



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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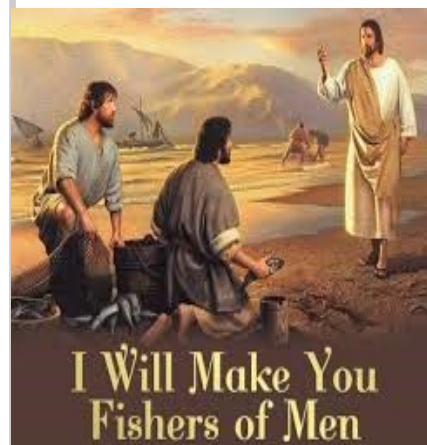
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**Third Sunday of
Ordinary Time**
22 January 2023



**I Will Make You
Fishers of Men**

Matthew Chapter 4 Verse 15

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday January 21st 7pm	<i>Shared Mass Intentions</i> Deceased members of the Boylan & Garvey Families; Ann Grimes, Pat Carey, John & Vincent Beggy
Sunday 22nd 9am Donaghmore 10am 11am <i>Hospitality in the Parish Centre</i> 12.30pm	Donal O'Loingsigh Christy & Ollie Kavanagh George Collins, Milltown Estate, (1st Anniversary) Barry Maguire
Monday 23rd 10am	Jim & Maureen Mullen
Tuesday 24th 10am	Patrick Sheehy
Wednesday 25th 10am	Franco Macari
Thursday 26th 10am	Joseph Kelly
Friday 27th 10am	Eddie & Eileen Caffrey
Saturday January 28th 7pm	<i>Shared Mass Intentions</i> Frances Hannon, Brookville, (Months Mind) Denis McElligott, Paul Kelly, Máiréad Loughnane, Coil Costello, Phyllis Woods, Laurence Cassidy, Jennie, Jack, John & Jim Morgan Gerry Hamilton
Sunday 29th 9am Donaghmore 10am 11am <i>Hospitality in the Parish Centre</i> 12.30pm	Kathleen & Jimmy Lee Marie O'Donnell Chris Beary, Archerstown, (Months Mind) Tom Harris

Word of God Sunday

Pope Francis asks that all parishes celebrate today as 'Word of God Sunday'. In doing so, Pope Francis is asking us to reflect on the importance of the 'Word of God' to Christians. Each Sunday the Bible is read in Christian Churches and we as followers of Jesus are asked to let the Word speak to us. 'Christ Jesus is knocking at our door in the words of Sacred Scripture. If we hear his voice and open the doors of our minds and hearts then he will enter our lives and remain ever with us.' *Pope Francis*



On the Bible and Scripture Did You Know?



An acronym for the word Bible is 'Best Information Before Leaving Earth'. St Jerome, the man who translated the bible from Greek and Hebrew into Latin, famously said 'Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ'. St. Augustine said as he read the two testaments of the Bible that they are so closely interrelated with each other. that 'The new is in the old concealed; the old is in the new revealed'

Mobile Phone Vs Bible

What would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our mobile phone? What if we carried it around in our purses and pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?
What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?
What if we used it when we travelled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to think about ...



The parish is grateful to all who give service as a Reader of the Word of God. Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish has a total of thirty-five parishioners involved as Ministers of the Word.

At all masses this weekend, instead of the regular Prayer of the Faithful, we pray for Christian Unity. On Wednesday next, January 25th, the feast of the conversion of St. Paul, our parish will offer the 10am Mass for Christian Unity.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 10.30am to 8pm



Confessions this Saturday 5pm to 6pm



Do This In Memory Mass No. 4

We welcome the families with children for 1st holy communion to mass this weekend. This is the fourth of six ‘Do This In Memory’ preparatory masses. This month the children have been learning “big words” namely ‘sanctuary’, ‘tabernacle’ and consecration’. At every mass we relive the Last Supper believing that the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus. In the miracle of the Eucharist Jesus becomes present to us in a special way. Jesus is kept in the tabernacle and the children are learning how to genuflect to the Blessed Sacrament. All of us perhaps can increase our attention to the Eucharist and our example to others by carefully genuflecting as we enter and leave our church seat.

Events for Catholic Schools Week 2023

As part of Catholic Schools week some of the fifth class pupils in St. Mary’s; St. Declan’s and Gaelscoil na Cille will (1) Attend the 10am daily Mass in Ashbourne on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. (2) Take part in a Pilgrim Walk on Tuesday linking our three schools and celebrating Faith, Hope and Love. (3) Reflect on the Meaning of Faith, Hope and Love (The Great Christian Virtues). (4) Participate in the 11am Mass next Sunday. We thank the Boards of Management in the schools for the work that they do. We thank also the staff, parents and pupils for the part that they play in building Catholic Schools that serve our parish faith community.



Enrolment in Our Three Catholic Primary Schools

The Annual Admission Notices for the parish primary schools - St. Declan's N.S., St. Mary's N.S. and Gaelscoil na Cille are on their school websites. Parents of children who wish to apply for admission to Junior Infants this September should read these notices carefully as they include important information about how and when you can apply.

Celebrating the Sacraments

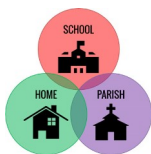
Confirmation: There will be two ceremonies led by Bishop Tom on Saturday, 11th March at 11am and 3pm. **1st Holy Communion**

Weekend: On Saturday the 6th & 13th of May children will receive Holy communion with their families guests of honour at the Sunday Mass. **1st Confession:** From 4 to 6pm on Saturdays Feb 25, March 4 and 25 parents bring their children to the sacrament that celebrates the importance of forgiveness.



Request for Sacraments

All sacraments for children must be requested by a parent or next of kin taking responsibility for the handing on of faith. If you are a parent who wish to prepare your child for baptism, confession, communion or confirmation you are reminded that your child must be registered with the parish office. Just because a child is in a certain class in a school presumption of a sacrament is never made without parental consent and commitment to the Christian faith.



Can you help distribute the envelope boxes in your area? Next Wednesday we will begin the distribution of the new parish envelope boxes to interested parishioners. We need a person from each road or 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 the boxes over the next ten days please come along to a short meeting for distributors which will be held by Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciarán in Ashbourne Church on Wednesday evening next at 7pm..

Getting Married in the Coming Months?

Any couple getting married in the coming months are asked to make sure that they do their pre marriage course and the church paperwork in plenty of time. This is to ensure that all is organised and the couple can focus on planning their ceremony in the church with their priest in the months coming up to the wedding. Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciarán recently updated the parish wedding guidelines to support couples in our parish getting married. Our priests meet brides and grooms to be every Saturday afternoon in the parish office.



Annual Update as the Financial Year Ends

Next weekend at masses members of our Parish Finance Committee will brief members of our faith communities on issues to do with finance in our parish. The draft income and expenditure for 2022 will be announced and plans for expenditure in 2023 will be outlined. The parish is grateful to the members of the finance committee who serve their parish and help ensure that there is good financial governance and accountability around all monies donated to our parish.



Second Collection at Mass next Sunday

After Holy Communion next Sunday (January 29) there will be a 2nd collection towards the Diocesan Cess. The money collected across parishes in the Diocese of Meath will support the work of our church welfare agencies including Accord Catholic Marriage Care, the National Child Safeguarding Board, and the Council for Immigrant and Emigrant Support. This is one of six second collections that take place annually in our parish. We thank parishioners for their support and the Stewards who help with the collections in the Church Last Sunday’s Collection Totals Plate €1465.00; Shrines €820.00; Development Fund €1005.00. Gratitude is expressed to all those who support our parish and we thank all those making their annual offering.



We pray for the repose of Vivienne Reilly, Dunshaughlin.

