

# 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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19th Sunday of Year A



Jesus Walks on Water

Matthew 14:22-33

### Mass Intentions

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
Monday 14th	10am	Danny O'Connell
Tuesday 15th <b>Feast of the Assumption</b>	10am 7pm	Both Masses are offered for the People of the Parish as we celebrate Mary's Assumption up to Heaven.
Wednesday 16th	10am	Dina Burke
Thursday 17th	10am	People of the Parish
Friday 18th	10am	Seamus Donnelly
Saturday 19th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Declan Brennan, Killeglad Park (1st Anniversary) Joan & Michael O'Reilly Bridget & James Keating May Brennan
Sunday 20th	9am	James & Mary Rogers
Donaghmore	10am	Norah Whyte
	11am	Geraldine Ledwith, Deerpark
	12.30pm	People of the Parish



**Tuesday is the Feast of the Assumption**

**A Holyday of Obligation**

**Ashbourne Church Masses 10am + 7pm**

On Tuesday we celebrate one of the main Marian catholic feasts that commemorates the Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Lady into Heaven. Masses on Tuesday are in Ashbourne Church at 10am & 7pm. As our Church is called after our Lady we place emphasis on celebrating Mary's role in our salvation history. Tony Malone is organising a bus to Our Lady's Island on Tuesday. If you are interested please ring Tony on (087) 9526337.

**Parish Office Re-Opens on Monday**

The Parish Office and Parish Centre re-open tomorrow morning at 9am. In the Parish Office parishioners organise masses for a loved one who is sick or deceased. Parishioners meet with our priests and attend parish meetings. The parish centre is the hub of all pastoral activity including the provision of after school education for children and all the growing in faith initiatives our parish organises including the RCIA. The bathrooms in the Parish Centre are opened whenever there is a ceremony in our church and are for use by parishioners. We thank the parish staff and volunteers who help our priests with the running of the Parish Centre and Office. The office is open Monday to Thursday from 9am to 12.30pm. All are most welcome.

**PARISH  
OFFICE**

Come in we're open!

### Music at 11am Sunday Eucharist

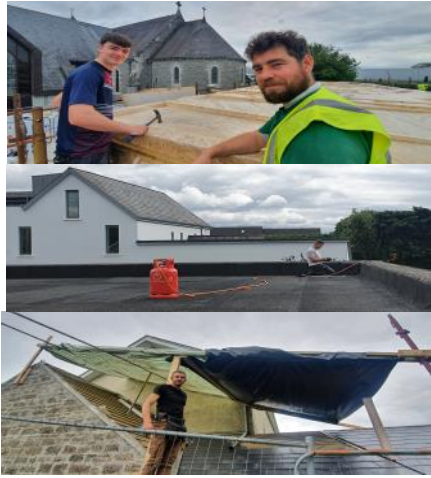
The hymn numbers for the remainder of August are (Entrance) Be Not Afraid (29) / Christ be beside me (53); (Communion) How Great thou Art (131)/ Céad Míle Fáilte (48); (Recessional) The Lord's My Shepherd (280) and Take Christ to the World (266). Thank you for joining in the congregational singing.





“Dear friends, allow me, this old man, to share with you a dream that I carry within me: It is the dream of peace, the dream of young people praying for peace, living in peace and building a peaceful future”. Pope Francis—WTD Mass

### Fixing the Roofs and Repairing Leaks on Buildings



This summer is a busy one in our parish. Works are ongoing on the roof of the Parochial House and the adjacent ancillary building in Ashbourne Church grounds. The roof of the bathroom and sacristy in Donaghmore Church has been getting attention to stop dampness. Finally, the flat roof of the hall part of the Parish Centre has had new felt laid to stop water entering the building.

### Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The Annual Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock takes place today. Fr. Declan Hurley, Adm. in Navan Parish is the Homilist and the music at the 3pm mass is led by the Diocesan Choir. The Annual Knock Novena begins on Tuesday and runs until the 22nd. We pray for all those going to our National Shrine in the coming weeks of summer.



### Celebrating Ashbourne’s Heritage

An exhibition entitled ‘The Ashbourne Story’ celebrating 200 years of our town’s history will begin this week in the gallery of Ashbourne Library. As it is National Heritage Week we encourage you to walk the Ashbourne Heritage Trail and get to know your locality a little more. The trail begins at Rath Cross and ends in Garden City. The seventeen trail markers along the route display, at various locations, historic information about our town. Ashbourne Historical Society have produced an excellent information leaflet on the built heritage of Ashbourne and Donaghmore. Three of our parish buildings namely Donaghmore Church, Ashbourne Church and the Parish Centre and Hall are buildings of heritage significance.



**National Heritage Week**

Discover the past. Build the future.



As announced in early May our parish is establishing a Parish Pastoral Assembly in September. Fr. Michael and members of the committee helping to set this committee up will speak at Masses next Sunday, August 20th. The assembly will comprise of twelve to fifteen persons. The pathway chosen for membership of the assembly is one of self nomination or nomination of another person, with their permission. Membership will be for four years and the group will be tasked with working on strengthening four pastoral areas identified from the parish survey carried out during Lent. The four areas are 1) Adult Faith development with emphasis on helping parents with children for the sacraments grow in their faith 2) Involving Young Children and Youth more in Sunday Masses and looking at the formation of a Youth Prayer Group. 3) Improving our Parish Website and Social Media Outreach 4) Enhancing the Celebration of the Eucharist. If you are interested in any of these pastoral areas and think you could help the parish by becoming a member of the Assembly please let Fr. Michael know and he will discuss with you what is involved. Alternatively you can nominate yourself or another person you have spoken to by email or dropping a note into the Parish Centre. Training for new members will take place on Saturday morning September 23rd in the Parish Centre. All parishes in our diocese will have a Parish Pastoral Assembly by the end of September and receive support from the diocese.

### Extending the Age of Mass Serving

Thank You to all the parents and children who have already returned their Altar Server Consent forms. We aim to begin this children’s ministry in mid to late September. A few teenagers have asked could they serve as they were unable to do so due to the lockdowns of co-vid. The parish is happy to facilitate this if there is sufficient interest from parents and children. 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. Once the paperwork is near complete the parish will begin training and hold a meeting for parents and children explaining all that is involved.



### Second Collection at Masses Today

There is a Second Collection at our Masses today. It is after Holy Communion. This is to support the priests of our parish. We now have Fr. Michael, Fr. Brendan and Fr. Stephen working in our parish. It is the first time in many years we have three priests to help us all build the kingdom of God. The salary of a priest is paid by our parish from what we collect on the six Offering Days. We thank you for your generosity to today’s August Offering Day. Last Sunday’s Collection Total Amounts were as follows: Plate €1175.00; Shrines €970.00; Envelope Development Fund €855.00. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to our parish and the building of our Lord’s kingdom.

