

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Trinity Sunday



'God loved the World so much that he gave his only Son.'

John 3: 16

Mass Intentions

Saturday 3rd <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Mass for Deceased in Ashbourne and Killeglend 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
	12.30pm	John McManus
Monday 5th	10am	Deceased of the Dunne Family
Tuesday 6th	10am	Carmel Campbell
Wednesday 7th	10am	Jim Bonner
Thursday 8th	10am	The Holy Souls
Friday 9th	10am	Mary & Brian Moore
Saturday 10th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	1.15pm 7pm	Donaghmore Church: Wedding Mass of Nicola McNamee & Conor Curley Mass for Deceased in St. Declan's Cemetery followed by Blessing of the Graves at 8pm
Sunday 11th	9am	Maura Kelly
Donaghmore	10am	Roger Barry
Hospitality in the Parish Centre Afterwards	11am	Mary Battersby, Milltown Road, (Months Mind)
	12.30m	Dermot Browne, Huntsgrove, (Months Mind)



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 Rathlodge Wednesday evening. at 7.30pm.

We wish everyone a lovely Bank Holiday Weekend



Glory be to the Father

and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit ...

Today we reflect on our God being made up of three persons. It is a central mystery of our faith. St. Patrick cleverly used the shamrock to explain to our ancestors how God is the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.



Ashbourne Cemetery Mass and Devotions



This Saturday evening Mass is offered for all those interred in Ashbourne Church Cemetery. In particular we pray for the repose of those 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 Blessing of the Graves is at 7.45pm with the graves at Killeglend being attended to at 8.30pm. Brendan Keating was interred here in September.

Donaghmore/Greenogue Cemetery Devotions

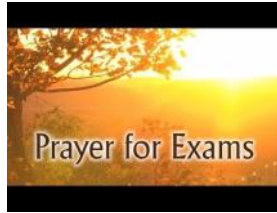
The 10am Donaghmore Mass this Sunday morning is offered for all those interred in Donaghmore and Greenogue Old and New Cemeteries. The Blessing of the Graves takes place at 10.30am. Three parishioners were interred in Donaghmore New Cemetery since last year's devotions. We pray for the repose of Joan O'Reilly, Tommy Milner and Paul Grimes. Devotions in Greenogue will take place at 11.15am. Six parishioners were buried there since last



June namely Joe Tormey, Ollie Kavanagh, David Feekery, Pat Bobbett and Mary and Dinny Farrell.

A Prayer for Those doing Exams

In the coming days the Junior and Leaving Certificate state exams begin. If you know someone doing an exam it is good to pray for them, light a candle for them and let them know that you are spiritually with them at this time.



Almighty God, please help those doing exams.

Help them to face them with courage and peace.

Help them to understand the questions that are asked,

To remember what they have studied and to express their answers clearly.

Guide and direct them in all decisions and help them especially to discover their true vocation to love and serve you in life.

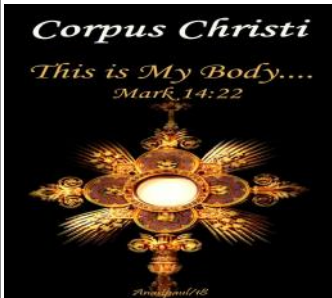
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Parish Survey 2023

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Wednesday evening to reflect on the Parish Survey and to continue to help our parish set up a Parish Pastoral Assembly which will be commissioned in September and work on four specific pastoral areas over a four year term. In the coming six weeks this newsletter will publish the results of the survey and inform parishioners on how the Parish Pastoral Assembly will work in each of the parishes of the Diocese of Meath.



Feast of Corpus Christi



Next Sunday, June 11th, we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi. We reflect on the great sacrament of the Eucharist and the Mass as 'the summit and source of the Christian life'. From 5 to 6pm next Sunday there will be Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Ashbourne Church.

Publication of Census Figures 2023



The Census figures released this week reveal that a growing percentage of people do not identify themselves as catholic or to any religion. 69 per cent of Irish people now say they are catholic. The east coast has had the highest growth in population. These figures remind us of the Ireland that we live in at this moment in time and the challenges of keeping our faith and a sense of the sacred in an increasingly secular Ireland.

Donaghmore Hospitality

Thanks to all those who organised the cup of tea after Mass last Sunday in Donaghmore. The sun shone and it was a great success.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Fr. Ciarán's Last Month With Us

June is Fr. Ciarán's last month with us as curate. His last Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 11am on Sunday June 25th. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the Parish Centre. We thank all those helping to organise the Mass of Thanksgiving and the cup of tea afterwards.



New Priests in Ashbourne



Ft. Stephen Kennedy IVE and Fr. Brendan O'Rourke IVE will replace Fr. Ciarán and serve as curates in our parish. They are members of the Institute of the Incarnate Word. Both Dublin natives, they have been based in Holy Family Parish, Drogheda, for the past three years. Their order was founded in 1984 in Argentina, and is now made up of over 400 priests based in 50 countries worldwide. Their charism is the evangelisation of the culture. They encourage devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and their order carries out Eucharistic Adoration in parishes, as well as being available for the Sacrament of Confession and for spiritual guidance.

St. Declan's Cemetery Mass and Devotions

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



In particular we pray for the following parishioners interred in Ashbourne Cemetery since last year's devotions.

David O'Rourke, Daragh Birmingham, Declan Brennan, Philomena O'Connor, Andy Ryan, Mary Foran, Kathleen Tubbritt, Darren Ellis, Maeve Rochford, Marita Ryan, Terry Brennan, George Wilton, Cecelia Doyle and Maureen Enright. It is great to see the tremendous effort of so many in getting their graves ready for the annual pattern days. The parish is grateful to all those who help us maintain our places of interment for the deceased. We thank also the Meath County Council staff for their help and assistance.

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.

Two Collection At Masses Today



A second collection happens at Masses today after Holy Communion. This collection is the June Offerings Collection and is one of six taken in support of the two priest's in our parish. Last Sunday's Collection Total Amounts: Plate €1415.00; Shrines €930.00; Development Fund €935.00. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to our parish and the building of our Lord's kingdom in Ashbourne.

We remember at this time those connected to our parish who have died, Martin Boland, Surrey and Dublin Road, Ashbourne whose funeral will take place on Monday at 11am in Donaghmore Church and Nancy Maddigan, Ennistymon, Co. Clare.

