

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

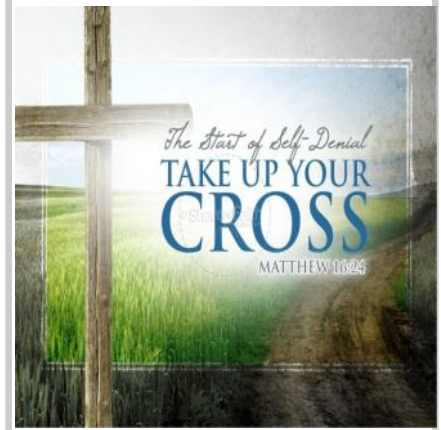
Monday - Thursday 9am - 12.30pm

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22nd Sunday of Year A



Jesus says 'Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me.' Matthew 16:24

Mass Intentions

Saturday 2nd <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Frank Kiernan; The Fallon Family; Jimmy O'Donnell
Sunday 3rd Donaghmore	9am	Nora & Michael Keegan
	10am	Patrick, Maura & Marie Lynch and Michael Monaghan
	11am	Sean Redmond, Baldara (Month's Mind) with interment of the ashes of Gráinne Bray, Bourne View
	12.30pm	Joe Donnelly
Monday 4th	10am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 5th	10am	Tom, Mary, Rosleen & Oliver Rafferty and Fr. Tom Rafferty
Wednesday 6th	10am	People of the Parish
Thursday 7th	10am	People of the Parish
Friday 8th	10am	Niall Fields <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Saturday 9th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Kevin Lang, Blanchardstown, (1st Anniversary) Elizabeth, Eddie & John Bradley; Bill Birmingham; Peter & Kathleen Moss, Paul Kelly; Sarah Doherty; Ann Maddigan; Lily Ronan.
Sunday 10th Donaghmore	9am	NancyRoe & Kevin Kenny
	10am	Kitty Kavanagh, Ballaghweary, (Months Mind)
	11am	Bernadette Connor, Primatestown, (Months Mind)
	12.30pm	Andrew Ryan, Tudor Grove, (1st Anniversary) & his late wife Mary

New School Year



Our parish schools have re-opened their doors. Our priests visit the schools and support the principal's and teachers with the delivery of the Catholic religion program. 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 and priests on the School Boards of Management. Fr. Stephen is wished all the best as he takes Fr. Ciaran's place on St. Declan's School board.

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 contact the parish and enrol them in two years of preparatory classes. The after school classes for this new school term will begin on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th of September in the Parish Centre. Registration forms are available from one of our priests after Sunday Mass or from the parish office staff and volunteers. Completed forms should be returned to the Parish immediately to secure a place in this year's classes.



A Prayer for Children Going To School

Bless all children this day O God. Instruct them ... Give them inquiring minds and discerning hearts. Strengthen them ... Give them courage to persevere in all they undertake, Delight them ... Give them the gift of joy and wonder in all things. Befriend them ... Give them laughter and love to share with all. Guard them ... Give them protection and safety as they move out of our embrace. Love them ... And give them sure and certain knowledge of your unfailing love. Amen.



At Masses next Sunday Zara Ahmed, our parishioner who has just returned from World Youth Day will speak at the 11am and 12.30pm Mass. Her message will be about the Church's outreach to young people.

Parish Pastoral Assembly Explained (Part 2)

A parish is a community of the Christian faithful established within a particular church, the pastoral care of which is entrusted to a Parish Priest.



Everything a parish undertakes is done in order to fulfil that mission in communion with the local Bishop who unites all parishes with one another and with the universal church.

The Parish Pastoral Assembly is to be a faith-filled, consultative body of the faithful, through which priests and people work together as co-responsible partners in furthering the mission of Christ in their own parish. The Parish Pastoral Assembly is a consultative body responsible to the Parish Priest who is the administrator of the parish and, who in turn is responsible to the Bishop.

The assembly in our parish 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 out 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 at 10am in the Parish Centre.

Hospitality Resumes after the Summer Recess

Tea and Coffee after the 11am Sunday Mass returns today. We thank the eight volunteers who organise the Parish Centre for the making of the cup of tea and the bringing together of parishioners after Sunday Mass. All are welcome to the Parish Centre each Sunday especially anyone new to our parish or wanting to get to know our priests and fellow parishioners.



An Aerial Photograph From Our Past

This aerial photograph shows the Church and village in Ashbourne prior to any significant development. A church, school, public house and a few houses made up the village environment and Ashbourne was part of Ratoath parish. This photograph and others are part of the exhibition 'The Ashbourne Story' currently on in the town library.



September is a time of year when people sometimes do something new. Have you a good reading voice? Would you become a Reader in Ashbourne or Donaghmore Church? If you are interested please inform the Parish Office or let one of the priests know. Training and support will be given. We are always trying to build our team of volunteers and we thank all the people who give time to their parish in a voluntary capacity.



Celebrating the Feast of All Saints

On the first page of our newsletter each week we have our Liturgical Planner for the week ahead. This is found on the first row of the newsletter and records mass times and liturgies in our two churches. It also records and highlights the intentions on each mass.

In the coming weeks we will be adding the feasts of significant saint's so that parishioners are kept up to date with this aspect of our faith. We thank Fr. Brendan with his help on this project.

Nine children were baptised by our priests in the month of August. We congratulate the children and parents and wish them all the best as their journey with their child in illuminating their life's with the message of Jesus.



Pope Francis Visits Mongolia



the periphery and often over looked are cherished.

Hot on his heels from his visit to Portugal for World Youth Day Pope Francis has travelled to Mongolia. He is the first successor of Peter to visit this vast country. It is his 43rd trip in the last ten years. Of the 3.5 million inhabitants there are only a small percentage of Catholics, a total of 1,500 persons, but Pope Francis believes it is important that those on

Electrical Upgrade to Ashbourne Church

During the ongoing works on the Parochial House it has emerged that the electrical supply for the Parochial House and the Church are not distinct and separate. In order to comply with modern safety standards and today's electrical regulations new ducting has to be put in place from the Parish Centre to both buildings. The end result will be a domestic supply for the house and commercial supply for the church. In early November when the works on the parochial house are finished these works in the church grounds will take place. These works were not foreseen but are necessary to improve our parish campus.



Last Sunday's Collection Total Amounts:
Offeratory Plate €1515.00; Shrines €820.00;
Envelope Development Fund €920.00.

Requiescat in Pace

We pray for Con Breen of Racehill whose ashes were interred in our Columbarium on Saturday. Fr. Eamonn O'Brien, the oldest priest of our diocese died on Monday at 98 years of age after celebrating recently 72 years of ministry. May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace.