

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Priests of the Parish

Fr. Michael Kilmartin, P.P.

Fr. Stephen Kennedy, IVE/ C.C.

Fr. Brendan O'Rourke, IVE/ C.C.

Parish Secretary - Mary Mullen

Parish Office - Public Opening Times

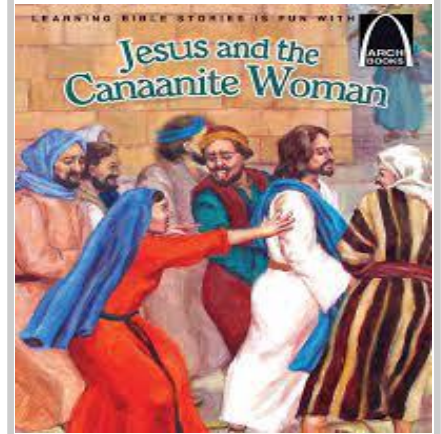
Monday - Thursday 9am - 12.30pm

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20th Sunday of Year A



Jesus answered 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted'. (Matthew 15: 28)

Mass Intentions

Saturday 19th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Declan Brennan, Killeglad Park (1st Anniversary) Joan O'Reilly, Newtown, (1st Anniversary) & husband Michael; Bridget & James Keating; May Brennan; Susan Barrett; James, Ellen & Gerard McGrath
Sunday 20th	9am	James & Mary Rogers
Donaghmore	10am	Norah Whyte
	11am	Geraldine Ledwith, Deerpark (Month's Mind)
	12.30pm	Michael Kiernan, Castle Street (Month's Mind)
Monday 21st	10am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 22nd	10am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 23rd	10am	Lisa Doherty
Thursday 24th	10am	People of the Parish
Friday 25th	10am	Michael Howlett
Saturday 26th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Barney Kearns; Jim Lenihan; Mary & Jack Hickey; Jim Lanigan; Deceased members of the Boylan & Garvey families; Miriam Gaynor; Hugh and Bridie Bannon; John Fay
Sunday 27th	9am	Mary Kelly
Donaghmore	10am	James & Alice Hickey
	11am	Claire Finnegan, Killeglad Rise (1st Anniversary)
	12.30pm	Elizabeth & Michael Dunphy

Music at 11am Sunday Eucharist Today's hymn numbers 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.



Fr. Michael will speak about the setting up of a Parish Pastoral Assembly at all masses today.

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. The group will work with our priests on strengthening the four pastoral areas identified from the parish survey carried in April.

The four areas are 1) Adult Faith development with emphasis on helping parents with children for the sacraments grow in faith 2) Involving Young Children/Youth more in Sunday Masses and forming a Youth Prayer Group. 3) Improving our Parish Website/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.



Works on Donaghmore Church Roof are Complete



In the past few weeks repair works to Donaghmore Church roof have been ongoing. New laths, felt and slates were put in place on the ancillary buildings and the moss taken off and treated on the main roof. The parish is most grateful to the late Patrick Murphy who contributed €10,000 to do these works on the church. Mile Buíochas.

Ashbourne Church Boilers to Be Replaced



The Parish Finance Committee have decided to replace the two boilers that serve Ashbourne Church. They are eighteen years old and have been causing trouble in recent years. The new boiler will take up less space in the boiler room and run more efficiently. These works are scheduled for the month of September.

Anton Mac Gabhainn at the Mullingar Fleadh

Anton and Bernie Mac Gabhainn did Ashbourne Parish Proud at the Fleadh last weekend. They performed at the GigRig and on TG4. Anton has attended nearly every Fleadh and often provides Irish music at our Masses. Fr. Michael was glad to support his performances in Mullingar over the past few days.



Queenship of Mary

Last Tuesday we celebrated the great Feast of the Assumption and this Tuesday at Masses we recall that Mary is Crowned Queen of Heaven.

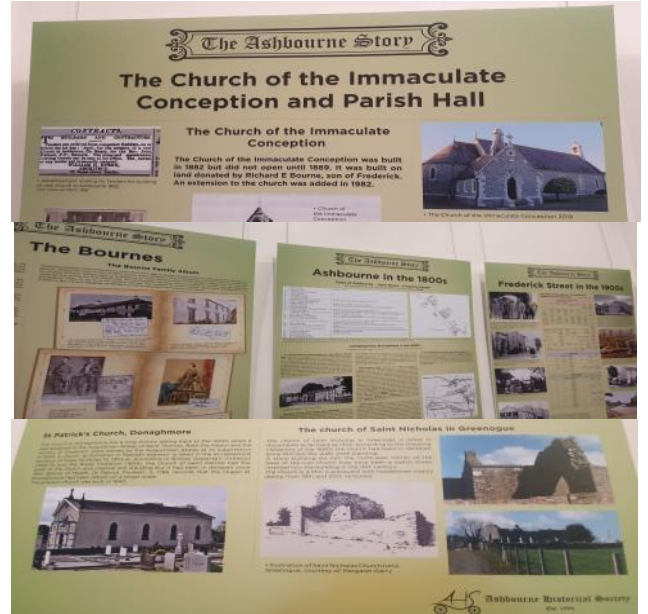


Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Clonfert

On Saturday, 2nd September, there is a Healing Mass in Clonfert, Co. Galway. Tony Malone is organising a pilgrimage from Ashbourne. He can be contacted on (087) 9526337. *Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, pray for us.*

Exhibition on Ashbourne's History Now On in Ashbourne Library

Ashbourne Historical Society have an exhibition on in the town library called 'The Ashbourne Story'. It is well worth dropping in to read the 26 exhibition panels. Panel 9 is to do with our parish. Fr. Michael learnt that Greenogue Church was called after St. Nicholas, that the famous Ralph Byrne was architect on Ashbourne Church and he saw for the first time some old photos of Ashbourne Church. Congratulations to all involved in putting the exhibition together and we hope that it will be a great success.



We hear in the gospel today about Jesus' healing power. Let us always value the church sacraments of healing. There are confessions every Saturday in Ashbourne Church from 5 to 6pm. During this time or at any time on request the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and Infirm is available. Every three months our parish has a Mass of Healing.

Last Sunday's Collection Total Amounts were as follows: Offertory Plate €1005.00; Shrines €1175.00; Envelope Development Fund €915.00. The 2nd Post Communion Offering Day and came to €2470. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to our parish and the building of our Lord's kingdom.

Thank you for your support!

We pray for our parishioners who died in the last few days. Kitty Kavanagh, Ballaghaweary, Kilsallaghan whose funeral mass took place in her beloved Donaghmore Church on Monday. We pray also at this time for Catherine Kenny-Power, Tudor Close whose funeral took place yesterday in Ashbourne Church. We remember those who died recently with ties to our parish Monsignor Peter V. Briscoe late Parish Priest of Milltown, and Jim King, Ashford, Wicklow. May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Forever in our Hearts