

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Priests of the Parish

Fr. Michael Kilmartin, P.P.

Fr. Stephen Kennedy, IVE/ C.C.

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Parish Secretary - Mary Mullen

Parish Office - Public Opening Times

Monday - Thursday 9am - 12.30pm

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23rd Sunday of Year A

FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE
GATHER IN MY NAME,
THERE AM I WITH THEM.

MATTHEW 18:20



Matthew 18:15-20

Mass Intentions

Saturday 9th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Kevin Lang, Blanchardstown, (1st Anniversary) Sarah Doherty; Elizabeth, Eddie & John Bradley; Bill Bermingham; Peter & Kathleen Moss; Paul Kelly; Ann Maddigan; Paul Meleady; Catherine & Sr. Merlyn Galway; Walter Meleady Snr; Lily Ronan.
Sunday 10th	9am	Nancy Roe & Kevin Kenny
Donaghmore	10am	Kitty Kavanagh, Ballaghweary, (Month's Mind)
Hospitality in the Parish Centre after Mass	11am	Bernadette Connor, Primatestown, (Month's Mind)
	12.30pm	Andrew Ryan, Tudor Grove, & wife Mary (1st Anniversary)
Monday 11th	10am	Chris McLoughlin
Tuesday 12th The Most Holy Name of Mary	10am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 13th	10am	Pearse Ward
Thursday 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	10am	Julie Finnegan
Friday 15th Our Lady of Sorrows	10am	Thomas Ryan
Saturday 16th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Fr. Peter Briscoe, Milltown, Dublin (Month's Mind) Bernadette Andrews; Patrick Campbell; Ned & Mary Rafferty; Bridget & Ted Cantwell; Michael, Mary & Michelle Long; Tom & Maureen Fox.
Sunday 17th	9am	McLoughlin & Tierney Families
Donaghmore	10am	People of the Parish
Hospitality in the Parish Centre after Mass	11am	Catherine Kenny Power, Tudor Close, (Month's Mind)
	12.30pm	People of the Parish

Recruitment of Altar Servers

Is your child interested in serving at the altar? We are recruiting Altar Servers for Sunday Mass in our parish. We thank all those who have volunteered so far. We ask parents and children to reflect on the benefits of making this commitment to their parish. Training for new recruits will take place on Saturday September 30th. Our parish adheres to the church's child safeguarding standards and welcomes young people's involvement in our liturgies. If you and your child are interested please say it to one of our priests and they will give you details of all involved.



Registration



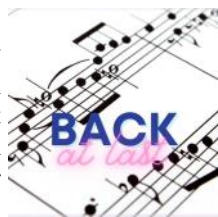
Confirmation will take place in our parish next year with the visit of Bishop Tom Deenihan on **Saturday the 23rd of March**. From Wednesday morning, September 13th parents with children in our three parish schools can register their child for the sacrament. Registration forms will be available from the three priests of our parish. The forms can be received from Fr. Michael, Fr. Stephen or Fr. Brendan on a Sunday after Mass or during the week during office hours. Requests for sacraments in our parish are made to the church and we are most happy to work with parents in passing on the Christian faith. Proof of baptism is needed and parents should be getting this ready for the parish. Parents should be willing to work with the parish and schools in passing on the great gift of faith. The priests of the parish will meet with the parents, teachers and children enrolled on Wednesday October 18th.



Zara Ahmed is speaking at the 11am and 12.30pm Mass today. She will tell us about her World Youth Day experience and Pope Francis' message to young people.

Ashbourne Church Choir Returns

In the coming weeks, Ashbourne Church Choir will resume singing at the 11am Sunday Mass. A choir is never full and they are always looking for new members to join them. As they begin a new year we thank each and every member for their commitment to their local church and for the role they play in enhancing our Sunday liturgy. If you are interested in knowing about the choir please let the Parish Office know and Giovanna or one of the choir members will get back to you.



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.

Bi-Monthly Mass with Anointing of the Sick

On Friday, September 22nd, the 10am Mass will be a Mass for the Sick. As part of this Mass, on the eve of the feast of St. Padre Pio, prayers will be said for the sick and the sacrament of anointing of the sick will be available to parishioners.



Try Something New for September ...



September is a time of year when people sometimes do something new. Have you a good reading voice? Would you become a Reader in Donaghmore or Ashbourne Church? If you are interested please let the Parish Office or one of the priests

know. Training and support will be given. Thanks to all the people who give time to their parish.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Tom is leading our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in the coming days. Over 300 people are making the pilgrimage to this great shrine. We pray for the pilgrims and especially we ask St. Bernadette's intercession on all the sick and those in need of healing being prayed for at the shrine.



This old photo shows a Corpus Christi Procession passing our Church in Ashbourne. It is believed to have been taken in the 1950's and is part of the exhibition that Ashbourne Historical Society have currently open in the town library.



Explaining a Parish Pastoral Assembly (Part 3)

The primary concern of the Parish Pastoral Assembly is promoting 'pastoral action', not administration, buildings, asset management, finance, appointment of staff, all of which are the responsibility of other groups in the parish. Parish Pastoral Assembly members should be baptised, practicing the Catholic faith, in full communion with the Church, a regular attender of Mass in the Parish, be at least sixteen years of age, supporting the Parish through giving of time, energy and finances, aware of the nature, role and work of the PPA and understanding that they will be working as part of a team.

The assembly in Ashbourne 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. All parishes in our diocese will have a Parish Pastoral Assembly by the end of September and receive support from the diocese.



Update on Works to the Parochial House

The plumbing and electrical upgrade to the Parochial House is completed. All internal insulation is in place and reconfiguration complete. The rooms are now being plastered and focus is now on the finishing of the fitting of external insulation on the house. The schedule of works is for the house to be ready at the end of October.

Last Sunday's Collection Total Amounts were as follows: Offertory Plate €1240.00; Shrines €855.00; Envelope Development Fund €1215.00. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to our parish and the building of our Lord's kingdom.



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