

# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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25th Sunday of Year A

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VINEYARD



In today's parable Jesus teaches "The last shall be first and the first last". Matthew 20:16.

### Mass Intentions

Saturday 23rd <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Gerard McGrath; Thomas Hardy; Agnes & Peter Lawless, TV Joseph; Jack Barrett; Shane Caffrey Byrne; Kathleen & Jim Flanagan; Deceased of Flanagan & Brennan Families; ; Odhrán O'Donnell, Hugh, Madeline and John Sheridan; Finbar Daly
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 Conference
	12.30pm	Paul Battersby and Deceased Members of Fingal Old IRA
Monday 25th	10am	Ronnie & Betty Quigley
Tuesday 26th	10am	Bridget Slattery
Wednesday 27th	10am	People of the Parish <i>St. Vincent de Paul (M)</i>
Thursday 28th	10am	Joe Rooney
Friday 29th	10am	Liam Keating <i>Feast of St. Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael Archangels</i>
Saturday 30th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Declan Conroy, Nellie O'Reilly; Catherine & James McDonnell; Fr. Jim McKenna
Sunday 1st	9am	Kathleen & Jimmy Lee
Donaghmore	10am	Ciara Nichol, Deerpark, (Months Mind)
Hospitality in the Parish Centre after Mass	11am	Mary Foran, Cluaín Rí, (1st Ann)
	12.30pm	Patrick, Mary McDonagh & deceased sons & daughters

From today on a trial basis, we are opening the carpark next to Allied Irish Bank for our Sunday Masses. It will open for the 9am Mass and close at 1.30pm sharp when the last Mass is over. Our church carparks are private property and insured 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.



### First Meeting of the New Parish Pastoral Assembly

The first meeting of the Parish Pastoral Assembly took place yesterday. Fr. Derek Darby was back with us in Ashbourne under his new brief as Meath Diocesan Pastoral Development Co-Ordinator. Fr. Derek briefed members on how the Parish Assembly should work and will be available to Fr. Michael and the team in the years ahead for any direction or guidance. We wish the PPA all the very best with their endeavours over the next four years.

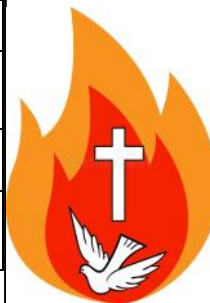
### Mass Servers Begin on Sunday 8 October

Training for the New Mass Server's will take place on Saturday next at 12 noon in Ashbourne Church. A parent or guardian is asked to attend the fifty minute practise with their child. Twelve children have volunteered and will serve the 7pm Vigil and the 11am and 12.30pm Masses. 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.



### Confirmation Registration is Underway

Registration is underway for Confirmation on March 23rd. Request Forms have been emailed to Catholic parents through our three Catholic Schools and are available from our Parish Office. A parent should discuss with their child what is involved in receiving the sacrament. 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 on Wednesday evening November 18th at 7.30pm in Ashbourne Church. **Come, Holy Spirit...**




## Update of Parish Funeral Booklet

The Parish Funeral Booklet is being reprinted in the coming weeks and we are taking the opportunity to revise our funeral guidelines and let people know how funerals are conducted and celebrated in our parish churches. The booklet contains options that families have with regard to readings from the bible and sacred music used in the catholic funeral rite. These readings from the Bible are currently being reprinted and the list of hymns used at funeral masses revised. The booklet was last printed eight years ago. As a parish of the diocese of Meath we follow the guidelines laid down by the diocese.



## New Diocesan Resource for Scripture Reflection


 A new diocesan resource to help a person's understanding of the readings at Sunday Mass has been launched. To access the resource, click on 'Resources' at [www.dioceseofmeath.ie](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie) and then click on 'Word of God'. It will take you to the new resource as well as additional aids on Sacred Scripture. Readers of the Word of God in our churches will hopefully particularly benefit from having these new resources close at hand.

## New Rota's for Ministers of the Word and Eucharist

New rota's for Ministers of the Eucharist and Readers in Ashbourne Church are available in the Church rota box next the altar. A copy of each of the four rota's is also on display on our Church Noticeboard. The faith community is grateful to all our parishioners who volunteer as Ministers at the Altar and Ambo. Míle Buíochas.



## 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.

## New Safe for our Parish Registers

In recent days a large new safe was installed in the Parish Centre. It is fire proof and will store the Parish Registers and any sensitive data the parish is obliged by law and good practise to keep. The parish has four Registers that record baptisms, confirmation, weddings and funerals that have taken place in our two parish churches.



## St. Mary's Opening of the Year Mass

 On Thursday at 10am in Ashbourne Church the senior pupils in St. Mary's School will join us for an Opening of the Year Mass. We look forward to welcoming the school children and their teachers. The children will sit on the left hand side of the Church. We thank everyone involved for their co-operation.

## Highlighting the Work of St. Vincent de Paul

The feast of St. Vincent de Paul takes place on Wednesday. We congratulate the local branch on all the work that they do in supporting those in need in Ashbourne. The local conference was founded by our late parish priest, Fr. Martin Burke. Local volunteers continue the work in our parish. The local retail shop on Killekland Street takes in and sells goods to raise money for the charity and local volunteers visit the homes to assess the material needs of families requesting and requiring assistance. The 11am Mass this Sunday is for deceased members of St. Vincent De Paul and on Wednesday we will remember this great French saint's commitment to those hurt by poverty.



**Feast Day**  
September 27

'Say little, do much'. *St Vincent de Paul*

## Donaghmore Church Matters



We are glad to welcome back Donaghmore Church Choir after the summer recess. The choir sing once a month at the 10am Sunday Mass. The faith community is grateful to the choir members and May Ryan, church organist for enhancing our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. In recent days the main internal sacristy wall on Donaghmore Church was replastered. Damage from water ingress had weakened the wall in recent years.



## Meath Diocesan Pioneer Gathering

All pioneers across the county and diocese of Meath are invited to an afternoon of prayer and reflection, including Mass next Sunday from 2-5pm in the Franciscan Friary Multyfarnham, Co Westmeath. Fr. Robert McCabe of Navan Parish is now the National Spiritual Director of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association.



## New Mother's Prayer Group



A new Mothers prayer meeting is happening on Mondays at 11am. Founded by a grandmother and her sister in 1995, there are now thousands of groups around the world. Mothers meet weekly to pray for their children. If interested contact Claire Marie on 0857758519

## Two Collections at Mass Today

Today a second collection takes place after Holy Communion. The money collected goes towards our parish's contribution to the Fleming Fund which supports retired and ill priests in the Diocese of Meath. The Offertory Collection as usual supports the needs of our parish. Last Sunday's Collection Total Amounts were as follows: Offertory Plate €1255.00; Shrines €715.00; Envelope Development Fund €635.00. Gratitude is expressed to all those who contribute, collect and count monies given to our parish.



## Remembering Those who have Died



We pray for Mary Moss, Milltown Estate whose funeral took place on Wednesday last in Ashbourne Church with interment in St. Declan's Cemetery. May she and all the faithful departed we recall rest in peace. Amen.