

# 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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30th Sunday of Year A



'On these two commandments hang the whole Law and the Prophets also'.

Matthew 22:40

Saturday 28th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	James & Bridget Keating; Mai McCabe; Jacqueline Mongan; Christopher & Cora Lowe
Sunday 29th	9am	People of the Parish
Donaghmore	10am	Matthew, Maura & Christy Lambe
Hospitality in the Parish Centre after Mass	11am	Gerard McCann, Milbourne Ave, Month's Mind Mass
	12.30pm	Matt Geraghty
Monday 30th	10am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 31st	10am	John & deceased of the Ward Family
Wednesday 1st All Saint's Day	10am 7pm	Celebration of All Saint's Day A holyday of obligation
Thursday 2nd All Soul's Day	8am, 9am 10am	Three Masses are said for the Faithful Departed and People are encouraged to visit a cemetery.
Friday 3rd	10am	1st Friday Altar List of the Dead
Saturday 4th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Mary & Martin Guinane John Clarke Joseph & Winifred Murrinan
Sunday 4th	9am	McLoughlin & Tierney Families
Donaghmore	10am	Geralyn Corcoran, Navan and Ashbourne (1st Anniversary)
Hospitality in the Parish Centre after Mass	11am	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	Eileen Fenton



This is a time of the year when we think about endings and beginnings. The days are drawing in, trees are bare and much of nature appears to be preparing itself for the

long months of hibernation. November is a time when we as remember all those who have died. The church calendar for November begins in three days time with two special feasts.

### Wednesday—Feast of All Saint's

#### Holyday Masses 10am and 7pm

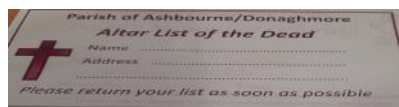
Halloween means eve of All Saint's or Hallows. In the eight century the church moved the feast from May 31st— the height of summer to November 1st to shadow the pagan belief in evil spirits and to emphasise at this time of year- when things may seem bleak - the Christian belief in all things good. On this day we thank God for those whose lives have been found worthy of heaven. Perhaps this week make an extra effort to think of the lives of a saint you know and when in our churches go close to the statues and pictures in our sacred buildings that bring us close to the call for us to be saints.

### Thursday—Feast of All Soul's

November 2nd is All Soul's Day—a day when mass throughout the world is offered for those who have died and we remember the souls in purgatory. On this day priests are encouraged to say three masses for this single intention of praying for those who have died. In Ashbourne we will have masses on the hour at 8am, 9am and 10am. You are encouraged to make an extra effort to visit the graves of loved ones, light a candle in their memory, do a good turn for the deceased and remember to pray for them.

## List of the Dead 2024

Altar lists of the dead are available in both our parish churches. The names sent to the parish of all who have died are collected and Masses are offered every month for those who make up the Parish List. Please place your list and offering together in the envelope available from our churches. You can return them either to the Large Safe Deposit Box in Ashbourne Church marked 'List of the Dead' or to the Parish Office.





### First Friday Mass and Communion Calls

On this first Friday of November the last Mass is offered for those on the current list of the Dead. The old list will be burnt as a symbolic offering after this mass. The focus turns to the compiling of a new list. The priests of the parish will do their monthly calls to the sick and housebound on the First Friday. If anyone is sick or infirm and unable to get to Sunday Mass and would like the priest to bring them Holy Communion please contact the Parish Office.

### Every First Friday is a Mass In Loving Memory

The names sent to us each November of all those who have died are entered on our List of the Dead. They are placed on the main altar of our church every First Friday of the year. On that day Mass is offered specially for these deceased that they have entered rest with the Lord, and that their families, relatives and friends, may be consoled in their loss. We thank everyone who supports their priests through the List of the Dead and all mass stipends received when masses are booked through the parish office.



### Annual Mass for those who have Died

The Annual Parish Mass of Remembrance will take place in Ashbourne Church on Saturday 25 November at 7pm. Our priests will concelebrate this last Vigil Mass of the church liturgical year together for all those who have died in our parish over the past year. The list of those we lost over the last twelve months is currently being compiled and will be published in the coming weeks as part of our organisation of this mass and outreach to the bereaved.



### Support for the Bereaved

The Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Team is available to assist people who are grieving. For further information call 087 2715222. Our priests are also available every

Saturday afternoon to meet any parishioner who wishes to talk to them about grief, sickness or any other matter.

### 1st Communion Registration Continues

Catholic parents with children in second class in our three parish primary schools who would like their child to receive Holy Communion next May should register their child at this time. A request Form and Commitment Form have been sent to all parents through the school. The closing date for registration is Monday November 6th. A meeting for all those registered through the parish schools and the after school parish programme will take place in Ashbourne Church on Wednesday evening November 7th at 7,30 pm. If anyone has any queries about registration please let the Parish Office know.



### Meetings for those involved in Church Ministries



During the month of November there will be a meeting in Ashbourne Church for all those who serve the parish as Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Sacristans and Stewards. Dates and times will be announced in the coming weeks. If anyone has any aspect of their ministry they want explained or any practical details looked at please let Fr. Michael know or email the Parish Office.

### Eucharistic Adoration on a Thursday



Every Thursday Eucharistic Adoration takes place on the main altar of Ashbourne Church. It begins after the 10am daily mass unless there is a funeral that morning when it begins at 12 noon. The adoration

concludes with Eucharistic Hour and Benediction from 7.00pm to 8pm. It is important that we have at least one person present in the church at all times during this adoration time period. The parish is currently seeking parishioners to pledge an hour across the day. Fr. Brendan is looking after the rota and if you can pledge either 30 or 60 minutes on a Thursday he would be delighted to hear from you. We thank all parishioners who take part in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

The Annual Admission Notices for the three parish primary schools - St. Declan's N.S., St. Mary's N.S. and Gaelscoil na Cille have been recently published on their websites. Parents of children who wish to apply for admission to Junior Infants September 2024 should read these notices carefully as they include important information about how and when you can apply.



### Ashbourne Apostolic Works and Mission Sunday



A big word of thanks to Helena Scully who for many years has been running the local branch of the Apostolic Works. It was great to see so many goods on display in our church last Sunday as they are sent off to good missionary causes. We say thank you to Helena for all her efforts and work well

done. 'Missio Ireland' are very appreciative of all the monies raised to support their mission projects. Last Sunday's Mission Collection Total came to €1525. The collection amounts for parish purposes were as follows: Offertory Plate €1755; Shrines €770; Envelope Development Fund €835. Next Sunday there is a 2nd Collection for the November Priests offering day. Gratitude is expressed to all those who contribute, collect and count monies given to our parish. Mile buiochas.



### Remembering Those who have Died

We pray for our parishioners whose funerals took place in the past few days. Michael Keogh, Killekland whose funeral took place on Wednesday last and Maura Hourihan, Racehill Manor whose funeral took place on Thursday last. May they rest in peace.

