



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**Fourth Sunday of
Ordinary Time**
29 January 2023



The Beatitudes
Sermon on the Mount
Matthew 5: 1-12

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday January 28th 7pm	<i>Shared Mass Intentions</i> Fran 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 (1st Anniversary)
Monday 30th 10am	Maud, Bertie & Christy McDermott
Tuesday 31st 10am	Mary & Denis Sullivan
Wednesday 1st 10am	Angela Farrell
Thursday 2nd 10am	Donal O'Loinsigh
Friday 3rd 10am	First Friday Altar List of the Dead
Saturday February 4th 7pm	<i>Shared Mass Intentions</i> Finbar Daly, Jozef Gryson, Michael Battersby, Gerry & Sheila Ryan, Jack & Eileen Scally
Sunday 5th 9am Donaghmore 10am 11am <i>Hospitality in the Parish Centre</i> 12.30pm	Mary Rochfort, People of the Parish Martin Moore Sean Battersby

Works to the Parochial House next Ashbourne Church begin tomorrow. For the coming months parking next to the Parochial House will be prohibited and some spaces cordoned off for the builders to access the site. Thankfully, we have plenty of parking in Ashbourne Church grounds and parishioners are asked to park away from the house until further notice.

**RESTRICTED
AREA
NO
PARKING**

Faith Hope and Love

To mark the end of Catholic Schools Week some children from fifth class in our three parish schools, St. Mary's, St. Declan's and Gaelscoil na Cille have brought the words Faith, Hope and Love to the 11am Mass today. We thank all the children and teachers in our three schools for a wonderful week long celebration of Catholic Schools Week under the title 'Walking Together in Faith, Hope and Love'.

**FAITH
HOPE
LOVE**

Annual Financial Update



Members of the Parish Finance Committee are speaking at masses today about the plans for our parish buildings in the coming years.

Next weekend a new financial year begins in our parish and we thank all those who contribute to make Ashbourne and Donaghmore Parish a vibrant place where Christian faith is lived and celebrated. Thankfully our finances will show recovery from the losses of two difficult 'covid years'. Fr. Michael, Fr. Ciaran and parishioners are grateful to Liam, Evelyn, Jonathan, Jan, and Philp who serve on the Finance Committee.

Distribution of Envelope Boxes

Boxes for distribution can be collected from the parish office from Tuesday morning after mass and are to be delivered this week to parishioners using this means of supporting our parish. If you are new to our faith community or wish to use this means of supporting us please phone Mary in the parish office. As part of this year's we currently seek to check all the data we have connected to the envelopes and standing orders in our parish.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 10.30am to 8pm



Confessions this Saturday 5pm to 6pm



St. Brigid's Day – February 1st—Wednesday



St. Brigid's Day is on Wednesday and for many it heralds the beginning of the Irish spring and turning a back on winter. St. Brigid is the

secondary patron of Ireland. Her image is now on Our Lady's altar as we reflect on her simple life of faith and generosity. It is welcome news that the government has announced that the first Monday in February each year is a public holiday. Many people had lobbied for this great woman to continue to be acknowledged for the role she played as a pioneer in bringing the flame of faith to many parts of our country. There is a strong tradition of children and adults in our parish making St. Brigid's crosses on her feast day.

Candlemas Day – Thursday

On February 2nd candles are blessed at mass as Christians celebrate 40 days since Christmas Day with the marking of the feast of Jesus' presentation in the temple. If anyone would like to make a donation towards altar candles or have candles of their own



they would like blessed please bring them to mass on this day. The parish is grateful to Ollie, aka 'the candle man' who as a volunteer looks after candles and shrines in Ashbourne church. The feast of Jesus' presentation is also a day of prayer for those in religious life.

Feast of St Blaise – Friday

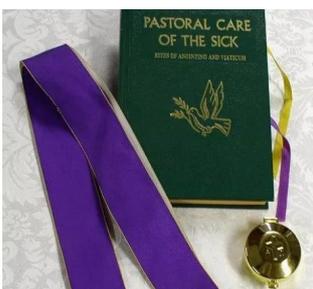


Friday is the Feast of St Blaise and the 10am first Friday mass will finish with the blessing of throats. St. Blaise was an early bishop and martyr of the church and is venerated as the patron of those suffering from throat disease. His remains are in Dubrovnik in Croatia where

throats are blessed every day of the year.

Monthly List of the Dead Mass and Calls to the Sick

Friday next is the First Friday in February. The 10am Mass will be offered for those enrolled on the Ashbourne-Donaghmore Altar List of the Dead. Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciarán will do communion calls to those on the parish list on Thursday and Friday of this week. If anyone is at home and cannot get to mass and wish to receive the sacrament they should contact the parish.



Confirmation begins in Meath Diocese



Confirmation in Ashbourne is now six weeks away. The children are busy learning about the sacrament and the Holy Spirit. Bishop Tom has begun confirmation this week in Trim and is with our faith community, God willing, on Saturday, March 11. The confirmation ceremony will be a

stand-alone ceremony and the candidate, sponsor and two other people can attend. There will be a ceremony at 11am and one at 3pm with each seat being used in our church to accommodate the 'confirmandi'. Candidates and families are asked to follow all of the guidelines around keeping the ceremony prayerful and staying safe in church buildings and grounds.

Registration of Ashbourne Church



On 10 January 2023 Ashbourne Church was registered to St. Finian's Diocesan Trust. The land registry completed the new title details necessary on our church. This replaces a lease created on 31 Dec 1907 from

Mary Fitzgerald to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Meath Rev. Laurence Gaughran and the priest of Ashbourne, Rev. Michael Dooley, based at that time in Ratoath Parochial House. We all owe a great deal of gratitude to people like Mary who helped our parish develop through the years. May they rest in peace.

Second Collection at Mass Today

After holy communion today there is a collection to contribute towards the parish contribution to the diocesan cess of €9,000. The money collected across parishes in Meath supports the work of church welfare agencies including Accord Catholic Marriage care, prison chaplaincy, communications office, the National Safeguarding Board, and the Council for Immigrant and Emigrant Support. This is one of six second collections that take place annually in our parish. All those contributing are thanked for their support as are the stewards who help collect our parish offering. Mile buiochas. Last Sunday's Collection were 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 as the parish financial year concludes.

Remembering the Deceased

We pray for the repose of David Feekery, Crestwood Green and Matty Gorman, Milltown Estate whose funerals took place during the week. We remember in prayer also Alice Carruth, Tyrrelstown; Joe Kilmartin, Kinnegad and Una Dowling, Ardcaith. May they rest in peace. Amen.

