

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Priests of the Parish

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Fr. Stephen Kennedy, IVE/ C.C.

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Parish Office - Public Opening Times

Monday - Thursday 9am - 12.30pm

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24th Sunday of Year A



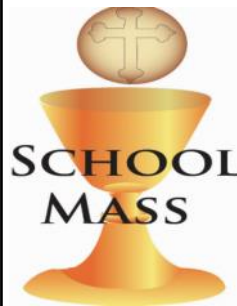
Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often must I forgive ...'

(Matthew 18:21-35)

Mass Intentions

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
Monday 18th	10am	Albert Churm
Tuesday 19th	10am	Fanchea Blackman
Wednesday 20th <i>Memorial St. Andrew, Kim Taegon & companion martyrs</i>	10am	Leo Kelly
Thursday 21st <i>Feast of St. Matthew Apostle & Evangelist</i>	10am	Patricia Bruton
Friday 22nd <i>Mass of the Sick</i>	10am	Brendan Keating, Milltown Estate, (1st Anniversary)
Saturday 23rd <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Gerard McGrath,; Thomas Hardy; Agnes & Peter Lawless, TV Joseph; Jack Barrett; Kathleen & Jim Flanagan; Deceased of Flanagan & Brennan Families; Shane Caffrey Byrne; Odhrán O'Donnell, Hugh, Madeline and John Sheridan
Sunday 24th	9am	Eamon Lacy
Donaghmore	10am	Pat Moran
Hospitality in the Parish Centre after Mass	11am	Deceased members of St. Vincent de Paul - Ashbourne Branch.
Mass for Deceased members of Fingal Old IRA	12.30pm	Paul Battersby;

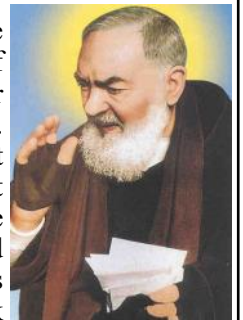
New School Year Masses



At our daily masses at 10am on Tuesday and Wednesday in Ashbourne Church the senior pupils in our Catholic Primary Schools of St. Declan's and Gaelscoil na Cille will join us for an Opening of the Year Mass and Blessing. We look forward to welcoming the school children and their teachers. The children will sit on the left hand side of the Church on these mornings and in the seats around the altar. We thank everyone involved for their co-operation.

Mass on Friday to Celebrate St. Padre Pio

On Friday next, the eve of the feast of St. Padre Pio, a relic of this great saint will be in our parish for prayerful devotion. The 10am Mass will highlight the life of Padre Pio, a saint who was close to people through his suffering and sickness. As part of this Mass prayers will be said for the sick and the sacrament of anointing of the sick will be available to parishioners. All are welcome as our parish celebrates this Capuchin saint.



St Pio of Pietricina, pray for us.

Confirmation Registration

Registration forms for Confirmation are now available from our Catholic Schools and the Parish Office. Requests for sacraments in our parish are made to the church. We as priests and parishioners are most happy to work with parents in passing on the Christian faith. Proof of baptism is needed for children baptised outside our parish. The priests of the parish will meet with all parents putting their child forward for the sacrament next March.



TRY
Something
NEW

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? Alternatively, if you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister at Masses in our parish 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 in these important ministries.

Twelve children have volunteered to become altar servers in our parish. They will serve the 7pm Vigil and the 11am and 12.30pm Masses. A meeting for these new recruits and their parents will take place on Saturday September 30th at 12 noon in Ashbourne Church. Our parish very much welcomes these young people's involvement in our liturgies and thank them and their parents for the commitment that they are making.



Ashbourne Church Ensemble Choir Returns



Singers from our local Choral Ensemble resume singing at today's 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.

This Year's 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.

Start of the After-School Sacramental Program



The after school classes for Catholic children in state schools will begin in our Parish Centre this Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon from 3.30pm. The teachers providing the instruction are paid from the donations given at the time of registration. Kay Churm and the

priests give of their time voluntarily. Parents are asked to bring their child on time to the classes and to ensure that the children are brought to Mass regularly and attend the necessary number of classes to ensure their child is ready to receive the sacrament they have requested.

Parish Pastoral Assembly

A big thank you to all who volunteered to be part of the new Parish Pastoral Assembly. A total of fifteen parishioners along with our priests will do diocesan training next Saturday morning in the



Parish Centre. Fr. Derek Darby, Meath Diocesan Pastoral Development Co-Ordinator will provide the training. All 69 parishes of Meath Diocese are forming an assembly at this time. We thank all of the volunteers and wish them all the best in this new initiative. It is great to see such interest in working with our priests in enhancing pastoral work in Ashbourne and Donaghmore. Mile Buíochas.

Opening of the Carpark next to AIB Bank

From next Sunday, on a trial basis, we are opening the carpark next to Allied Irish Bank for our Sunday Masses. It will close at 1.20pm when the last Mass is over. Our church carparks are private property and are for church and parish use only. We ask people to only use this carpark if you are attending Mass. We will see over the next month how this goes.

**SUNDAY CARPARK
CLOSES AT 1.20PM
AFTER SUNDAY MASSES**

Bethany Bereavement Support



Bethany Bereavement Group provide their regular bereavement support on the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Centre. If you are bereaved and would like some help you can contact them on (087) 2715222. We thank all the Bethany Volunteers for the work that they do.

Next Sunday a second collection will take place at mass for our parish's contribution to the Fleming Fund which is to support retired

✿ The Second Collection ✿

priests in the Diocese of Meath. Last Sunday's Collection Total Amounts were as follows: Offertory Plate €1465.00; Shrines €800.00; Envelope Development Fund €920.00. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to our parish and the building of our Lord's kingdom.

Death of Ciara Nichol

We pray for Ciara Nichol of Deerpark whose funeral took place last Monday in Kilkenny. Ciara was very involved in our parish down the years. Ciara was an assistant sacristan in Donaghmore Church. In particular she is remembered for all her work with flowers in both our churches. Many of our liturgies benefited from her work and time. We sympathise with her husband Ken and daughter Maeve at this sad time in their lives.



We pray also for Robert Kerrigan, late of Castlepark who died in May and whose ashes were interred in the family plot on Friday. May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace.