

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Priests of the Parish

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Third Sunday of Easter

Year A



'They told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread'.

Luke 24:35

Mass Intentions

Saturday 22nd <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Marion Anderson , Hickeys Lane (Months Mind) Kathleen Tormey, Phyllis & Pat Toomey, Eamon & Michael Tuttle, James & Kathleen Flanagan, Noel Clarke, Michael Organ, Tony Comiskey
Sunday 23rd	9am	Oliver & Mary Walsh
Donaghmore	10am	Mary Farrell, Milltown Estate, (Months Mind)
	11am	Cecilia Doyle, Tudor Grove, (Months Mind) All are welcome for Tea or Coffee in the Parish Centre afterwards.
	12.30pm	Terry Brennan, Maple Grove, (Months Mind)
Monday 24th	10am	Hyacinth Browne
Tuesday 25th	10am	Mass with Anointing of the Sick offered for all those ill at this time
Wednesday 26th	10am	Joe Finn
Thursday 27th	10am	Séamus Mac Aogháin
Friday 28th	10am	Eileen Fay
Saturday 29th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	PJ McGrath Michael Quinn Edmond & Jimmy O'Donnell
Sunday 30th	9am	Dec. McLoughlin & Tierney Families
Donaghmore	10am	Anne, Patrick, Eileen, James & Betty Murphy
	11am	Patrick Bobbett, Fleenstown House (Months Mind)
	12.30pm	Maureen Enright, Clúain Rí, (Months Mind)



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 10.30am to 8pm /
Confessions on Saturday 5 to 6pm / Bethany Bereavemnet
Support (087) 2715222 / No Baptisms or Confessions on
Saturdays May 6th and 13th due to 1st Holy Communion Masses

Celebrating the Easter Season

The word of God at Easter tells us stories about how the first Christian communities lived and how they supported one another in material and spiritual ways. Jesus' first followers cherished baptism and an awareness that they were children of God. As we celebrate our faith this Easter may we too value baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit helping us to grow in love.



Confirmation of Ashbourne Adults

Erika Giacotto and Banguole Vaicaityte are confirmed by Fr. Michael during the 11am Mass this Sunday. We congratulate both candidates and thank their sponsors and faith educators. Ashbourne Parish is delighted to welcome them fully into the Catholic Church and pray that Banguole and Erika will always celebrate newness of life as Easter people.



Parish Office One Year On

A year ago the Parish Office relocated to the Parish Centre. Now both the After School Parish Programme and all parish pastoral related activities takes place under the one roof. People visit the Parish Office to book a mass, to meet one of the priests or to find out information on the sacramental and pastoral life of our parish. Mary is our parish secretary and we are blessed to have a host of volunteers who help us manage our busy parish. The parish office is open Monday to Thursday 9am - 12.30pm.



Parish Survey Update

We thank all those who took time to do the Parish Survey. The completed survey forms will now be processed and trends will be published in the coming weeks. It is envisaged that the Parish Survey will help our Parish Pastoral Council form a new mission statement and identify four tasks for the new Parish Pastoral Assembly to work on over the coming four years.



After School Sacramental Classes 2023- 2024



Enrolment by Catholic parents of their children in after school parish classes for the next academic year begins this week. Fr. Michael, Fr. Ciarán and Kay Churm, the Parish Co-

ordinator, will hold a meeting for all interested parents in Ashbourne Church at 8pm on Tuesday evening next, April 25th. Registration Forms for the Sacraments of First Confession, Communion and Confirmation will be available that night. Places in the classes are given on a first come first served basis and completed forms should be returned to the parish office before the end of May. A two year program of catechesis takes place both for the sacrament of Holy Communion and Confirmation following Church requirements. For ten years the parish has run these classes and is grateful to Kay, the Catechists and parents who work with the priests in providing this opportunity to pass on the faith to children.

Anointing with New Easter Oil

The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be part of the 10am daily Mass on Tuesday morning next, April 25th, the Feast of St. Mark. Every two months our parish offers the opportunity for parishioners to receive this sacrament. This will be the first time the new oil of holy anointing will be used in our parish since it was blessed by Bishop Tom at the Chrism Mass on Wednesday of Holy Week. As followers of Jesus, we recall how Jesus was close to the sick and as Christians we always pray for those who are sick, infirm and in need of physical, mental or spiritual healing.



Baptisms in Ashbourne



During Easter we reflect on the what it means that we are baptised. The Easter Holy Water aids our reflection. Baptisms take place every Saturday in Ashbourne Church at 2.30pm. We welcome the following new members of our faith community who were baptised in recent weeks.

Jack Kennelly, The Briars; Eoin James, The Briars; Izabelle McDermott, Windfield Lodge; Neil Mullen, Milbourne Close; Jayden Moran, Archerstown Demesne; Reggie Cummins. Deerpark; Isabela Danin, Cnoc Neil Grove; Nicolas Danin, Cnoc Neil Grove; Fionn Rogers, Crenigans Banog; Louise O'Regan, Archerstown Demesne; Katie McCormack, Tudor Ridge; Denzal Ndaya, Churchfields Mews; Olivia O'Brien, Archerstown Demesne; Keela McDermott, Kentstown Road; Amelia Lydon, Hunters Court and Caragh-Lilly Noonan, Racehill View.

Pilgrimage to Mount Mellary on Saturday Next

Tony Malone is organising a pilgrimage on Saturday next April 29th to the Abbey of Mount Mellary in County Waterford. If you are interested in going on this pilgrimage phone him on (087) 9526337.



First Holy Communion Weekends



The sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated in our parish on the first and second weekends of May. Children from St. Declan's Primary and the After School Parish Programme will receive Holy Communion on the weekend of Saturday May 6th and 7th. The following weekend children prepared from St. Mary's Primary, Gaelscoil na Cille and the After School Parish Programme will celebrate the reception of the Sacrament. We encourage parents to bring their children to Sunday Mass and to pray the prayers with their child. We look forward to this happy occasion in our parish.

May Is Almost Upon Us

May is a Month dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. On the first day of the month, we celebrate May Day. It is a day when the May bush is put up and the dew on the grass welcomed. As part of the 10am Mass in Donaghmore next Sunday there will be a blessing of the countryside. The children in Senior Infants in our parish schools are introduced to the Hail Mary and on the last weekend of May will join us at Sunday Mass to lead us in praying this great prayer of our Church.



Celebrating St Dympna



This May in particular our parish will focus on St. Dympna. St. Dymphna is the patron Saint of mental health and there is a beautiful window in Ashbourne Church dedicated to this Irish Saint. Her feast will be celebrated at the 10am Mass on Monday May 15th. Two excursions from our parish to the National Museum and National Art Gallery are being planned to highlight our local link with St. Dymphna. Keep an eye on our forthcoming newsletters for more details.

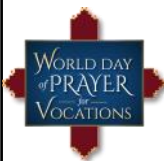
Pieta House — Suicide Prevention

Our local 5km 'Darkness into Light' walk takes place in Fairyhouse Racecourse at 4.15am on Saturday morning May 6th. As you walk and experience the sunrise remember the significance of the light to generations past and pray for those who have died from suicide and those family members who carry the cross of the loss of a loved one. As an Easter people we remember how Jesus walked with others and shared the good news with those alongside Him.



The Approach of Vocations Sunday

Next Sunday is Vocations Sunday, a day when we pray for Vocations and value the lives of our priests. It is one of six parish occasions when there is a Second Collection at Mass which is taken up after Holy Communion and helps our diocese promote vocations and supports the training of priests.



We thank all those who support their parish. Last weekend's contribution totals were as follows: Plate €1470.00; Easter Offerings €1750.00; Shrines €900.00; Development Fund €1000.00. Mile Buíochas.



We pray for Billy Walshe of Killeglad Green whose funeral took place on Tuesday. May he rest in peace.