

# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**Second Sunday of Easter**

**Year A**



***To Believe or Not to Believe***

*John 20: 19-31*

## Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 15th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Pat Doherty, William McGrath, Patricia & Frank Mc Hutcheon, Nora & Patrick Muldoon, Mary & Andy Roche, Geoff & Vera Smith
Sunday 16th	9am	John and Molly McCabe/ Joe and Elizabeth Kieran
Donaghmore	10am	Collette O'Herlihy
	11am	Patrick Bruton , Killelland, (1st Anniversary) Hospitality After Mass in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.
	12.30pm	Gerald Dowd
Monday 17th	10am	Edel Murray
Tuesday 18th	10am	Tony O'Connor
Wednesday 19th	10am	Julianne Curran
Thursday 20th	10am	Anthony Laffey
Friday 21st	10am	John & Elizabeth Dunne
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)
	12.30pm	Terry Brennan, Maple Grove, (Months Mind)

## Visit of Monsignor Julien Kabore

Monsignor Julien Kabore is most welcome to our parish today for the 11am Mass. Monsignor Julien is Charges D'Affaires of the Vatican Nunciature on the Navan Road, Dublin. Monsignor Julien knows Fr.

Michael from when he came to Ireland to work in Mullingar Parish. Monsignor Julien was appointed to the Vatican embassy last year and works with the Nuncio in liaising between the Irish Church and the Vatican. We hope that he enjoys his visit to our parish and we are glad to have him as our guest.



For Christians of the Orthodox faith today is the first day of Easter. We welcome to our Masses Orthodox Christians living in Ashbourne and as we extend the hand of friendship to you, we

wish you a very happy Easter. Did you know that we as Christians in Ireland follow the Gregorian calendar of celebrating Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon of the Spring equinox while Orthodox Christians follow the Julian calendar and celebrate Easter on the first full moon after Passover?



The Easter Octave ends today on this Second Sunday of Easter which is traditionally known as 'Low Sunday'. The Easter season continues until Pentecost Sunday so at Masses we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. The paschal candle is prominent, the priest's vestments are white and the Alleluia is sung with enthusiasm. During this season the Book of the Acts of the Apostles is read at Masses and speaks to us of the early days of the church.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 10.30am to 8pm

Confessions this Saturday 5 to 6pm.



## Thank You To Our Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Holy Week ceremonies. It was lovely to have had such uplifting and well attended liturgies. Thanks to the stewards, the readers, the ministers of the Eucharist, volunteer sacristans, altar society members and choir in our parish communities. The work that you do to enhance our liturgy week in week out is very much appreciated. Thank you also to all those who organized the community cup of tea after Easter Sunday morning mass in Ashbourne. It was a lovely happy occasion.



## After School Sacramental Classes 2023- 2024



Enrolment by parents of their children in after school parish classes for the next academic year is about to begin. 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, April 25th. Registration and Request Forms for the Sacraments of 1st 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 one of the priests of the parish before the end of May. A two- year program of catechesis takes place both for the sacrament of Holy Communion and Confirmation following Meath diocesan sacramental policy. For ten years the parish has run these classes and is grateful to Kay, the teachers and parents who work with the priests in providing this opportunity to pass on the faith to children.

## Parish Baptisms

On we conclude this Sunday of the Easter Octave Baby Fiadh Lynch is baptised during the 12.30pm. We welcome the following new members of our faith community who were baptised during the month of March. Millie Doran Thornton, Ashewood Lawn; Boux Hickey, Johnswood Park; Sasha Tayouo, Churchfields; Josh Hewitt, Archerstown Demesne; Ryan Carroll, Castle Crescent and Jamie Wright, Castle Crescent. We pray that parents bringing their child for baptism will pray with their child and teach them the importance of knowing how to pray and have a personal relationship with Jesus.



## Baptism and Confirmation of RCIA Candidates



Adult  
Confirmation

Ashbourne Parish was delighted at our Easter Vigil to welcome two adults into the Catholic Church. Kamil and Raja took part in the parish RCIA program over the past eight months. Next Sunday two candidates, Erika Giacotto and Banguole Vaicaityte will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation as part of the 11am Sunday Mass. We look forward to this next happy occasion in our parish. We thank Brendan and Áine for all the work that they did in preparing these candidates for Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion.

## Returning Your Parish Survey

Have you completed the Parish Survey? Ashbourne Parish has been carrying out a survey these past three weeks on issues relating to our parish. We are grateful to all those who have already returned their Surveys. Completed Surveys should be returned to the Survey boxes at the back of Ashbourne or Donaghmore Churches. Thursday next (April 20th) is the final day for getting them back to us. The Parish Survey will help our parish form a new mission statement and identify four tasks for the new Parish Pastoral Assembly to work on over the coming four years.



## Pope Francis on The Divine Mercy



“At all times and in all places blessed are those who, through the Word of God proclaimed in Church and witnessed by Christians, believe that Jesus Christ is the Love of God incarnate; Mercy Incarnate.”

“For me, and I say this humbly, the strongest message of the Lord is Mercy.”

“What a beautiful truth of faith this is for our lives: The Mercy of God! God’s love for us is so great, so deep; it is an unfailing Love, one which takes us by the hand and supports us, lifts us up and leads us on.”

## Three O’Clock—The Hour of Great Mercy

At 3pm on Good Friday Jesus died. His Immense mercy was shown to the world. As believers we celebrate the love of God shown through Jesus’ death and resurrection.

## Divine Mercy Icon



Do you know where the Divine Mercy icon is located in Ashbourne Church? The icon is located to the left of the Sacred Heart altar. Take a look at the icon and reflect on the red and white rays from Jesus’ heart that stand for the water and blood of the Cross and signify Jesus’ divine and human traits. The words at the base of the painting, ‘Jesus, I trust in You’ are an invitation to all of us to trust in the Lord especially when things are difficult in our lives.

*‘ O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us. Help us to Trust in You. ’*

## Trócaire Working for a Just World

This year’s Trócaire Lenten campaign has come to an end. We thank everyone who has returned their Trócaire box or envelope over the past fortnight. Next weekend is the last one that we will have the Trócaire basket on our sanctuary for your returns. Trócaire was formed 50 years ago and works in the developing world to alleviate poverty, injustice and suffering. On behalf of Trócaire we thank you for your generosity and outreach to the poorest of the poor.



## Easter Offerings

Thank you to all those who have paid their Easter dues over the past few days. We are most grateful to all of our parishioners who give what they can to support the mission of our parish. On Good Friday €1100 was collected for Christians in the Holyland. The plate and envelope collection on Easter Sunday came to €7980. We thank everyone for their contribution.

