



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**Fifth Sunday of
Ordinary Time**
5th February 2023



**'You are
the Light of the World and
the Salt of the Earth'**
Mt 5: 13 -14

Mass Times and Intentions

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, Cluain Rí, Months Mind People of the Parish Martin Moore Sean Battersby
Monday 6th 10am	Matt Russell, Racehill, Months Mind
Tuesday 7th 10am	Tom Hollywood
Wednesday 8th 10am	Terry Walsh
Thursday 9th 10am	Teenie Whelan
Friday 10th 10am	Tony, Kevin & Eilish Bartley
Saturday February 11th 7pm	<i>Shared Mass Intentions</i> Niamh Dalton, Ashdale Crescent, 1st Anniversary Mary Dignam, Wendy Fleming, Lee Moore, Bridie Burdis, Paudy Daly, Mary Hartnett, Gerard Fanning, Patrick Gorman
Sunday 12th 9am Donaghmore 10am 11am <i>Hospitality in the Parish Centre</i> 12.30pm	Margaret Mintern Paddy Moran Francesco Macari, 1st Anniversary Ronan & Ned Carey

CONFIRMATION NAME

We welcome children in our parish to the third of the four preparatory masses for confirmation taking place today. In preparation for this mass the 'confirmandi' have completed projects on the saint whose name they are taking on confirmation day. As part of the mass today after the gospel the children will stand and hold aloft their confirmation name card which their sponsor will present to Bishop Tom. Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciarán will visit the children at school during the week and see first hand the work the children have done on their saint's names. Well done to the children, parents and teachers work done so far.

'Come, Holy Spirit' Prayer

'Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.'

Getting Ready for Confirmation

Confirmation in Ashbourne is now five weeks away. 235 children are busy learning about the sacrament and the Holy Spirit. Bishop Tom began confirmation last weekend in Trim and is with us, God willing, on March 11. Just like in recent covid years the confirmation ceremony will be a stand-alone ceremony and the candidate, sponsor and two other people are allowed to 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.



Donaer Constuction have begun the refurbishment works to the Presbytery next to Ashbourne Church. For the coming seven months parking next to the house is prohibited and spaces have been 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.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 10.30am to 8pm



Confessions this Saturday 5pm to 6pm



Our Lady of Lourdes

The feast day of our Lady of Lourdes is kept every year as the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. The sacrament of Holy **Anointing of the Sick and Infirm will take place as part of Mass on Friday morning** next (February 10). The parish statue of our Lady of Lourdes will be placed in front of the altar on that day.

‘To Mary, Mother of Mercy and Health of the Sick, we raise our trusting gaze and our prayer; may her maternal compassion, manifested as she stood beside her dying Son on the Cross, accompany and sustain the faith and the hope of every sick and suffering person on the journey of healing for the wounds of body and spirit.’

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us

Parish Catechesis

Our priests are meeting all the children preparing for sacraments in the coming days. On Tuesday morning it is the 1st communion children. Wednesday morning the confirmation candidates and Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciarán will meet the 1st confession children.



First Confession Guidelines

1st Confession takes place a year before Holy Communion in our parish. As in other parishes the sacrament is administered during Lent. At the moment parents have the opportunity to request the sacrament for their child. Request Forms are available from our Catholic Schools and should be returned by Friday of the coming week. The sacrament of reconciliation is about responding to God’s love and being able to forgive and say sorry for our faults and failings. Parents are asked to practise the prayers for the sacrament with their children and to talk to them about sin being a time when one does not show love to God or neighbour. Parents bringing their child to confession should also consider going to confession themselves. It is as always voluntary but children learn from example in the home. We hope that all the children receiving the sacrament for the first time will always know and celebrate God’s love.



New Rota’s for Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist will be available on Tuesday morning

Parish Envelopes—New Boxes

The new boxes of envelopes have been delivered to the homes of the parish. Thank you to all those who distributed them. There are a few areas where we need help. If you live in Alderbrook, Garden City or Tudor would you be able to help us with the distribution of the new box and accompanying letter? We would love your help.



As announced last Sunday the parish currently seeks to check all the data we have connected to the envelopes and standing orders. We ask all parishioners receiving the new envelope box to confirm their name, address and contact telephone number on the back of their first envelope that they return

so that we can check that our data is correct and up to date. On receiving your details we will give you a call back to say we got your data whether new or as before. We ask all who contribute by standing order to call into the parish office before the end of February to confirm their details and match up payments dates on the bank statements. This is all part of having more up to date records and to be able to provide an accurate acknowledgement of monies received if requested.

If you haven’t previously contributed to the parish through the envelopes, would you be willing to begin? We have some boxes to spare if you call in to the parish office and Mary or Janice will be glad to help.

If anyone would like a copy of last weekend’s statement from the Parish Finance Committee please email Mary at the parish office.

Last Sunday’s Collection were Plate €1620.00; Shrines €990.00; Development Fund €740.00. 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.

Mile buiochas



Remembering the Deceased

We pray for the repose of Liz Costello, Crestwood Avenue and Marita Ryan, Bourne Avenue whose funerals took place in our parish this week, May they rest in peace. Amen.



We Hope You Have a Lovely Bank Holiday Monday