

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

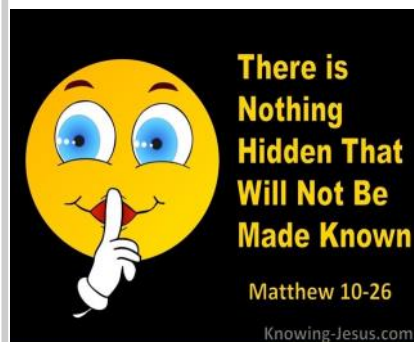
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12th Sunday Year A



Jesus says to the Twelve
'Do not be afraid.
For everything that is now
covered will be uncovered.
And everything now hidden will
be made clear.' (Matthew 10:26)

Mass Intentions

Saturday 24th June <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Margaret Corduff, Brookville, (1st Anniversary) Jimmy Molloy, Christine McNally, John Bernie, Bridie & Christy Browne, Austin, Noreen & Mary Corcoran, Michael Dignam, David Kubinski, Josephine & Tom Kelly, Mary, Thomas & Martin Smyth.
Sunday 25th	9am	People of the Parish
Donaghmore	10am	Sonny Dwyer
Hospitality in the Parish Centre Afterwards	11am	Fr. Ciarán's Final Sunday Mass is offered for Joey Tormey, Donaghmore, (1st Anniversary)
Sunday	12.30pm	John Beirne
Monday 26th	10am	Rita Fitzsimons
Tuesday 27th	10am	Noreen & Kevin Dardis
Wednesday 28th	10am	Patrick, Julia & deceased members of the Gough Family
Thursday 29th	10am	Sheila O'Dowd
Friday 30th	10am	James McGrath
Saturday 1st July <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Peg & Paddy Mooney, William & Theresa Tierney Pauline Larkin Ann Busby, Patrick Daly.
Sunday 2nd	9am	People of the Parish
Donaghmore	10am	Jack & Bridget Reddin
Hospitality in the Parish Centre Afterwards	11am	Mass for People of the Parish as we welcome our new curates- Fr. Stephen and Fr. Brendan
	12.30pm	Maureen & PJ Kelly

Farewell Message From Fr. Ciarán

"I offer praise and thanksgiving to God on this day as I prepare to move from this parish. I am grateful for the wonderful welcome I received when I began in September 2015 as a 'baby priest' since I moved during my first year as a priest after spending eleven months in Dunboyne-Kilbride. This parish was my second appointment and I am confident that I will be bringing with me a wealth of great experience and many good memories as I journey through my ministry into the future. I gained the unique experience of working with three parish priests during my time - Fr Derek, Fr John and Fr Michael and I thank all of them for their guidance and for sharing their own expert experience with me. In recent times I also gained the opportunity to be appointed as parish administrator for seven months and I thank Fr Samuel who assisted me as curate during that time. I can certainly say that I have enjoyed my time and I am grateful to everyone who has contributed towards helping me to grow in my priesthood. I sincerely thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for your great support through your prayers, kindness and generosity. May we always remember one another in prayer and I especially ask during this time of transition to keep the new team of priests in prayer - Fr Michael, Fr Stephen and Fr Brendan. May the Holy Spirit enlighten, guide, strengthen and console all of us in our lives."



Thank You So Much Fr. Ciarán

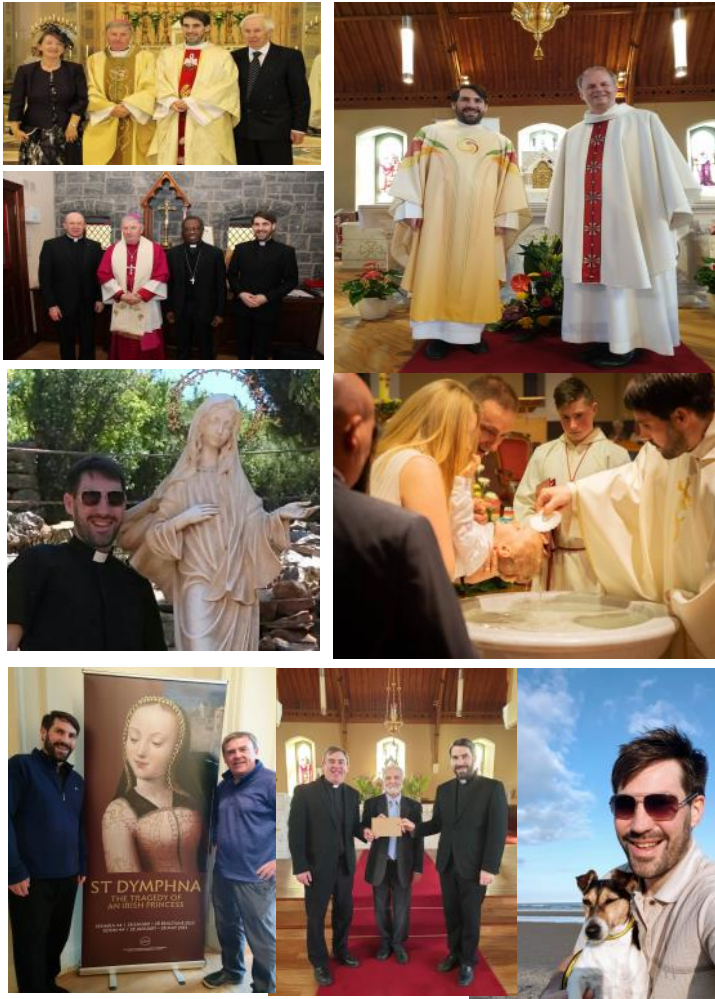
Fr. Ciarán, the people of Ashbourne-Donaghmore are very grateful to you for the time you spent in our parish. Over the last eight years, you ministered to us, saying Masses, leading liturgies and helping us to live the Gospel. We hope that you will always hold a place for us in your heart and in your prayers. We wish you God's blessing and every happiness as you move to your new parish.

Thanking You for Your
Service to Our Parish



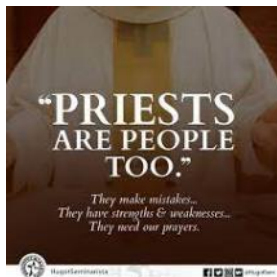
You are invited to the Parish Centre after Fr. Ciarán's final Sunday Mass. We thank everyone who organised today's Mass with Fr. Ciarán and the tea and refreshments afterwards. It is by working together that we get things done and we strengthen our parish faith community.

Photograph's of Fr. Ciarán Down the Years



Prayer for Fr. Ciarán and all Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of Fr. Ciarán and all priests we know. Through them we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.



Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

Thursday next, June 29th, is the feast of St. Peter and Paul. These are two of the great saints of the church. They lived at the time of Jesus and were witnesses to His resurrection. Peter was the first Pope and he led the church from Jerusalem primarily looking after Jews who became followers of Jesus. Paul got his name after his conversion on the road to Damascus and he travelled across the Mediterranean world bringing the Christian message to the pagan Gentiles. Both saints died as martyr's in Rome and when people go to Rome they visit their graves and learn about these two sinners who became saints.



Parish Pastoral Council Assembly 2023-2027



Our Parish Pastoral Council will transition to a Parish Pastoral Assembly in September. A meeting to form a Parish Mission Statement and to identify four pastoral areas for the new body to work on took place on Wednesday evening in the Parish Centre. The Assembly will be made up of priests and parishioners interested in the pastoral improvement of our parish. At the end of August we will be forming this new group and seeking new members to help with this work. We will keep you posted with details.

Ashbourne Church Cemetery Crucifix

Thanks to Kalev, our caretaker, for painting the cemetery crucifix in recent days. The Crucifix was placed in the church grounds in 1965 when Ashbourne was part of Ratoath parish and was blessed by the late Bishop John Kyne on the feast of the then Blessed Oliver Plunkett. Does anyone know who the first person interred in our cemetery was? If you know or have any information, please let us know. We are always looking to improve our archive and to record information on our parish for the next generation.



Best Wishes to Children Finishing National School



Best Wishes to the 6th Class children finishing school on Friday next. Fr. Michael celebrated Mass with them on Wednesday last. We pray that the children will always cherish their

National school days and nurture the faith formation received through the Catholic School system.

Putting Parish Finances to Work

The Parish Finance Committee met on Tuesday evening last in the Parish Centre. The audited accounts for 2022 were approved. The meeting was briefed on the ongoing works on the Parochial House, the repair works due to start on Donaghmore Church roof and discussion was had on how to assess the ongoing problems with the flat roof on the Parish Centre.



St. Peter's Pence Second Collection is Next Weekend



Every parish in the world collects 'Peter's Pence'. This happens on the Sunday nearest the Feast of St. Peter and Paul. The monies collected in the post communion collection next weekend goes toward supporting Pope Francis' universal church needs.

Last Sunday's Collection Total Amounts: Plate €1260.00; Shrines €1125.00; Development Fund €1055.00. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to our parish and the building of our Lord's kingdom in Ashbourne and Donaghmore. Míle buíochas.

