkin Family, Deceased of Tait Family, Patricia & Joseph Hoare.
Sunday 4th	9am	Mary-Theresa, Patrick, Tony & John Clarke
Donaghmore	10am	Mary, James & Thomas Stenson
	11am	Geralyn Corcoran, Navan, (Months Mind) Austin, Noreen & Mary Corcoran
	12.30pm	Margaret & Joseph Kelly

First Holy Communion



During our Sunday Masses this week we welcome the children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in May 2023, along with their families. The children focus on the responses for the start of Mass, the Penitential Act and Liturgy of the Word.

First Friday Mass and Visitation



This Friday, 2nd December will be the First Friday of the month. As always on each First Friday of the month the 10am Mass is offered for those enlisted on our Altar List of the Dead. Normally for the First Friday we also have the visits by the priests with Holy Communion to those who are sick and those confined to their homes. If anyone would like to be included for this visitation or would like a priest to visit them please contact the Parish Office by Telephone 01 8353149 and we will do our best to provide the spiritual care needed, including the Sacraments of Confessions, Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.

New Rotas - Ashbourne Church

Printed copies of the Ashbourne Church Readers and Eucharistic Ministers Rotas are available in the Church at the Ministers Table for collection. They are also placed in the Porch Notice Board. Thank you to all who volunteer their commitment and time for these ministries within our Church.



Baptisms

Baptisms every Saturday at 2.30pm Ashbourne Church.

Hospitality in Parish Hall

Everyone welcome for Tea/Coffee and refreshments each Sunday in the Parish Centre Hall after 11am Mass.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 10.30am to 8pm



Confessions this Saturday 5pm to 6pm

Fr Samuel says 'Thank You'

I wish to express my deepest sentiment of gratitude to you all for your sense of love, care and concern for me during my pastoral stay here. My gratitude to Fr. Michael, the Parish Priest, Fr. Ciarán, the administrator with whom I worked with in this parish for the past six months. Fr. Ciarán, thanks for your gentleness and sense of care and administrative skill. Thanks so much. For the secretary, Mary, thanks a million for your sense of concern, competence and hard work. I extend my regards to her husband Donal for his love and concern for me. To the other staff in the parish office, thanks for your sense of cooperation and concern for me during these six months. It was a beautiful experience working with each and everyone of you. For the whole assembly of Christians in this parish, thanks a million for your sense of love and friendship. You all made Ashbourne a home for me. I can never forget you, especially the love shown me during the demise of my dear father, Sir Boniface Osuman. Thanks so much. May God reward you, Amen!

Thank You

Fr Samuel will finish in our parish this Wednesday 30th November before moving back to Longwood-Killyon parish. There will be Tea, Coffee & Refreshments after the 10am Mass on Wednesday in the Parish Centre Hall as we offer our thanks to Fr Samuel for his great commitment in providing spiritual and pastoral care to all of us during the last six months in our parish of Ashbourne-Donaghmore.

On Thursday 1st December we welcome back Fr Michael who returns from his sabbatical leave.



Wedding Congratulations

Aisling Elliott & Oisín Mulhall
who were married on
24th November in Ashbourne Church
With best wishes and every blessing to them



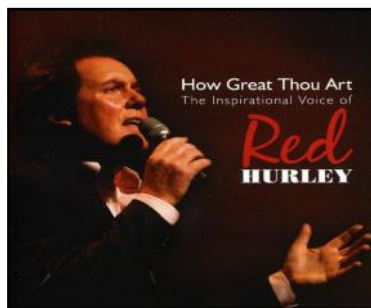
Wednesday Clean of Ashbourne Church

Have you an hour or two to give to your faith community on Wednesday 30th November at 2pm? Are you good at working with others? A group of parishioners will meet in Ashbourne Church to clean the inside of the church in preparation for the Advent and Christmas Seasons. All helpers will be welcome. There is no need to bring anything but a willing heart. We appreciate the work of all our volunteers in keeping our parish active and strong.



Red Hurley Concert - Friday 2nd December

Celebrating 50 years in the music industry



Live here in Concert
- Ashbourne Church
Singing all his greatest hits
from the last 50 years
Show starts 8pm Sharp
- doors open 7.15pm
Tickets €20
Tickets available
from the Parish Office

St. Mary's National School - Christmas Bazaar

St. Mary's National School Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held in the school on Thursday 8th December from 7-9pm. Plenty of great prizes to be won on the night. Stalls include toys, books, cakes, crafts, bric-a-brac and much more.



Digital Advent Calendar

The digital Advent Calendar is available again this year. It goes live on the First Sunday of Advent - 27th November 2022. Now in its ninth year, the website of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference will host its interactive digital Advent Calendar to mark the beginning of the Church's new year, the First Sunday of Advent. To mark this special season, this year's Advent calendar will offer resources for school, parish and home and will be accessible behind a virtual door that, as per tradition, can only be opened on each day of Advent. Content available behind these virtual doors will include a short video message, seasonal crafts for children and prayers to assist us in keeping Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations. Advent (from 'ad-venire' in Latin or "to come to") is the Church season encompassing the four Sundays and weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the Lord's coming at Christmas. Advent also prepares us for the second coming of Christ at the end of time. The theme of the Advent Calendar this year is 'Synodality'. We hope you will join us again this year through the Season of Advent.

Note: The virtual doors above cannot be opened ahead of their actual date. All content will go live in the early hours of each morning. Queries relating to the Advent Calendar should be addressed to info@catholicbishops.ie.



The Spirit of Christmas - Carols & Music Sunday 11th December

Ashbourne Church 4pm - 5pm

Ashbourne Choral Ensemble

Children's Choir // Pentetetra String Quartet

Special Guests Grace Hanley and Callum Jeacle

in aid of

St Vincent de Paul Society

Donation only

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart



Thanks to all who attended the recent meeting of the Pioneers in Ashbourne. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th December at 10.30am in Ashbourne Parish Centre.

Last Sunday's Collection

Plate €1270.00

Shrines €875.00

Development Fund €735.00



Gratitude is expressed to all those who support our parish.

We pray for all those who died recently

Philip Timoney, Donegal

Rest in Peace