

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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26th Sunday of Year A



'Which of the two did the father's will?' (Matthew 21: 30)

Mass Intentions

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 Anniversary)
	12.30pm	Patrick, Mary McDonagh & deceased sons & daughters
Monday 2nd	10am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 3rd	10am	Mick & Peggy Delaney
Wednesday 4th	10am	James Molloy
Thursday 5th	10am	People of the Parish
Friday 6th	10am	Altar List of the Dead
Saturday 7th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	James & Sarah Reilly; Joseph & James Norris & deceased family members
Sunday 8th	9am	Margaret & John Farrelly
Donaghmore	10am	Robert & Margaret O'Boyle
Hospitality in the Parish Centre after Mass	11am	Con Breen, Race Hill, (Month's Mind)
	12.30pm	People of the Parish



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday in Ashbourne Church from 5 to 6pm. A priest is also available at this time to anoint any person going for surgery or looking to receive the sacrament of the sick. Feel free to come along if you are seeing any form of spiritual guidance or prayer for yourself or another person. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Thursday in our church from 10.30am to 8pm. Bethany Bereavement Support can be contacted on 087 2715222. The Rosary is recited daily in our church after the 10am Mass.

St Therese of Lisieux and a Month of Mission



Today, October 1st, we celebrate the Feast of St. Therese, the patron saint of the missions. For this year's World Mission Sunday and this Month of Mission, Pope Francis has chosen a theme inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke (CF 24:13-35) 'Hearts of Fire, Feet on the Move'. Mission Sunday will take place on October 22.



Friday Next is the First Friday of October

Mass on Friday morning next is offered for those on the Parish List of the Dead. Communion Calls by the priests of the Parish will take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. If anyone would like a priest to bring them Holy Communion please let Janice in our Parish Office know and you will be added to the Visitation list. Alternatively please let one of the priests themselves know.



Altar Servers Training

The first practise for our new altar servers took place yesterday. The next practise for those who could not make the Saturday practise takes place on Wednesday at 4.30pm in the church. Next Sunday the Altar Servers will begin serving at the 7pm, 11am and 12.30pm Masses. We thank the children who are beginning this ministry in our parish. We hope you enjoy the experience and that it helps you and parishioners grow in faith and love of our God.

Altar Server Training



St Francis and Care for Creation

We celebrate St. Francis' feast day on Wednesday. St. Francis lived from 1181 to 1226. He founded the Franciscan Order, and with St. Clare, the poor Clares. St. Francis is best known for his love of animals and care for the earth. St. Francis was a man who embraced poverty and helped the church refocus its mission to aid those in need. Francis was a man of peace and entered in to dialogue with Muslim leaders of his day. Francis lived at a time when people walked everywhere and he completed the three Christian pilgrim walks to Jerusalem, Rome and Santiago de Compostela. Pope Francis is the first Pope to take the name Francis. He shares St. Francis' love of the poor, understanding of world religions and care for creation.



Blessing of Pets on the Feast of St. Francis



Wednesday next is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. At 4pm there will be a blessing of pets and pet owners outside Ashbourne Church. If you have a dog or cat or any pet at home why not bring it to for a blessing as we celebrate the great saint who loved animals and life in all shapes and forms.

Care for Creation Prayer

God, our Creator, You have given us the earth, the sky and the seas. Show us the way to care for the earth, not just for today but for ages to come. Let no plan or work of ours damage or destroy the beauty of creation. Send forth your spirit to direct us, to care for the earth and all creation. Amen.



After School Classes Are Up and Running



The after school classes for children attending state schools take place every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon in the Parish Centre. We wish the children all the very best as they learn about Jesus. We thank the parents, teachers and priests for the work that they do in running the after school parish program.

Halfway Through Confirmation Registration

Thank you to all the parents who registered their children for the parish confirmation programme. 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 October 18th at 7.30pm in Ashbourne Church. Confirmation takes place on Saturday 23 March 2024.

**CONFIRMATION
REGISTRATION**

Parish Pastoral Assembly Training



On the morning of Saturday 23 September our new Parish Pastoral Assembly Members received training in the Parish Centre. We were delighted to welcome Fr. Derek Darby back among us and he will assist us in the years ahead from his Mullingar base. The Parish Pastoral Assembly will meet in the middle of November for the first time and on Sunday December 3 at the 11am Mass the commissioning of the new PPA will take place. All 69 parishes of the diocese by the end of the year will have a Parish Pastoral Assembly in place.

Opening of the Sunday Car Park

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.



Last Month of Parochial House Works



Radiators are ready to be installed in the Parochial House and internal electrical works are being concluded. Plastering and painting are ongoing. Kitchen units will be installed in three weeks time and all works are focussed on having the house ready for habitation at the end of October. Fr. Michael as parish priest will reside in the house.

Thank You To Those who Contribute

Gratitude is expressed to all those who contribute, collect and count monies given to our parish. Last Sunday's Collection Amounts were as follows: Offertory Plate €1380.00; Second Collection for retired priests €1350.00; Shrines €785.00; Envelope Development Fund €895.00.

Thank You!

On Sunday last Tony Malone of Archerstown Wood passed away in the care of his family. Tony was a regular in Ashbourne Church and loved receiving the sacraments and meeting our priests and parishioners. Tony regularly led the Rosary, sang hymns to our Lady and organised pilgrimages from Ashbourne. During the summer, despite being ill, he organised buses to Knock, Mount Mellary and Our Lady's Island. Tony will be fondly remembered and forever in our hearts. May he and all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

