

# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Priests of the Parish

Fr. Michael Kilmartin, P.P.

Fr. Stephen Kennedy, C.C.

Fr. Brendan O'Rourke, C.C.

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Parish Office - Public Opening Times

Monday - Thursday 9am - 12.30pm

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## The Transfiguration of the Lord



From the cloud came a voice  
which said

'This is my Son, the Beloved ...  
Listen to him.' (Matthew 17:6)

### Mass Intentions

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	Mc Atamney & Ayres Families
Donaghmore	10am	Ollie Kavanagh, Killsallaghan, (1st Anniversary) & Emily Byrne
	11am	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	People of the Parish
Bank Holiday Monday 7th	10am	Deceased Members of St. Declan's Credit Union
Tuesday 8th	10am	John, Nora & Donal Downey
Wednesday 9th	10am	Jack Walsh
Thursday 10th	10am	People of the Parish
Friday 11th	10am	People of the Parish
Saturday 12th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Orla Daly Betty & Billy Coughlan
Sunday 13th	9am	Sean Farrelly
Donaghmore	10am	Ann Somers
	11am	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	Peggy Swinburne

### Music at 11am Sunday Eucharist

'To sing is to pray twice'. Please continue to join in the congregational singing at the 11am 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). Thank you for all your efforts.



We hope you have an enjoyable Bank Holiday Weekend

### LISBON, WELCOME CEREMONY



### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 CONCLUDES

On this morning of the Feast of the Transfiguration Pope Francis celebrates the concluding World Youth Day Mass for the estimated over one million gathered in Lisbon. "Lord," Peter said, "it is wonderful for us to be here!" Forty-four young pilgrims from the Diocese of Meath with Bishop Tom Deenihan, have participated in this past week's programme of events. Two Ashbourne parishioners Zara and Sr. Sumrey are part of these great events. The pilgrims in Lisbon have attended a variety of cultural, religious and festival events to celebrate the joy of this global gathering of young Catholics. Pope Francis has presided over the Welcome Ceremony, The Way of the Cross, Prayer Vigil and now Mass this Sunday morning. At the end of this WYD Mass today Pope Francis will bless the youth for the ongoing Mission which we all share as the witnesses to Christ, under the protection of Our Lady of Fatima. RTE are broadcasting the World Youth Day Mass live on RTE 1 at 8:55am and Euro News and EWTN continue to keep us updated.



Pictured last Sunday our parishioners Zara and Sr. Sumrey as they left Ashbourne Church for Lisbon.

[www.dioceseofmeath.ie](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie) + [www.lisboa2023.org](http://www.lisboa2023.org)

## Assessment of the Boiler in Ashbourne Church

An assessment of the boiler in Ashbourne Church is currently underway. The German double boiler in the church is eighteen years old and we have had three tradesmen trying to service it since Fr. Michael's arrival. The parish finance committee believe it is prudent to assess the boiler at this time with accommodation works going on in the boiler house and the adjoining ancillary room.



## Ireland's Holy Mountain



Mountains are important places in the gospels and often bring people close to God. Today we hear about Jesus on Mt. Tabor. Have you ever thought about climbing the 'Reek'. Croagh Patrick is the mountain associated with St. Patrick, Ireland's first

priest and bishop. For centuries people have taken on the challenge of climbing the mountain where he lived. In scripture people have felt both close to God and heaven on ascending to a high level. During these days of the final month of summer you may feel like doing something new and why not give this mountain a go?

## Hill of Slane

If you have never been to Croagh Patrick why not visit the Hill of Slane in our own county of Meath. In the year 433 St. Patrick lit the first Easter fire on this hill facing the hill of Tara. The successor of St. Patrick, Archbishop Eamon Martin will say Mass on the hill today. Dana will also sing her new song to St. Patrick. All are welcome anytime between 12 noon and 4.30pm today. Otherwise, the hill and the old monastic ruins can be visited anytime. [hillofslaneaugust6@gmail.com](mailto:hillofslaneaugust6@gmail.com)



## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock



The Annual Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Sunday next. Fr. Declan Hurley, Adm. in Navan Parish. is the homilist and the music at the 3pm mass is led by the Diocesan Choir.

## Baptisms in July

Congratulations to the families who had children baptised in July. Jack Sherman, Killelland Hall, Jack Miller, Castle Crescent, Julia Kavanagh, Archerstown, Jace Comiskey, Collon, Fia O'Neill, Canada, Teddie O'Reilly, Johnswood, Mason Yale, Drogheda, Roisín Bartley, Alderbrook, Clodagh Heavey, Baltrasna, Lauren Adona-Jesena, Archerstown, Arijus Samulionis, Drogheda and Charlie Lyons, Churchfields.



## Parish Office Re-Opens on Monday Week

The Parish Office and Centre will close for its summer break this week. The office will re-open on Monday morning August 14th. We thank Mary for all her hard work at managing the busy office and we thank Janice, Sinead and Doris for the work that they do in creating an office environment that is both efficient and welcoming.

We all hope you enjoy a few days of relaxation.



## The Feast of the Assumption Draws Near



August 15th is one of the main Marian catholic feasts and commemorates the Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Lady into Heaven. Masses on Tuesday week will be at 10am & 7pm. As our Church is called after our Lady we place emphasis on celebrating

Mary's role in our salvation history.

## Church Cleaning Teams

Thank you to all those who keep our churches clean and tidy. Every Wednesday morning volunteers gather to clean Ashbourne Church and each month a team of faithful and loyal parishioners clean Donaghmore Church. We thank you for the work that you quietly do in the background.



## Re-establishing the Ministry of Mass Server in our Parish



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 voluntary sacristans vetted. We thank our sacristans for their help, understanding and co-operation.

## Sunday 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 eight comprising of Aine, Ann, Mary K, Mary C, Marion, Audrey, Kathleen and Rita finished last Sunday for a well earned summer break. Many thanks. Our photo shows Mary, Aine and Kathleen tidying up after 50 visitors on Sunday last.



Next weekend is an Offering Day in our Parish to support our three priests. Last Sunday's Collection Total Amounts were as follows: Plate €1495.00; Shrines €1780.00; Envelope Development Fund

€1215.00. Thank you to all those who have returned the Tax Rebate form for processing. Most parishioners have got back to us at this stage and we are grateful. If you have not received a form and believe that you have given the threshold amount please let us know. Thank you.

Please pray for Bernadette Connor, Primatestown whose funeral took place on Saturday in Ashbourne Church. R.I.P.