

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Priests of the Parish

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Parish Office - Public Opening Times

Monday - Thursday 9am - 12.30pm

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17th Sunday Year A

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.
—Matthew 13:44 (NIV)



Mass Intentions

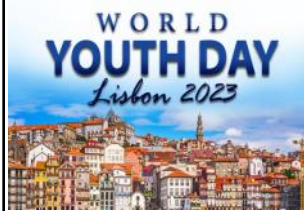
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| Saturday 29th July <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i> | 7pm | Pat Keane, Maureen O'Farrell, Mary & Dave O'Rouke, Tom O'Keefe, Pat O'Sullivan. |
| Sunday 30th | 9am | Catherine Walsh |
| Donaghmore | 10am | Mary Morris |
| Hospitality in the Parish Centre Afterwards | 11am | People of the Parish |
| | 12.30pm | Christopher O'Reilly |
| Monday 31st | 10am | People of the Parish |
| Tuesday 1st | 10am | People of the Parish |
| Wednesday 2nd | 10am | Mary O'Connell, Brookville, (1st Anniversary) |
| Thursday 3rd | 10am | People of the Parish |
| Friday 4th | 10am | First Friday Altar List of the Dead |
| Saturday 5th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i> | 7pm | Mary O'Connell, Brookville, (1st Anniversary) William and Olga Ward, Tony and Mairead Coffey |
| Sunday 6th | 9am | McAtamney & Ayres Families |
| Donaghmore | 10am | Ollie Kavanagh & Emily Byrne |
| | 11am | People of the Parish |
| | 12.30pm | People of the Parish |

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 Youth Day in Lisbon



Zara Ahmed from our parish is travelling this week to World Youth Day in Lisbon and will represent Ashbourne at this global catholic gathering. Zara goes to our 12.30pm Mass each

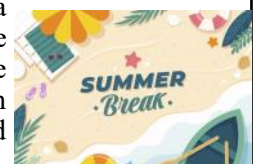
Sunday and her sister is one of our readers. As part of the 11am Mass this Sunday Zara is blessed and 'sent forth'. We wish her the very best and God's blessing. You can meet Zara after Mass in the Parish Centre as part of our Sunday hospitality.

Altogether a group of forty four young people from across Meath and Westmeath are joining Bishop Tom Deenihan in representing the Diocese of Meath at this gathering of young Catholics (18-35 years) from all across the world. Pope Francis is eagerly looking forward to the encounter and encourages everyone to follow this important event. The final pilgrim Mass will take place on Sunday next and will be broadcast on RTE television. Please pray for all the pilgrims and you can follow the diocesan participation on www.dioceseofmeath.com.



The Hospitality Team take a Summer Break

We are very grateful to our volunteers who provide hospitality in the Parish Centre every Sunday after the 11am Mass. The group of seven comprising of Aine, Ann, Mary K, Mary C, Audrey, Kathleen and Rita finish this Sunday for a well earned summer break. The hospitality which you are invited to today will begin again all going well and God willing in September.





Rite of Christian Initiation

Would you like to become a Catholic or do you know someone who would like to become a Catholic? Are you baptised but not confirmed in the faith? Our Parish is one of the diocesan centres for the RCIA programme which starts in September to prepare people for reception into the Church. If you are interested please let one of our priests know and they will point you in the right direction.

Why Not Go On A Pilgrimage This Summer ...

Knock Shrine

Knock Shrine is open every day for the summer. It is a lovely place to go for a day of spiritual renewal. The Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock is taking place on Sunday 13th August at which the Diocesan Choir will sing.

Lough Derg

Three Day Pilgrimages have begun to the island of St. Patrick and continue until August 15th. If you are fit, well and have faith you are invited to take on this ancient challenge of prayer for body, mind and soul. For more information look up www.loughderg.org



Croagh Patrick

Have you done the reek yet? Why not take advantage of a day of good weather and climb the mountain of our national saint. Reek Sunday is July 30th but the beauty and spirituality of our sacred mountain can be experienced any summer day.



Parish Office

The Parish Office will close for its summer break on the week commencing 7th August. The office will re-open on Monday 14th.

Ministry of Mass Server in Ashbourne and Donaghmore

At the moment our parish is preparing for mass servers to begin this children's ministry in mid September. The child safeguarding representatives in our parish are currently getting our sacristans vetted. We thank our sacristans for their help and co-operation.

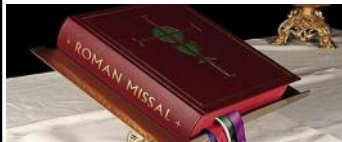


Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Nicola McNamee and Conor Kerley who were married last Friday in Ashbourne Church. We wish the 'newly weds' all the best in their married life. Fr. Brendan supported the couple on their happy day.



First Friday Mass and Visitation



This Friday August 4th will be the First Friday of the month. As always on each First Friday of the month the 10am Mass is offered for those enlisted on our

Altar List of the Dead. Normally for the First Friday we also have the visits by the priests with Holy Communion to those who are sick and those confined to their homes. 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.

Feast of the Assumption on Tuesday Fortnight

August 15th is one of the main Marian catholic feasts and commemorates the Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Lady into Heaven. Masses will be at 10am & 7pm.



Thank you From Victores Christi



Sally, Mary and Anthony from Viatores Christi who spoke at our masses last weekend thank you for the kindness shown to them. They received a very warm welcome as was reflected in their collection total of €1593.19.

Charity Regulations

During the week the Irish Charity Regulator published their annual report. There are currently just over 11,000 charities in Ireland. Ashbourne Parish is a one sixty-ninth part of the charity called St. Finian's Diocesan Trust. Our parish priest is a co-trustee on the account and along with the Parish Finance Committee produce annual accounts and is responsible for all monies raised in our parish. All such monies raised are spent in our parish for building up the Kingdom of God in Ashbourne and Donaghmore.



An Rialálai Carthanas Charities Regulator

Claiming Tax Back

Thank you to all those who have returned the Tax Rebate form to the Parish Office for processing. Most parishioners have got back to us at this stage and we are grateful.

Last Sunday's Collection Total Amounts were as follows: Plate €1130.00; Shrines €795.00; Envelope Development Fund €710.00. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to our parish and the building of our Lord's kingdom. Mile buíochas.

