



# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Pentecost Sunday

THIRD GLORIOUS MYSTERY



THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

'Receive the Holy Spirit.'

John 20:21

### Mass Intentions

Saturday 27th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Liam Shelly, Archerstown Wood, (Months Mind) Paddy Houlihan, KC Matthew, Bridget O'Donnell, Teresa Shorthall Donald Barron, Catherine Guinnane 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
	12.30pm	Pauline, Frank & Geraldine Loughran & John & Sarah Thorne
Monday 29th	10am	Tony & Winnie Ross
Tuesday 30th	10am	Annie Heffernan
Wednesday 31st	10am	People of the Parish
Thursday 1st	10am	Tom Hollywood
Friday 2nd	10am	Altar List of the Dead
Saturday 3rd <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Mass for Deceased in Ashbourne and Killegland Cemeteries followed by Blessing of the Graves at 7.45pm and 8.30pm
Sunday 4th	9am	Gerard Ryan
Donaghmore	10am	Deceased of Donaghmore Cemeteries & Greenogue followed by Blessing of the Graves at 10.30am and 11.15am.
Hospitality in the Parish Centre Afterwards	11am	People of the Parish
	12.30m	John McManus

### *Come Holy Spirit,*

*Fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle  
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.*

*O, God,*

*Who by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts of the faithful.  
Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we  
may be truly wise*

*and ever enjoy his consolations.*

*Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



The fifty days of Easter conclude today with the great feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came among the apostles in the form of tongues of fire, as they were at prayer. The Holy Spirit is our helper and guide today and always. When you begin to pray call on the power of the Holy Spirit and always try to be 'fired up' by the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

'Let us open the doors to the Spirit, let ourselves be guided by him and allow God's constant help to make us new men and women'. *Pope Francis*

### **Donaghmore Church Cup Of Tea**

There is a cup of tea after Mass in Donaghmore this 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 today to meet priest and people.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 10.30am to 8pm / Confessions on Saturday next 5 to 6pm / Bethany Bereavement Support (087) 2715222/ Public Rosary organised by the Legion of Mary in Milltown Meadows on Wednesday evening.



## Welcome to all Senior Infant's in Our Parish Schools

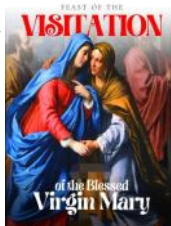


May is the Month of Mary

We welcome to Mass today Senior Infant's in our schools who are learning about Mary this month of May. The children bring to Mass today some art depicting our Lady and after Communion will say the 'Hail Mary' with us as Mary's month's comes to an end.

### Feast of the Visitation

Tuesday next is the last day of the month of May and it is the Feast of the Visitation. We recall how an expectant Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth who also was expecting a baby. On this day we pray for all expectant mother's and remember how important life in the womb is to all believer's.



### Ashbourne Community School Celebration



Congratulations to all the graduates from Ashbourne Community School. We wish you all the best as you leave the school. Fr. Michael blessed the graduates on Wednesday afternoon as the boys and girls attended school for the last time.

### Wednesday Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Wednesday evening 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. .



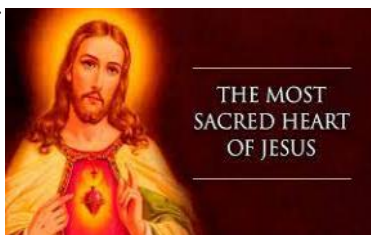
### Parish Program Resumes in September



Registration for the parish after school classes next September concludes this week. 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.

### June Feast Days

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Blessed Trinity. On Sunday June 11th we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi. On Friday June 16th we will celebrate the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Last Sunday's Collection Total Amounts: Plate €1455.00; Shrines €960.00; Development Fund €685.00. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to our parish and the building of our Lord's kingdom in Ashbourne.

THE Sunday COLLECTION

## First Friday Mass and Visitation



This Friday, 2nd June, will be the First Friday of the month. As always on each First Friday of the month the 10am Mass is offered for those enlisted on our Altar List of the

Dead. Fr. Ciarán will do the calls this month to the sick and housebound as he begins his last month in our parish. If anyone would like to be included for this visitation or would like a priest to visit them please contact the Parish Office by Telephone 01 8353149 and we will do our best to provide the spiritual care needed, including the Sacraments of Confessions, Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.

### Ashbourne Cemetery Masses and Devotions

The 7pm Mass next Saturday is offered for all those interred in Ashbourne Church Cemetery. In particular we pray for the following parishioners interred in Ashbourne Cemetery since last year's devotions. Margaret Kelly, Paul Kiernan, Geralyn Corcoran, Matt Russell, Chris Beary, Ciarán Gibney, Chris McLoughlin, Marion Anderson and Mary Battersby. The Mass will be celebrated in Ashbourne Church with the Blessing of the Graves immediately afterwards at 7.45pm.



The blessing of the graves at Killelland will take place at 8,30pm. Brendan Keating was interred here in September.

### Donaghmore/Greenogue Cemetery Devotions

The 10am Donaghmore Mass next Sunday is offered for all those interred in Donaghmore and Greenogue Old and New Cemeteries. The Mass will be celebrated in Donaghmore Church with the Blessing of the Graves immediately afterwards at 10.30am approximately. Three parishioners were interred in Donaghmore New Cemetery since last year's devotions. Joan O'Reilly, Tommy Milner and Paul Grimes.



Devotions in Greenogue will take place at 11.15am next Sunday. Six parishioners were buried there since last June namely Joe Tormey, Ollie Kavanagh, David Feekery, Pat Bobbett and Mary and Dinny Farrell.

St. Declan's Cemetery Mass is scheduled for Saturday evening June 10th with Mass at 7pm offered in Ashbourne Church and Blessing of the Graves at 8pm.



We are grateful to all those who help us maintain our places of interment for the deceased. We thank also Meath County Council for their help and support.

*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.*