



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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First Sunday of Advent
4th December 2022



Today we light the candle of
Faith

The candle of faith on our
Advent Wreath is also known as
'Bethlehem's Candle'.

The prophet Micah had foretold
that the Messiah would be born
in Bethlehem, which is also the
birthplace of King David.

This candle purple helps us
to remember the preparation
for the coming king.

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 3rd	7pm	Margaret Kelly, Bourne Avenue, (Months Mind), Gráinne Redmond, Bob McLoughlin, Kathleen Johnson, Paddy, Julia & Mary Brady, John Walsh, Thomas Kelly, Margaret, Monica, Andrew & Harry Allen, Patrick, Adam & deceased of Hopkin Family, Deceased of Tait Family, Patricia & Joseph Hoare.
Shared Mass Intentions		
Sunday 4th	9am	Mary-Theresa, Patrick, Tony, John & Bertie Clarke
Donaghmore	10am	Mary, James & Thomas Stenson
	11am	Geralyn Corcoran, Navan, (Months Mind) Mary O'Connor, Tudor Close, (Months Mind) Austin, Noreen & Mary Corcoran
	12.30pm	Margaret & Joseph Kelly
Monday 5th	10am	Ellen, Margaret, Patrick & Ely McDonald
Tuesday 6th	10am	Joe & Kathleen Armstrong
Wednesday 7th	10am	Margaret & Michael Daly
Thursday 8th	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	10am	McLoughlin & Tierney Families
	7pm	People of the Parish
Friday 9th	10am	Theresa Flattery
Saturday 10th	7pm	John Higgins, Elaine Moran, James Molloy, Frank Meegan, Declan Brennan, Pauline Larkin, Eddie & Kitty Caffrey, Seán & Elizabeth Clusker, Katie & Maura Goldrick, Daniel, Kathleen & Donal Keenan, Alice, Harry, Anthony & John Ellis.
Shared Mass Intentions		
Sunday 11th	9am	Paul Kelly
Donaghmore	10am	Bertie Clarke, Nine Milestone, (1st Anniversary)
	11am	Dominic Colgan
	12.30pm	Frank Kieran

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary takes place Thursday 8th December. This is a Holy Day of obligation and is the feast day for Ashbourne Church. Mass will be celebrated that day at 10am and 7pm. The Legion of Mary will distribute Miraculous Medals and they will be blessed at the end of Mass.



During Lent, many people in the Diocese of Meath took part in synodal conversations. The Church now invites us to consider how our voices have been heard, and how our voices resonate and/or diverge with the voices of others across the world. A working meeting will be held in Dunshaughlin Parish Centre on Saturday 10th December, 2pm - 5pm. We will read the working document "Enlarge the space of your tent" in conjunction with our diocesan and national syntheses. All are welcome to participate. Please note that this is a working meeting which requires preparatory work in advance. If anyone is interested in participating, must please register by email at: meathsynodalpathway@gmail.com



Baptisms

Baptisms every Saturday
at 2.30pm in
Ashbourne Church.

Hospitality in Parish Centre

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



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 10.30am to 8pm



Confessions this Saturday 5pm to 6pm



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

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.

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 the Parish Centre.

Young Adults - Retreat



An invitation to Young Adults [18-40] to prepare for the joys of Christmas with a prayerful Retreat in Dalgan Park, Navan. Retreat takes place from the 16th - 18th December - [Friday evening - Sunday after Lunch].

"The maiden is with Child and will soon give birth to a Son, whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God is with us " !" Luke 1:38.

Cost: Donation {Full Board - own room}. For more information contact Sr Úna at 090 6481666 or Michael at 086 2453123 or Email youthretreats@gmail.com

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 Centre on Tuesday 17th January from 7-8pm. Bethany can be contacted by Telephone 087 2715222.



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.

ALONE - Seeking Volunteers



Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> For more information, contact Frances on volunteer@alone.ie or by Telephone 086 1085965.

Knock Shrine - Night Vigil



A Bus for the Night Vigil at Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo in honour of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will leave Church Avenue, Blanchardstown on Wednesday 7th December at 4.30pm or Dunboyne at 5pm. For more information or booking, please contact Michael at 086 8650708 or Eleanor at 087 2351294.

Society of St Vincent de Paul in Ashbourne

The annual St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal is taking place at this time. Envelopes have been sent out to homes and the parish is happy to facilitate the taking up of these envelopes. Anyone wishing to donate to St. Vincent de Paul can leave contribution in the Safe Deposit Box, near the old confessions box at the back of Ashbourne Church. The parish refers people in need to the St. Vincent de Paul who act in the name of the parish in helping those seeking assistance. Thank you to all those who support the work of the society and thank you to all the active members in our local SVP branch.



Mothers Prayer Group

We are looking for mothers of all ages, to start a Mothers Prayer Group. The first Mothers Prayer Group was founded by a grandmother and her sister in 1995. There are now thousands of groups around the world. Mothers meet weekly to pray for their children. Details to be decided. Please raise your interest by contacting Claire Marie by Telephone 085 7758519 or for more information see mothersprayers.org/index.php/en/



Thank You to our Volunteer Cleaners

Thank you to all who helped last Wednesday for the cleaning of Ashbourne Church in preparation for Advent and Christmas Seasons. The continuous generosity of your time is greatly appreciated. We owe our gratitude to all the volunteers who generously and willingly give of their time to become actively involved in Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish.



Last Sunday's Collection

Plate €1260.00

Shrines €850.00

Development Fund €810.00



Gratitude is expressed to all those who support our parish.

We pray for all those who died recently

Paul Kiernan, Baltrasna

