

# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Priests of the Parish

Fr. Michael Kilmartin, P.P.

Fr. Stephen Kennedy, C.C.

Fr. Brendan O'Rourke, C.C.

Parish Secretary - Mary Mullen

Parish Office - Public Opening Times

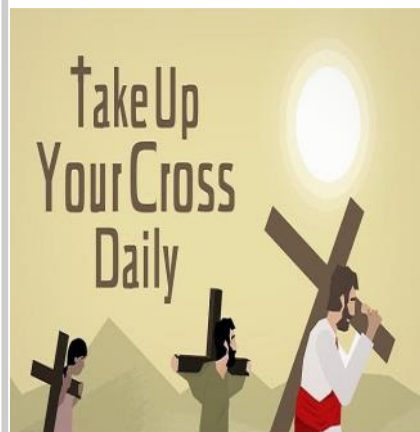
Monday - Thursday 9am - 12.30pm

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01 8353149



13th Sunday Year A



Anyone who doesn't take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. (Matthew 10 39)

### Mass Intentions

Saturday 1st July <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Peg & Paddy Mooney, William & Theresa Tierney Pauline Larkin, Manus O'Byrne, Ann Busby, Patrick Daly
Sunday 2nd Donaghmore	9am	People of the Parish
Donaghmore	10am	Jack & Bridget & deceased members of the Reddin Family
Welcoming our New Priests	11am	People of the Parish with Hospitality in the Parish Centre Afterwards
	12.30pm	Maureen & PJ Kelly
Monday 3rd	10am	Patsy & Mary Kearns
Tuesday 4th	10am	Carmel McGuirk
Wednesday 5th	10am	Peggy Luttrell
Thursday 6th	10am	Tom Flynn
Friday 7th	10am	Altar List of the Dead
Saturday 8th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Ita O'Neill, Race Lane, (Month's Mind) Ernie Phillips, Cabra, (Month's Mind) Declan Kelly
Sunday 9th Donaghmore	9am	John & Harry Morris
Donaghmore	10am	Sean & Peggy Barker
	11am	Joe McQuaid, Dublin Road, (Months Mind)
	12.30pm	Maggie Beggy, Milltown Estate, (Months Mind)



Daily Mass Schedule: Monday to Friday 10am; Rosary before and after daily Mass; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Thursday 11 to 8pm; Confessions: Saturday 5 to 6pm. The Parish Office remains open during the month of July from Monday to Thursday.

We encourage everyone during Summer to make sure they continue to practise their faith. If you are abroad or elsewhere in the country on holiday do make it a priority to join the local faith community for Sunday Mass.

'Make room in your lives for God' Pope Francis

## WELCOME to our PARISH

### Fr. Brendan and Fr. Stephen

Fr. Brendan O'Rourke and Fr. Stephen Kennedy begin their ministry as curates in our parish this weekend. They are very welcome to Ashbourne. We hope that they settle in alright and over the coming months that they get to know our parish as best they can. They will reside in Brookville and do all the work that Fr. Ciarán did including celebrating masses, school visitation and evangelisation.

Our two new priests will be introduced by Fr. Michael at masses this weekend. In the coming days they will say daily mass and do the First Friday visitation to the homes. They are members of a religious community and will work, live and pray together as they minister as new curates in our parish. You are asked to welcome Brendan and Stephen as they come to our parish and work with Fr. Michael in leading our parish. Please remember to pray for our three priests as they get to know each other and work together.



### Mass and Visitation

This Friday is the First Friday of July. The 10am Mass is offered for those enlisted on our Altar List of the Dead. Our new priests will bring Holy Communion to those who are sick and those confined to their homes. If anyone would like to be included 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.

## Fr. Ciarán's Farewell Masses and Reception



Thank You to all those who organised Fr. Ciarán's farewell masses and party last Sunday. It was a great occasion as we thanked Fr. Ciarán for his ministry over the last eight years and wished him well in his new parish. Fr. Ciarán now takes a well earned break as he prepares to move to Ballivor.

## Best Wishes to Schools as the School Year Ends

As the school holidays begin we wish that the children have a happy and enjoyable summer. We express thanks to our teachers in our schools and thank all those on the School Boards of Management for the support and time they have given to their schools during the year.



## Ashbourne Church and Carpark Opening Times

Ashbourne Church and Carpark is open from 9am to 8pm each day (with earlier opening time on Sunday for the 9am Mass). The carpark is for church, cemetery and parish office use. We ask people to leave the wheelchair designated spaces in front of the church for those who require easier access parking. Vehicles are left in the Carpark at owner's risk. Ashbourne Donaghmore Parish accepts no liability for loss or damage to vehicles or their contents. The Parish accepts no liability for injuries or loss however caused to person or personal property.



## Donaghmore Roof Extension

The roof on the extension of Donaghmore Church has been letting in water and weakening through damp as the years go by. As a result the bathroom has been closed for several weeks.



Work to rectify the roof began in recent days and parishioners will see scaffolding being put in place around the damaged roof. The works are costing just under €21,000 and will take about three weeks to complete. The monies received through the generosity of parishioner's using the envelope collection and standing orders are making this investment possible. The faith community of Donaghmore is grateful to those who support them in looking after this ancient protected structure— one of three the parish manages in its efforts to build the kingdom of God in our parish.

## Date for Confirmation 2024

Bishop Tom Deenihan released in recent days his schedule of Confirmation Ceremonies for 2024. With the help of God, Bishop Tom will visit our parish on Saturday March 23rd. Parents will have the opportunity to request the sacrament for their child in September when the parish schools and after school parish classes are up and running again after the summer break.



## Tax Rebate Letters on Parishioner's Contributions

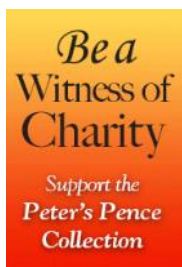


Fr. Michael on behalf of the Parish Finance Committee has written a letter to those parishioner's that we know of who contributed €250 or more to the parish in 2022. Anyone who gives a contribution to a charity

such as our parish are able to gift some tax paid to their nominated donor. The parish is most grateful to everyone who makes a contribution to supporting and strengthening our parish. All monies raised in our faith community goes directly back in to the ongoing works on our three protected structures, to the support of our priests and to the work of evangelisation in our parish.

## Second Collection for Peter's Pence

There is a second collection at masses this weekend after the distribution of Holy Communion. Peter's Pence is the Holy See's annual collection to finance the Pope's charitable works and other papal priorities. The Roman Catholic Church is the second largest charity in the world. This annual collection is usually taken up in Catholic churches around the world on a weekend close to the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul.



Last Sunday's Collection Total Amounts were as follows: Plate €1600.00; Shrines €980.00; Development Fund €860.00. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to our parish and the building of our Lord's kingdom. Míle buíochas.



We pray for all those who have died especially those whose anniversaries are occurring at this time and those we are remembering on the First Friday.