

# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Priests of the Parish

Fr. Michael Kilmartin, P.P.

Fr. Stephen Kennedy, C.C.

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## 15th Sunday Year A Parable of the Sower



Jesus said 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed some seeds fell on soil .....' Matthew 13:2

### Mass Intentions

Saturday 15th July <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Sheila Kiernan, Breda Doherty, Elizabeth & John Dunne, Tony Clarke & parents & brother; Tom, Alan and Brian Bennett
Sunday 16th	9am	James Kearns
Donaghmore	10am	Phyllis Faherty
Hospitality in the Parish Centre Afterwards	11am	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	Gerry, Pauline, Patrick & Maura Harrington
Monday 17th	10am	Eugene Curran
Tuesday 18th	10am	Shary Von Arx
Wednesday 19th	10am	Shane Hanley
Thursday 20th	10am	David O'Rourke, The Ward, (1st Anniversary)
Friday 21st	10am	Noreen Eager
Saturday 22nd <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Darragh Birmingham, Archerstown Wood, (1st Anniversary) Bridget Traynor
Sunday 23rd	9am	Hannah Kelly
Donaghmore	10am	Mary Whyte
	11am	People of the Parish
Hospitality in the Parish Centre Afterwards	12.30pm	Nóirín Hughes, Bourne Ave, (1st Anniversary)

### Music at 11am Sunday Eucharist

Giovanna and Ephrem are leading the music at the 11am Mass throughout the summer. Please join in the singing at the Mass as best you can. We will print the numbers of the hymns in the newsletter over the summer to help us focus on this important part of our worship.



## The Seed is the Word of God. What type of Soil are You? Is God growing in Your Heart?



- Soil Along the Path = Those who hear the gospel but never respond
- Rocky soil= those whose faith has no depth
- Thorny Soil = the pleasures of the world chokes out the desires of God
- Good soil = true living spirit filled faith

### Good Ground by Malcolm Guite

I love your simple story of the sower,  
With all its close attention to the soil,  
Its movement from the knowledge to the knower,  
Its take on the tenacity of toil.

I feel the fall of seed a sower scatters  
So equally available to all,  
Your story takes me straight to all that matters,  
Yet understands the reasons why I fall.

Oh deepen me where I am thin and shallow,  
Uproot in me the thistle and the thorn,  
Keep far from me that swiftly snatching shadow,  
That seizes on your seed to mock and scorn.

O break me open, Jesus, set me free,  
Then find and keep your own good ground in me.





### Update on Parochial House Works

Works continue on the Parochial House this summer. The house is now sealed with the new doors and windows in place. The walls at the moment are being straightened and strengthened. The external insulation will then be put in place. At the moment it is hoped that the works on the house and adjoining boiler house and store will be complete by the end of October. Fr. Michael will move in to the house when it is finished. Fr. Jim Lynch, Ashbourne's second parish priest, was the last parish priest to live beside the church. The Parochial house was erected when the extension was added to Ashbourne Church in 1982.



### Coeliac or Gluten Free Hosts

Parishioners are reminded that a gluten free host is available from the priest at communion time. If you are gluten intolerant please indicate that you wish to receive this host when you come forward for communion. The pyx with these hosts is contained within the large ciboria to emphasise the oneness of all God's people around the Eucharist.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2023

July 26 is the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents on his maternal side. Pope Francis asks us to celebrate next Sunday as a celebration of the role of grandparent's in passing on Christian faith.

As part of Mass next weekend we ask grandchildren and grandparent's to come to Mass together. At Mass prayers will be offered in thanksgiving for Catholic grandparents who help parents instruct children about Jesus.

At the end of Masses next Sunday grandparent's with their grandchildren alongside are invited to come forward to the altar to receive a blessing. A gift from the parish for each child with a grandparent will be presented. *Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.*



### Re-Introducing the Ministry of Mass Server in Ashbourne and Donaghmore



Are you in 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th class, go to Mass regularly and would like to become a Mass Server in September? Consent Form's are now available from our Priests after Mass. Mass Servers would be for weekend masses in our churches and parents and child commit to a particular mass—one they normally attend on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning. Parish Training will be provided to the boys and girls and the server's vestments provided. Fr. Michael and the priests of the parish will meet with parents before the serving begins to explain all involved including code of conduct, safeguarding supervision etc. Completed Parental and Child Consent Forms should be returned to the Parish Office before the end of August. If anyone has any questions or seek clarification on any matter please speak to one of our priests or contact the parish office. We look forward to getting children involved again in this important ministry.

### Visit of Viatores Christi to our Parish



Next weekend members of a catholic voluntary group called 'Viatores Christi' will speak at Masses in our parish during the Saturday Vigil and the Sunday Masses.

What is Viatores Christi? Viatores Christi (VC) is an association of Catholic lay missionary/development workers, founded in 1960. VC brings about positive change by improving access to healthcare, education and livelihood opportunities in the marginalised communities in which they work.

Why are they talking at Mass? To raise awareness about the missionary work of the Church and the role of lay missionaries, both at home and overseas. To thank the people of the Meath Diocese for your support for our work over the years. To offer an opportunity and preparation to anyone who feels called to volunteer. To appeal for ongoing help both financially and above all through prayer. There will be a collection in aid of the work of VC.

### 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 Rebate 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 €1630.00; Shrines €1015.00; Envelope Development Fund €1030.00. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to our parish and the building of our Lord's kingdom. Míle buíochas.