

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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29th Sunday of Year A

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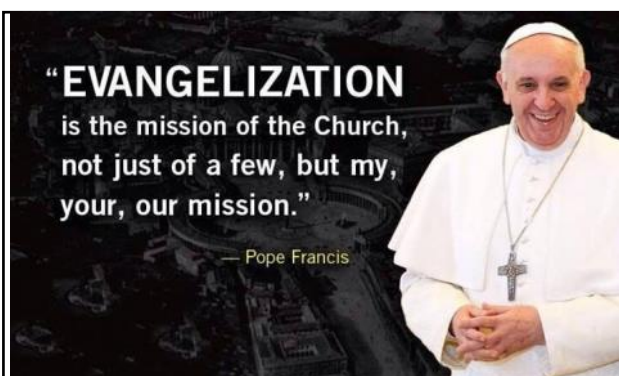
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

22 October 2023

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	Marykutty Luka Kavumkal, India, (1st Anniversary)
	12.30pm	Jimmy, Jean & son Peadar Lawless
Monday 23rd	10am	Pauline Larkin
Tuesday 24th	10am	Camilla Morgan & deceased family
Wednesday 25th	10am	Tresa Ennis
Thursday 26th	10am	Margaret Mintern
Friday 27th	10am	People of the Parish
Saturday 28th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	James & Bridget Keating; Mai McCabe; Jacqueline Mongan
Sunday 29th	9am	People of the Parish
Donaghmore	10am	Matthew, Maura & Christy Lambe
Hospitality in the Parish Centre after Mass	11am	Gerard McCann, Milltown Ave, (Month's Mind)
	12.30pm	Matt Geraghty

Ashbourne Apostolic Works Display

This weekend you will see a display of vestments and mass kits that are being donated to the foreign missions. This year the goods are being donated to the religious institute that Fr. Brendan and Fr. Stephen belong to. The Institute of the Incarnate Word are based in over twenty countries worldwide. Their priests and sisters work in some countries that are very poor including Gaza, Ukraine, Peru and Mexico. These goods will mark the solidarity between the recipients and our local faith community here in Ashbourne. The parish is grateful to Helena Scully for all the work that she and others have done for decades showing practical support to the mission fields.



“EVANGELIZATION
is the mission of the Church,
not just of a few, but my,
your, our mission.”

— Pope Francis

This weekend we celebrate Mission Sunday. Our Masses are offered for the Evangelisation of People. Mission is often described as a Passion for Jesus and at the same time a Passion for his people. At the end of Mass we are sent out of our church on a mission to build God's kingdom. Try to reflect on your mission today and in the coming week. Think of mission priests, nuns and lay people who gave and give so much to build God's kingdom.



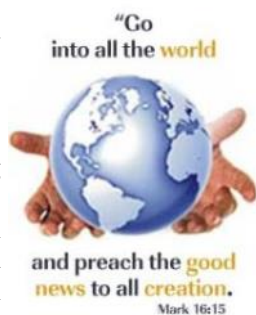
**“Not all of us
can do great things. But
we can do small things
with great love.”**

—Mother Teresa



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. We are asked to have our ‘hearts on fire and feet on the move’ for 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 over twenty priests from the developing world in countries such as 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.

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 continue to 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 money we collect at Mass today 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.



1st Communion Parents are called to be Missionary

First Holy Communion Request and Commitment Forms have been emailed from the parish to parents through our three parish schools. 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.

Formation of a New Parish Mission Statement

The new parish pastoral assembly will meet on 21 November to look at the formation of a new 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 a good mission statement. The assembly will publish its new mission statement and 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.



Pope Francis on the Middle East Conflict

Pope Francis at the Angelus last Sunday in St. Peter’s Square spoke about the terrible atrocities that are taking place in Israel and Palestine. Pope Francis pleaded with the world and its leaders to respect humanitarian law ‘especially in Gaza where it is urgent and necessary to ensure humanitarian corridors are open to aid the entire population’. He appealed for peace and restraint in the Israel-Hamas war. He asks us to pray for peace in Europe and in the Holy Land.



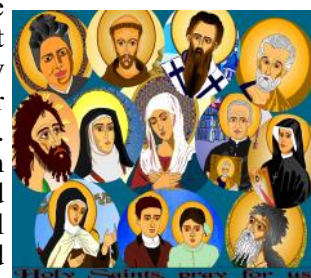
Safeguarding Sunday in our Parish



On Sunday 5 November our parish our parish will highlight its safeguarding policy and standards. Our parish is vigilant around child safety and strives to do everything to continue to make sure that the environment for children’s ministry and instruction is safe and child friendly. We thank our child safeguarding representatives and volunteers for the time they give to supporting children’s activities in our parish.

Feast of All Soul’s is Wednesday Week

There are two masses in Ashbourne Church on the feast of All Soul’s at 10am and 7pm. This holy day begins a month when we remember and pray for those who have died. In the coming days the compilation of the new Parish List of the Dead will begin. Envelopes and lists will be available in Ashbourne and Donaghmore Churches.



2nd Collection This Weekend



This Sunday there are 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 ‘Missio Ireland’ which finances overseas missionaries. On their behalf we thank you for supporting the foreign missions. Last Sunday’s Collection

Total Amounts in Ashbourne and Donaghmore and were as follows: Offertory Plate €1250; Shrines €940; Envelope Development Fund €855. Gratitude is expressed to all those who contribute, collect and count monies given to our parish.

Death of Rita Smith, Mother of our Parish Secretary

On Friday last, Rita Smith of Artane, the mother of our parish secretary, Mary Mullen, passed away. Rita was ninety five years of age and had good health until recently. Her funeral was celebrated in St. John Vianney Church on Tuesday with burial in Sutton. We extend our deep sympathy to Mary and Bernadette, Rita’s sons in law and grandchildren. We remember and pray for them at this time. May Rita now rest in the peace of heaven.

