

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Priests of the Parish

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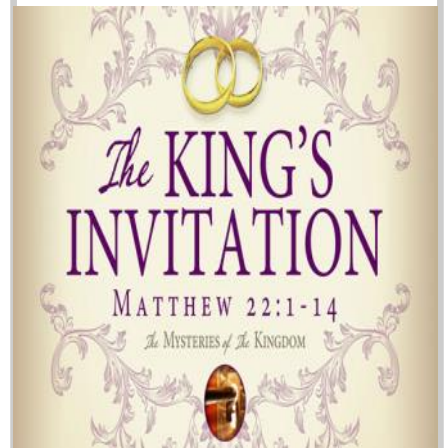
Monday - Thursday 9am - 12.30pm

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28th Sunday of Year A



The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding...

Saturday 14th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Terry O'Brien; Mary Keogh; Peg, Jamsey & Henry Kavanagh; Keith Andrews; Lawrence Gaynor
Sunday 15th	9am	People of the Parish
Donaghmore	10am	People of the Parish
Hospitality in the Parish Centre after Mass	11am	Mary Moss, Milltown (Month's Mind)
	12.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 16th <i>St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (Sacred Heart)</i>	10am	Joseph Howlett
Tuesday 17th <i>St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>	10am	Larry Dunne
Wednesday 18th <i>Feast of St. Luke</i>	10am	Kitty Doran
Thursday 19th	10am	Breda & Ted Cantwell
Friday 20th	10am	Chris McLoughlin
Saturday 21st <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Margaret & Oliver Kelly; Joe Curran; John Buckley; James O'Donnell; Josie McGrath.
Sunday 22nd	9am	Rose & Bob McLoughlin
Donaghmore	10am	Betty O'Connell
Hospitality in the Parish Centre after Mass	11am	Marykuty Luka Kavumkal, India, (1st Anniversary)
	12.30pm	Jimmy, Jean & son Peadar Lawless

Confirmation Meeting on Wednesday Evening at 7.30pm

This Wednesday evening at 7.30pm there is a meeting for parents with children for confirmation. At this meeting parents can check that they have their child registered. This meeting is for parents with children attending religion classes in parish schools and in the after school program in our parish centre. The priests of the parish will outline the role of the parents in supporting the work of the parish and its teachers in preparing the 'confirmandi' for the sacrament of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation takes place on Saturday 23 March 2024. *Come, Holy Spirit ...*



FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION



1st Communion Registration is Underway

Now is the time for parents to put their children forward for the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Request and Commitment Forms have been emailed from the parish to parents through our three parish schools. It is important that parents let us know what parish their child was baptised in. The closing date for registration is Monday 6th of November. A meeting for all parents of first communion children will take place in Ashbourne Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th of November. First Communion will take place in our Parish next May please God. We look forward to these special days in our parish.

2nd Weekend of Our New Altar Servers Team

Once again we welcome new servers to the altar in Ashbourne Church. Barry, Rachel, Emma, Elspeth, Jeremy, Tess, Solomon, Isabel, Abigail, Ruben, Ann, Grace and Lucy we are delighted to have you serving at Sunday Mass. As servers you will serve in groups of two and three at the 7pm, 11am and 12.30pm masses. We hope that you will not be too nervous and that you and your families will feel and know the support of parishioners. We wish you all the best in your ministry and thank you for being a Mass server in our parish. We hope you enjoy the experience and that it helps you and parishioners grow in faith and love of our God.





World Mission Sunday

Next weekend we celebrate Mission Sunday. Our Masses will be offered for the Evangelisation of People. There are two aspects to Mission— Near and Far.



Every Christian is a missionary. We are tasked with mission through our baptism to spread and share the good news of Jesus Christ. Many people around us have not experienced Jesus. They do not have a real relationship with the Lord and

doubt him as a friend. Some are lapsed in their belief and some are three generations gone from a living faith. Meath diocese relies currently on 21 Priests from the developing world. These priests are from Nigeria, Romania, Uganda and India. We have a long history of sending missionaries abroad and now we need missionary priests and sisters to help us live our faith and grow in our love of God.

Alongside the mission to build the kingdom of God in our own locality we are encouraged to always support the foreign missions. The church is young and growing in several parts of the world. Irish missionary nuns and priests contributed much to bringing Jesus to the wider world. We support our brothers and sisters in Christ through prayer and finance. 'Missio Ireland' is the Pope's official charity which organises the annual Irish church appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. As over 1,100 young dioceses grow, so do their needs. They are often found in remote areas challenged by conflict, persecution and natural disasters. The reflection and prayer offered at this time supports and encourages the young churches. The money we collect at Mass next weekend goes towards supporting missionary programmes to provide basic infrastructure, train future leaders in the church and care for the spiritual and physical wellbeing of children and adults. Over €1.3 million was collected on Mission Sunday last year and supported projects in the Central African Republic, Guinea-Bissau, Mali and Niger.



During the month of October you are encouraged to pray the Rosary for missionary activity in the world. Offer the first decade for the Church in the continent of **Europe**, so that it might be capable of getting back its evangelising strength which generated several churches. Pray the second decade for **Asia**, which explodes with life and youthfulness. Meditate and reflect on the third decade for **Africa**, tested by suffering, but open to the announcement of the Gospel. In the fourth decade pray for **America**, the nursery of new missionary strength. Offer the last decade for the Continent of **Oceania and Australia** which is awaiting greater diffusion of the Gospel.



First Task of the New Parish Assembly

The first task of the new parish pastoral assembly is to put together a parish mission statement. Fr. Derek, the diocesan support person for pastoral activity, briefed the members of the assembly at its recent training day on some of the aspects of formulating a good mission statement. The new assembly will meet in November to look at this issue and will publish its mission statement once agreed. The assembly will be officially commissioned at the 11am mass on Sunday December 3. The assembly will have a four year term and work on the four pastoral areas prioritised from the parish survey.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Has Begun



This year's Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults wanting to become a Catholic is underway. Two candidates have begun the journey of adult reception of the Catholic sacraments. We thank Brendan and Aine for running the classes every Saturday morning in the Parish Centre. We look forward to welcoming the candidates to Sunday Mass as

we accompany them in their journey of faith and reception of the sacraments next Easter and Pentecost.

Safeguarding Sunday

On Sunday 5 November our parish will celebrate Safeguarding Sunday. Now that we have children back serving mass it is important that we are vigilant around child safety and do everything to continue to make sure that the environment for children's ministry is safe and child friendly. On this first Sunday of November our parish will highlight its safeguarding policy and standards. Our child safeguarding representatives are Mary Mullen and Michelle Heneghan and two new safeguarding representatives are in the process of receiving training. We thank these volunteers for the time they give to supporting children's activities in our parish.



Sale of Parish House in Johnswood Park



In the last few days the Property Commission of St. Finian's Diocesan Trust informed our parish that the mid terrace townhouse in Johnswood estate belonging to our parish was sold. The parish finance committee took the decision to sell the house last February as a number of projects were to be financed in our parish and the missionary outreach of the house had come to an end in recent years.

2nd Collection Next Weekend Next Sunday there will be two collections at our Sunday Masses. The regular offertory collection for the support of our parish will be followed after communion with the collection to support overseas missionaries in the work that they do. Last Sunday's Collection Total Amounts were as follows: Offertory Plate €1230; Shrines €850; Envelope Development Fund €1375. Gratitude is expressed to all those who contribute, collect and count monies given to our parish.

Remembering Those who have Died

We pray for Mon Skelly, The Ward, whose funeral took place on Friday last. May she and all the faithful departed we recall rest in peace. Amen.