



# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Third Sunday of Advent  
11th December 2022



We light the candle of Joy

“Preparing Our Hearts with Hope, Faith, Joy and Peace as we eagerly look forward to Christmas – the celebration of the birth of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

## Mass Times and Intentions

<b>Saturday 10th</b>	7pm	John Higgins, Elaine Moran, James Molloy, Frank Meegan, Pauline Larkin, Declan Brennan, Eddie & Kitty Caffrey, Seán & Elizabeth Clusker, Katie & Maura Goldrick, Daniel, Kathleen & Donal Keenan, Alice, Harry, Anthony & John Ellis.
Shared Mass Intentions		
<b>Sunday 11th</b>	9am	Paul Kelly
Donaghmore	10am	Bertie Clarke, Nine Milestone, (1st Anniversary) Patrick Tiernan
	11am	Dominic Colgan
	12.30pm	Frank Kiernan
<b>Monday 12th</b>	10am	Ellen & Margaret McDonald
<b>Tuesday 13th</b>	10am	Jack & Annie Ryan
<b>Wednesday 14th</b>	10am	Noreen O'Dwyer
<b>Thursday 15th</b>	10am	Thomas & Patrick Rettigan
<b>Friday 16th</b>	10am	Séamus Donnelly
<b>Saturday 17th</b>	7pm	Anne Grimes, Mark Ward, Ron Tier, Victor Bolster, Myles Breslin, Christopher Cassidy, Bidy Randle, Maureen Jones, Paddy Stritch, Pat & Sheila Kearns, Noel, Kathleen & William Rock, Mary, Larry, Hughie & Mervyn Tierney, James, Ellen & Gerard McGrath, Alice, Christopher, Christy & Noel Quirke, Bill & the deceased of Enright Family John Emmett & the deceased of Emmett Family.
Shared Mass Intentions		
<b>Sunday 18th</b>	9am	Jimmy & Kathleen Lee
Donaghmore	10am	Marcella & Tom Morris
	11am	Paul Kiernan, Baltrasna, (Months Mind) Ciarán Benville, The Hawthorns, (1st Anniversary) Caroline Lacey, Killeglan Rise, (1st Anniversary)
	12.30pm	Charles Fitzsimons



## 'Gaudate' Sunday

On this Third Sunday of Advent the pink candle on the Advent Wreath is lit and the third word placed on the Advent tree. The candle represents 'Joy' and asks us to prepare a path for the Lord with joyfulness and rejoicing. For people of faith Christmas is an uplifting occasion.

## Our Parish Cribs

The Outdoor Crib in Ashbourne Church was put up in the last few days. Hopefully many people will come in to the church grounds and visit this crib in the weeks ahead. Hopefully also people passing our church will remember to reflect on what it is that Christians celebrate at Christmas. The Crib in Ashbourne and Donaghmore Churches are about to be put in place as we creep closer towards the twelve days. Thank you to all the volunteers on 'crib duty'.



## Birthday Card for Baby Jesus



Children are invited to make Birthday Cards to bring to Mass on Christmas Eve/Christmas Day. Junior, Senior, First & Second classes in our schools are partaking in the event, but all children can take part. The cards will be left next to the manger. Parents might take the opportunity to explain to their child that there would be a massive 2,022 candles on Jesus' Birthday cake!!

## 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



### Christmas Carol Service

Nothing beats a Carol Service for lifting the soul and getting you in the mood for Christmas. Our parish carol service is today 4-5pm in Ashbourne Church.

Ashbourne Choral Ensemble  
Children's Choir // Pentettra String Quartet  
Special Guests  
Grace Hanley and Callum Jeacle  
Donation only to  
St Vincent de Paul Society



## Join Us This Christmas

**Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Times**  
**Ashbourne Church 5pm, 7pm, 9am, 11am & 12.30pm**  
**Donaghmore Church 7pm and 10am**



### Confessions for Christmas

The priests of the parish and visiting priests will administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 7-8pm on Wednesday 21st December in Ashbourne Church. It is always beneficial to go to confession for Christmas and to receive the grace of the sacrament. You are welcome to receive the sacrament at any time during this special hour.



### Decorating Ashbourne Church



Volunteers are sought to help decorate Ashbourne Church for Christmas. If you are available this Tuesday 13th December at 11am and are good at working with others, we would love to have you as part of our team.



### Holy Hour as Advent Concludes

A Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer, reflection, silence and Benediction will take place from 7-8pm on Thursday 22nd December. All are welcome to come to pray for our parish and each other as we keep Christ in Christmas and prepare to welcome Baby Jesus.

### Help bring Music to Christmas Mass

Our parish seeks a person, persons or a family in Ashbourne to provide carols at two of our Christmas Day Masses. Can you help? If you have a voice and have confidence to sing at the 9am or 12.30pm, we would love you to get in touch. Our priests and parishioners are very grateful to all those who sing and play at our parish liturgies in Ashbourne and Donaghmore.



### Society of St Vincent de Paul - 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 to all the active members in our local SVP branch.

### Parish Registers



Is there anyone around this Christmas who would like to make a donation towards the restoration of the parish registers? Three of our large parish books that record the sacraments parishioners receive in Ashbourne and Donaghmore are in need of repair and are currently with a liturgical book restorer. The enhancement of each book will cost €300 and any persons who can help out can have their name or that of a deceased love one engraved on the new hard back protective cover that will encase the register to ensure its longevity. Every parish keeps registers which are inspected by the diocese each year.

### Parish Charity Care Vouchers at SuperValu

Our Parish and SuperValu are kindly once again offering shoppers an opportunity to donate to local charities. In SuperValu-Ashbourne, at the cash desk parishioners who are aware of the campaign can decide that they wish to add a donation to their shopping. All donations received are added up and forwarded to the local charities of SVP and Senior Citizens Outreach. Last year over €3,000 in SuperValu vouchers were given to these charities in Ashbourne to support those in need.

### Parish Finance Meeting

The final 2022 meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will take place this Wednesday, 14th December at 6pm in the Parish Centre. Items on the Agenda include preparing for the New Financial Envelope Year at the end of January and consideration of the costings on the renovation of the Presbytery on the church grounds.



### Ashbourne Pioneer Meeting

Thanks to all who attended the last meeting of the Pioneers Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart in Ashbourne. The next meeting will take place this Wednesday 14th December at 10.30am in the Parish Centre.

### Mothers Prayer Group

A new Mothers prayer meeting is happening on Mondays at 11am. 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. If you'd like to join contact Claire Marie 085 7758519.



### Last Sunday's Collection



Plate €1550.00  
Shrines €1090.00  
Development Fund €945.00

Gratitude is expressed to all those who support our parish.

### We pray for all those who died recently

Matt Russell, Racehill  
Chris Beary, Archerstown Wood  
Kathleen Tubbritt, late of Rathlodge



### Baptisms

Every Saturday at 2.30pm in Ashbourne Church