

# 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

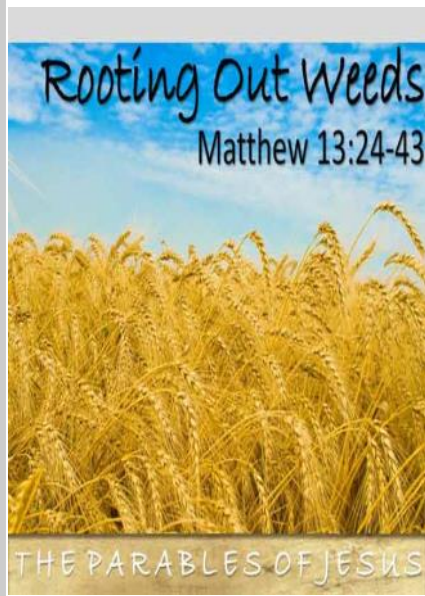
Monday - Thursday 9am - 12.30pm

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15th Sunday Year A



### Mass Intentions

Saturday 22nd July <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Darragh Birmingham, Archerstown Wood, (1st Anniversary) Bridget Traynor
Sunday 23rd Donaghmore	9am	Hannah Kelly
	10am	Mary Whyte
Hospitality in the Parish Centre Afterwards	11am	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	Noirín Hughes, Bourne Ave, (1st Anniversary)
Monday 24th	10am	Terry Cassidy
Tuesday 25th	10am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 26th	10am	Maureen & Paddy Buckley and Julia Moran
Thursday 27th	10am	People of the Parish
Friday 28th	10am	Leon Mahon
Saturday 29th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Pat Keane, Maureen O'Farrell, Mary & Dave O'Rouke, Tom O'Keefe, Pat O'Sullivan
Sunday 30th Donaghmore	9am	Catherine Walsh
	10am	Mary Morris
Hospitality in the Parish Centre Afterwards	11am	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	Christopher O'Reilly

### 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. The hymn numbers are Seek Ye First (247)/ Jubilate Deo (147)/ Be Still for the Presence (31)/ Soul of My Saviour (260)/ Be Thou My Vision (33) and the recessional is Christ be beside me (53).



### World Day For Grandparents 2023

Pope Francis asks us to celebrate this Sunday as a celebration of the role of grandparent's in passing on Christian faith. Jesus' grandparents were Joachim and Anne. At Mass today prayers are offered in thanksgiving for Catholic grandparents. At the end of Masses today any 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.*



*Welcome to our Church*

We welcome Sally, Anthony and Mary to our parish today as they speak at our Masses. They are members of a catholic lay voluntary group called 'Viatores Christi'. Founded in 1960 this missionary association brings about positive change in healthcare and education in the developing world by improving access and livelihood opportunities in the marginalised communities in which they work. They thank the people of the Meath Diocese for our support and offer an opportunity to anyone who feels called to volunteer. They appeal for ongoing help both financially and through prayer. There will be a collection in aid of the work of VC at the end of Mass and you are welcome to talk to the members of Viatores Christi about their work and mission.





### World Youth Day in Lisbon

Zara Ahmed from our parish is travelling to World Youth Day in Lisbon in ten days time. Zara goes to our 12.30pm Mass each Sunday and her sister is one of our readers. Zara will represent our parish and she will be blessed at the 11am Mass next Sunday as she heads off to Portugal to be part of Pope Francis' Pilgrimage gathering with Catholic Youth from around the world. We wish her the very best and God's blessing.



### Car Park at the Parish Centre

Some of our parishioners would like to see if the carpark behind the Parish Centre and next AIB bank can be used for Sunday Masses. This all depends on the cooperation of parishioners. In September we will see if the carpark can be opened and closed for this purpose on a Sunday. This will be for a trial period. In the past people not authorised to use the carpark have parked in the grounds for several hours on a Sunday afternoon and this has meant we cannot secure our property and keep our buildings safe. The Parish Centre holds all parish data and the parish archive which safeguard for future generations. All church carparks in our parish are private property and for church use only. We thank all our parishioners who help us with the opening and closing of our churches and grounds. Your support to the parish and our priests is greatly appreciated.

### Visitation to the Sick and Housebound

On Tuesday and Wednesday the priests of the parish will visit those who are sick and those confined to their homes wishing to receive the Blessed Sacrament. If anyone would like to be included for this visitation 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.



New Rota's for Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist are now available from the rota desk file. The rota's cover the months of August and September. We thank all the members of our parish who take part in these two important liturgical ministries.

### Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Louise Monaghan and Neil Shorthall who were married last Saturday in Donaghmore Church by Father Michael. We wish the 'newly weds' all the best in their married life.



### 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.

We are very grateful to the team of volunteers who provide hospitality in the Parish Centre every Sunday after the 11a m Mass. The group will finish next Sunday for a well earned summer break. The hospitality will begin again all going well and God willing in September.



### Outdoor Rosary



The Summer Rosary group will meet for prayer in Cluain Rí next Wednesday evening at 7.30pm.

### Claiming Tax Back

Thank you to all those who have returned the Tax Rebate form to the Parish Office for processing. On behalf of the Parish Finance Committee Fr. Michael 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. If you have any questions about your contributions to the parish or how ths government scheme operates please contact Mary or have a word with Fr. Michael.



**Last Sunday's Collection** Total Amounts were as follows: Plate €1160.00; Shrines €1035.00; Envelope Development Fund €1015.00. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to our parish and the building of our Lord's kingdom. Míle buíochas.

### Suaimhneas Síoraí

We pray for the repose of the soul of Geraldine Ledwith of Deerpark whose funeral Mass took place in our parish on Thursday last. Her remains were interred in Dardistown Cemetery. Your prayers are also asked for Lilly McLoughlin Killala, County Mayo. May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

