



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**Second Sunday of
Ordinary Time**
15th January 2023



‘Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.’ (Jn 1:29)

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 14th 7pm	Shared Mass Intentions Darren Ellis, Crestwood Avenue (Month’s Mind); Tom Daly; Derek Tysom; Philip Dunne; Patrick Clarke
Sunday 15th	
9am Donaghmore 10am 11am 12.30pm	Andrea Fleming Sean Conway People of The Parish <i>Hospitality in the Parish Centre after this Mass</i> Christopher Tormey
Monday 16th 10am	Paul Donnelly, Killeglan Rise (1st Anniversary)
Tuesday 17th 10am	Bridie & Patrick Garavan William & Eileen O’Brien
Wednesday 18th 10am	Ann Brennan
Thursday 19th 10am	Evelyn Howlett
Friday 20th 10am	Angie & Paddy Fay
Saturday 21th 7pm	Shared Mass Intentions Deceased members of the Boylan & Garvey Families; Ann Grimes
Sunday 22th Donaghmore 9am 10am 11am 12.30pm	Donal O’Loingsigh Christy & Ollie Kavanagh George Collins, Milltown Estate, (1st Anniversary) <i>Hospitality in the Parish Centre after this Mass</i> Barry Maguire

Coeliac or Gluten Free Hosts

Parishioners are reminded that a gluten free host is available from the priest or Eucharistic Minister at communion time. If you are gluten intolerant please indicate that you wish to receive this host when you come forward for communion. The pyx with these hosts is contained within the large ciboria to emphasise the oneness of all God’s people around the Eucharist.

Ordinary Time in the Church Year



It is ordinary time in the church year and will remain so until the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 22nd). The gospel or ‘good news’ read predominantly at Sunday Mass this year is that which St. Matthew wrote and is referred to as the first gospel or the gospel of Year A. Green Vestments are worn during ordinary time and the green plants in front of the Altar in Ashbourne remind us that we are all asked to pray that we will grow in our relationship with Jesus.

Confirmation 2023

Confirmation is due to take place in our parish on Saturday March 11th. Parents are reminded that they must have filled in the ‘Confirmation Request Form’ for their child to be enrolled as a candidate in the parish. If a child for confirmation was baptised outside of the parish the parents must obtain a baptismal certificate and hand it in to the parish office. All confirmation candidates in our parish are registered and our parish after the ceremony makes contact with the parish of baptism for recording purposes.



Parish Baptism Guidelines

Baptisms take place in Ashbourne Church every Saturday afternoon at 2.30pm. In order to strengthen the connection of baptism with the gathering of the faith community parents introduce themselves and their new born baby to Fr. Michael or Fr. Ciarán after attending Sunday Mass and express their desire to have their child baptised. The parents receive a ‘Baptism Request Form’ and information on preparing for the celebration of the sacrament. Up to four baptisms take place on any given Saturday.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 10.30am to 8pm



Confessions this Saturday 5pm to 6pm

Offertory Gifts at Sunday Masses



The Offertory Table in Ashbourne Church is now located half way up the church on the left hand side. The one in Donaghmore is one third of the way up the church on the left hand side. Families with an intention on the mass are asked to nominate two members to bring up the bread and the wine being used at the mass offered for their loved one. The family members should familiarise themselves with the new position of the offertory table and let the stewards know that they are present for the mass. The gifts that are brought forward are symbolic of the prayers that we offer as a faith community gathered around the Lord's altar.

'Word of God Sunday'

In January of 2020 Pope Francis asked that all parishes celebrate 'Word of God' Sunday on the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time each January. In doing so, Pope Francis is asking us to reflect on the importance of the 'Word of God' to Christians. Next Sunday as part of Christian Unity week we will highlight the role of our sacred book. Each Sunday the Bible is read in Christian Churches and we as followers of Jesus are asked to let the Word speak to us.

Christian Unity Week January 18th - 25th



On Sunday next January 22nd Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciarán will offer Mass for Christian Unity. Each year during the month of January Christians unite to pray and promote greater co-operation between Christians of all

denominations. Today thankfully Catholics, Church of Ireland members, Methodists, Presbyterians and evangelicals emphasize the person of Christ at the heart of their lives. *"May we all be one in Christ"*

Enrolment in Our Three Catholic Primary Schools

The Annual Admission Notices for the three parish primary schools - St. Declan's N.S., St. Mary's N.S. and Gaelscoil na Cille have been recently published on their school websites. Parents of children who wish to apply for admission to Junior Infants September 2023 should read these notices carefully as they include important information about how and when you can apply. Further information is available on the school websites www.decsash.ie, www.smash.ie, www.gaelscoilnaci lle.scoilnet.ie



Catholic Schools Week 2023

Walking Together in Faith & Love

22 January –29 January

During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools are invited to participate in a week of celebration reflecting on the work of Catholic Schools, and on their contribution to a Synodal Church based on Communion, Participation and Mission. Posters with the theme for each day is on display on our church noticeboards. Our three parish schools will be taking part in this year's events.

World Youth Day 2023



A group of young people from the Diocese of Meath hope to be part of this great event. The first diocesan information meeting is taking place in Trim Parish Centre at 7pm on Friday January 27th. Our parish wishes to support young parishioners in fundraising efforts towards getting to this great event. World Youth Day will be celebrated in the Portuguese capital from August 1st to 6th. It is a week long event, with Pope Francis, where young Catholics from all over the world gather and participate in a formative faith filled fun environment. If you are aged 18 to 35, involved in our parish, and are interested in being part of this pilgrimage to Lisbon please let Fr. Michael or Fr. Ciarán know. Meath Diocese WYD information is available on www.dioceseofmeath.ie To book contact meathyouth@gmail.com.

Parish Finance Meeting

The first 2023 meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will take place on Wednesday evening next at 6pm in the Parish Centre. The Parish Financial Statement for 2022 is being prepared for the last weekend of January and the new envelope boxes and accompanying letter are being prepared for distribution to homes who use them as a means of supporting our parish.



Distributors Needed

Can you help distribute the envelope boxes in your area? At the end of January the parish will distribute the new parish envelope boxes. We need a person from each estate in the town to distribute the boxes and drop a letter with a financial update to parishioners using this means of contributing to our parish. If you have helped us before or can help us distribute boxes at the end of the month please let us know through the parish office or say it to Fr. Michael or Fr. Ciarán. A meeting for distributors will be held in Ashbourne Church on Wednesday evening, January 25th, at 7pm. Last Sunday's Collection Totals Plate €1370.00; Shrines €1010.00; Development Fund €1405.00. Gratitude is expressed to all those who support our parish and we thank all those making their annual offering.

The first new Christians of the New Year

Jack Kennelly & Eoin Lowther were baptised last weekend when we celebrated the feast of the Baptism of Jesus. We congratulate them and their families on becoming the first followers of Jesus in Ashbourne this year of our Lord, 2023



Sacramental Dates 2023

Confirmation: Saturday, 11th March
1st Holy Communion: Saturdays 6th & 13th May
1st Confession: Saturdays 4th, 18th and 25th March

We pray for people connected to our parish who died this week

Esther Roberts, Birr, Co. Offaly
Pat Carey, Kilcommon, Co. Tipperary

