

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Priests of the Parish

Fr. Michael Kilmartin, P.P.

Fr. Ciarán Clarke, C.C.

Parish Secretary - Mary Mullen

Parish Office - Public Opening Times

Monday - Thursday 9am - 12.30pm

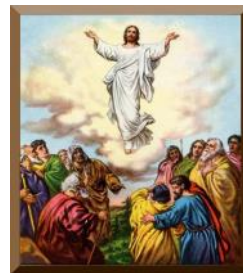
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Seventh Sunday of Easter Year A



“Go therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you”.

Mt 28: 19

Mass Intentions

Saturday 20th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Phyllis Peaking Gerry & Geraldine O’Loughlin Bridget Kearney, Mary Tracy
Sunday 21st	9am	Deceased of Lynch & Clarke Family
Donaghmore	10am	Al O’Connell
Hospitality in the Parish Centre Afterwards	11am	Kathleen Lee, Millbourne Drive (1st Anniversary) and husband Jimmy
	12.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 22nd	10am	Chris McLoughlin
Tuesday 23rd	10am	Franco Casalino
Wednesday 24th	10am	Deceased of the Brennan Family
Thursday 25th	10am	Deceased of the Finnegan Family
Friday 26th	10am	Chrissie Kenny
Saturday 27th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Paddy Houlihan Bridget O’Donnell Donald Barron William Edmonds and Katie Fay
Sunday 28th	9am	People of the Parish
Donaghmore	10am	Joan Deegan
Hospitality in the Parish Centre Afterwards	11am	People of the Parish
	12.30m	Pauline, Frank & Geraldine Loughran & John & Sarah Thorne

Donaghmore Church

There will be a cup of tea after Mass in Donaghmore next Sunday morning. Those organising the cuppa are thanked for the initiative and the faith community are asked to support the venture by staying on after mass to meet priest and people.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 10.30am to 8pm / Confessions on Saturday next 5 to 6pm / Bethany Bereavement Support (087) 2715222/ Public Rosary- Archerstown Wood- Wednesday evening.



Ascension Sunday

Today is the Feast of the Ascension. It is a mystery of faith often forgotten or not talked about. Years ago the feast was celebrated on a Thursday and in Catholic countries it was a holy day with children having a day off school. The Ascension marks the risen Christ’s return to heaven and his departing wish for us to bring the Christian message to the ends of the earth.

‘The Ascension does not point to Jesus’ absence, it tells us he is alive in our midst in a new way.’

(Pope Francis)

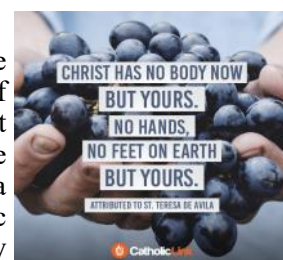
Today as we mark Ascension day the Catholic Church celebrates World Communications Day. We have a message to communicate to the world. We are tasked with communicating the good news of Jesus to the ends of the earth. Pope Francis encourages parishes to embrace new technology as best they can to radiate God’s love.

“Where there is shouting, let us practice listening, Where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony; Where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity; Where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.”

(Pope Francis)

Pentecost Sunday

Next Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, the role of the Holy Spirit, which happens fifty days after Easter Sunday. Scott Hahn, a leading Catholic writer, and a promoter of the Holy Spirit will be speaking live online to Irish believers next Saturday evening at 7pm. You can register for your FREE ticket at www.dominicanscork.ie. If you have never heard of Scott do check him out or read one of his best selling books on the Catholic faith.

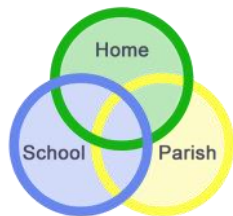


Ethos in Our Parish Primary Schools

Fr. Michael and Fr. Ciarán met with our school principals to review the living of the Catholic spirit in the three schools under patronage of the catholic bishop of Meath. All that was positive was affirmed and discussion took place about how our parish and schools can continue to strengthen its partnership and empower Catholic children and parents to value prayer, faith and commitment to our ethos.



Parish Program Resumes in September



The classes in the parish centre are finished for this school term. We congratulate all the children who completed their studies with us. Fr. Ciarán marked the end of term with a mass for the children and parents. Registration for the parish after school classes next September concludes in ten days time. Registration forms with details of the classes next year and all that is involved for parents are available from the parish office and from our priests. Completed forms and payment for the first term should be returned to the parish office before the last day of May.

Annual Cemetery Devotion Times

Saturday, 3rd June, 7pm Mass in Ashbourne Church followed by Blessing of the Graves in Ashbourne Church Cemetery at 7.45pm and Killelland at 8.30pm

Sunday, 4th June, 10am Mass with blessing of graves in Donaghmore (10.30am) and Greenogue (11.15am)

Saturday, 10th June 7pm Mass in Ashbourne Church followed by Blessing of the graves in St. Declan's at 8pm.

Cemeteries are special places for bereaved families and for Christians they are held as sacred grounds, as they hold the earthly remains of our brothers and sisters in Christ, awaiting the resurrection.

All those with plots and niches in our parish cemeteries are reminded to bring home old flower pots, withered wreaths and burnt candle ends. At times these are thrown to one side, dumped in a hedge or left for others to take away. This is disrespectful to people who own other plots and to parish property. We are grateful to all the families and volunteers who help maintain our parish cemeteries to a high standard but must remain vigilant to ensure dumping is kept at bay.

Our parish looks after and is responsible for the two cemeteries at our parish churches. The other cemeteries namely St. Declan's, Killelland, Greenogue and old Donaghmore are looked after by and are the responsibility of Meath County Council. We thank the local authorities for the work they do in helping to maintain these places of interment for the deceased.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb, you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you and so made the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies.



Parish Pastoral Council



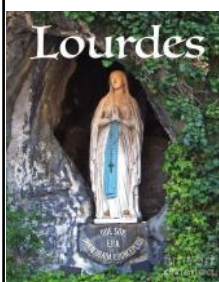
A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Wednesday evening, May 31st at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. A breakdown of the recent parish survey responses will be presented to the meeting and help the parish form a new mission statement and four items that the new Parish Assembly will work on over their four year term beginning in September. We pray for the parish at this time as we commit ourselves to a new statement of what we are about as we build God's kingdom here in Ashbourne and Donaghmore.

Pilgrimages On St. Dymphna

Thank you to Brendan and Áine for organising the two fabulous days in Dublin highlighting St. Dymphna. It was great during the week to get to see the Belgian paintings highlighting her life and then to see the historic relics in the National Art Gallery and Museum. It was lovely to have Fr. Ciaran with us as he moves to Kildalkey in July with a church and well dedicated to Dymphna. It was an amazing co-incidence that we were highlighting this Irish saint and our curate was appointed to a parish honouring her name.



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes



The annual Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place on the twelfth of September. Under the leadership of the Bishop of Meath, Most Rev. Thomas Deenihan it is organised by Joe Walsh Tours. For information on the 4 or 6 night packages to this Marian Shrine please contact (01) 241 0800 or email info@joewalshstours.ie

St. Padre Pio Pilgrimage to Holy Cross Abbey

Sunday 28th May - Contact Tony Malone 087 9526337

Diocesan Director of Faith Development

Our Diocese is currently seeking a Director of Faith Development. It is an exciting and challenging opportunity in the life and mission of the Diocese. The post holder will be required to lead and work under their own initiative as well as work as part of a team to develop and implement new approaches, resources and programmes to adult faith formation, sacramental preparation, and evangelisation in parishes across the diocese. Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan Website at: www.dioceseofmeath.ie clicking on the tab job vacancy where terms and conditions and application form relating to the roll can also be accessed.



Last Sunday's Collection Total Amounts: Plate €1580.00; Shrines €915.00; Development Fund 965.00. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to our parish and the building of our Lord's kingdom.

We pray for our parishioners Ronnie O'Connor of Regents Hall and Dinny Farrell of Milltown Estate who were laid to rest during the week.

