

# 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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### Mass Intentions

Saturday 8th July <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Ita O'Neill, Race Lane, (Month's Mind) Ernie Phillips, Cabra, (Month's Mind) Declan Kelly, Pauline Larkin and Kay Cronin
Sunday 9th Donaghmore	9am	John & Harry Morris
	10am	Sean & Peggy Barker
Hospitality in the Parish Centre Afterwards	11am	Joe McQuaid, Dublin Road, (Months Mind)
	12.30pm	Maggie Beggy, Milltown Estate, (Months Mind)
Monday 10th	10am	Thomas Cotter, Patrick & Anne McDonald
Tuesday 11th	10am	James Richardson
Wednesday 12th	10am	Joe Rooney
Thursday 13th	10am	Peggy Hollywood
Friday 14th	10am	Milo Connolly
Saturday 15th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Sheila Kiernan, Breda Doherty, Elizabeth & John Dunne, Tony Clarke & parents & brother; Tom, Alan and Brian Bennett
Sunday 16th Donaghmore	9am	James Kearns
	10am	Phylis Faherty
	11am	People of the Parish Hospitality in the Parish Centre Afterwards
	12.30pm	Gerry, Pauline, Patrick & Maura Harrington

### Feast of St Camillus

Friday next, July 15, is the Feast of St. Camillus. As part of our celebration of his feast the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be administered during the 10am Mass. St. Camillus was a soldier who got wounded in war and in his suffering and subsequent care discovered Christ. He set up a hospital in Rome and a religious order to improve care for the sick and elderly. Today he is the Patron of the Sick and all Hospital Workers.



*St. Camillus, Pray for us.*

### Taking Communion to the Sick

The priests of the parish bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound monthly on the week of the First Friday. Eucharistic Ministers help also to bring Communion to a smaller number of people who wish to receive weekly. Sometimes when someone is sick at home a family member wants to take the Blessed Sacrament to them. This must be done in a pyx and the priests of the parish must be aware that this is happening. The person bringing Holy Communion arranges for this to happen and signs the 'Sacramental Register' in the church each time the Blessed Sacrament is being taken from the church. Holy Communion is given for the sick after mass is celebrated and not at Holy Communion time for the general faithful. This procedure is part of showing respect to the Eucharist and avoiding abuses of the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

*Carrying Christ  
to the Sick*

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Bring the Eucharist to the Infirm

At Masses last Sunday Fr. Michael introduced our two new priests saying that “the faith communities of Ashbourne and Donaghmore are most fortunate at this time to have two new priests and we look forward to working with them in building up our parish”.

One of the first things we all need to understand is that our priests will not be assuming any of the lay roles of leadership in our parish. In other words, if two priests or more are present at a Mass, those assigned to be a Minister of the Word or Eucharist still serve in their role. It will take time for us to adjust to the new arrangements but all will work out, please God, in the coming weeks as we get familiar with the new personnel.

### Getting to Know Our New Curates

Stephen and Brendan are members of a new religious order called ‘Servants of the Incarnate Word’. Alongside the title C.C. (Catholic Curate) they write the letters ‘IVE’. They wear cassocks and are committed to prayer each day as a community.



**Fr. Stephen Kennedy**

Stephen is from Clondalkin. He has fluent Italian from his formation years in Italy. Stephen has lived in community with Brendan over the last two and half years. He enjoyed doing the first Friday calls in recent days and thanks everyone for the welcome so far.

### Fr. Brendan O’ Rourke

Brendan is from the Parish of Booterstown. He joined the Institute in and was ordained in 2016 in Washington D.C. Since then he worked in a parish in Boston and Holy Family Parish, Drogheda in our Diocese. Brendan says he looks forward to getting to know us all and helping Fr. Michael and all of us building our parish community.



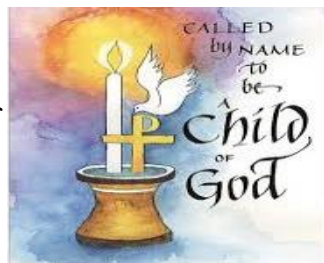
### Meeting of Daily Mass Choir

The daily Mass in our parish is fortunate to have a group of committed parishioners who lead the singing for us. On Wednesday morning next at 11am the choir will meet in the Parish Centre for a chat and cup of tea. All interested are more than welcome.



### Recent Baptisms

Our new priests along with Fr. Michael baptised two children called Jack last Saturday. They were Jack Sherman of Killelland Hall and Jack Miller of Castle Crescent. Congratulations to the following six children who were baptised in June; Zoe



Doherty, Churchfields; Penny Keeley, Cluain Rí; Grace Gloriant, Killderry Hall; Cadlan McGeown, Churchfields and Luca Bhanjee McCormac, Churchfields We wish these families every blessing as they pass on the Catholic faith in their homes and parish.

### Grandparent’s Sunday



On Sunday fortnight, July 23rd, the Sunday nearest the Feast of St. Joachim and Anne, our parish will celebrate Grandparent’s Day. More details of our celebration will be in next week’s newsletter. On this Sunday we think of Jesus and the example of his grandparents. We pray for all grandparent’s and thank them for the example of faith, hope and love that they show to their grandchildren.

### Claiming Tax Back

Fr. Michael on behalf of the Parish Finance Committee wrote a letter to parishioners who gave €250 to more to our parish in 2022. Our parish can claim money from Revenue from some of these donations. Thank you to all those who have already signed the Tax form and returned it to our office for processing. If you have received a form and have any questions about how the scheme operates please contact Mary or have a word with Fr. Michael.



Last Sunday’s Collection Total Amounts were as follows: Plate €1130.00; Shrines €860.00; Envelope Development Fund €725.00. Peter’s Pence €1270.00. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to our parish and the building of our Lord’s kingdom. Mile buíochas.



### Keeping our Cemeteries Tidy

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.



We pray for all those who have died especially those whose anniversaries are occurring at this time.