

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Priests of the Parish

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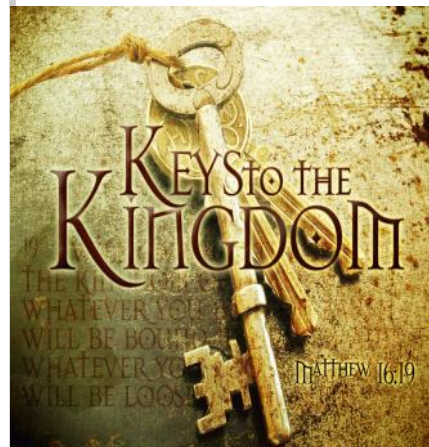
Monday - Thursday 9am - 12.30pm

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21st Sunday of Year A



Jesus said to Peter, 'I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven ...' Matthew 16: 19

Mass Intentions

Saturday 26th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Philomena O'Connor, Killeglan Park, (1st Anniversary) Barney Kearns; Jim Lanigan; Mary & Jack Hickey; Jim Lenihan; Deceased members of the Boylan & Garvey families; Miriam Gaynor; Hugh and Bridie Bannon; John Fay; Sean Farrell; Paddy Stritch.
Sunday 27th	9am	Mary Kelly
Donaghmore	10am	James & Alice Hickey
	11am	Claire Finnegan, Killeglan Rise (1st Anniversary)
	12.30pm	Elizabeth & Michael Dunphy
Monday 28th	10am	Daniel Kiernan
Tuesday 29th	10am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 30th	10am	Kay & Jim Curry
Thursday 31st	10am	Catherine Conroy + John & Kathleen Connelly
Friday 1st	10am	1st Friday Altar List of the Dead
Saturday 2nd <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Lily Ronan; Frank Kiernan; Deceased of the The Fallon Family
Sunday 3rd	9am	Nora & Michael Keegan
Donaghmore	10am	Patrick, Maura & Marie Lynch and Michael Monaghan
	11am	Sean Redmond, Baldarra (Month's Mind)
	12.30pm	Joe Donnelly

Schools Re-Open This Week

Our parish schools re-open their doors in the coming days. St. Mary's, St. Declan's and Gaelscoil na Cille are under our parish patronage. Our priests visit the schools and support the teachers with the delivery of the Catholic religion program. Ashbourne Community School is joint Catholic and State patronage and our priests support the spiritual and pastoral needs of the children going to ACS. We wish all the children, parents, teachers and staff all the very best for the new academic year. We thank all our parishioners who help our principals on the School Boards of Management.



After School Sacramental Preparation

Catholic Parents with children attending state schools in Ashbourne (Gaelscoil na Mí, Educate Together and Community National School) who wish their children to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation must enrol them in two years of Preparation classes in the Parish. The after school classes for 2023 – 2024 will begin on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th of September in the Parish Centre. Any child in First Class or older may enrol for First Communion and children in Fifth Class may enrol for Confirmation. Late enrolment is still possible. Registration forms are available from one of our priests after Sunday Mass and completed forms should be returned to the Parish immediately to secure a place.

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.



SACRAMENTS

Parish Assembly



Last Sunday Fr. Michael spoke at our Mass about the setting up of a Parish Pastoral Assembly. In the coming weeks this newsletter will contain information about the Assembly and invite people to come forward who may be interested in being part of this new initiative. The establishment of a Parish Pastoral Assembly in every parish in Meath Diocese is encouraged by our bishop to invigorate, support and renew our parishes. In essence, the diocese asks a Parish Pastoral Assembly to reflect the collective wisdom of the faith community where people learn to become stewards of the gifts of God, live the liturgy, build up the Church and serve the Gospel through a process of collaboration, dialogue, discernment, decision-making and implementation of practical pastoral initiatives. Our parish is currently looking for ten parishioners who will help our parish with decision making around four pastoral areas that our parish will look at over the coming four years.

If you are interested 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.

Supporting Ashbourne's Senior Citizens

Ashbourne and District Senior Citizen's Day Centre re-opens on Thursday week in the Ashbourne House Hotel. Their annual collection takes place in Ashbourne this weekend. Our parish supports our senior citizen's in several ways including the monthly celebration of Mass for the members by our priests. We wish our senior citizen's all the best as they gather again and congratulate all involved in running such a successful branch in our parish.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Photos From 'The Ashbourne Story Exhibition'

This is one of the photographs from the exhibition entitled 'The Ashbourne Story' which is currently on in Ashbourne Library. You will note how the Church of the Immaculate Conception looked when it was first built by architect Ralph Bryne and prior to the 1981 extension works. The church had just one nave as the photo of the wedding of Bertie and Jan Ennis in the old Church reveals. It is well worth visiting the exhibition.



First Friday Mass and Visitation

This Friday is the first day of September and 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. At the time of 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. This will take place on Wednesday and Thursday. 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.



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 the coming weeks 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.



Service of the Bell in Ashbourne Church

Keen observers of time may have noticed that the Angelus bell on our parish church was getting later as the months went by. In recent days the bell was serviced by the company Belltron. The bell in our church rings five minutes before mass and for weddings and funerals. The automated bell in Ashbourne Church was installed just over twenty years ago and was automated thanks to a donation made in memory of the late Melanie Grattan. Her family and friends affectionately refer to the bell as 'Mel's bells'.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 10.30am to 8pm/ Confessions Saturday 5-6pm/ Rosary 10.30am after 10am Mass.

Last Sunday's Collection Total Amounts were as follows: Offertory Plate €1970.00; Shrines €895.00; Envelope Development Fund €720.00. 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!

Forever in our Hearts

We remember those who died recently with ties to our parish May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace.