

# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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31st Sunday of Year A

The greatest one  
among you must  
be your servant.

Matthew 23:11

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Mary & Martin Guinane; Joe Clarke; Helen Coughlan; Joseph & Winifred Marrinan; Eleanor Nobiletti, New York (1st Anniversary) Ann Gaynor, Birmingham, (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 5th	9am	McLoughlin & Tierney Families
Donaghmore	10am	People of the Parish
Hospitality in the Parish Centre after Mass	11am	Geralyn Corcoran, Navan and Ashbourne (1st Anniversary)
	12.30pm	Eileen Fenton
Monday 6th	10am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 7th	10am	Patrick Walsh (Jnr)
Wednesday 8th	10am	Liam Davis
Thursday 9th	10am	James & Mary Rogers
Friday 10th	10am	Ellen McGrath
Saturday 11th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Kathleen Doherty; David Behan; Tomas & Monica Carberry; Donuto, Magnelne, Antolyyus, Jaromciuk, Jelena, Asta, Ivanova & Marcella Fagan; James & Esme Curley
Sunday 12th	9am	Thomas Mintern
Donaghmore	10am	Kay Creaby
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This is Ashbourne Parish Safeguarding Sunday. Our parish looks after children receiving after school instruction for the sacraments in the Parish Centre. It also takes responsibility for children when they are serving Sunday Mass. Teachers and volunteers with children are vetted and aware of their responsibilities to provide a caring and safe environment for children at all times. Our parish follows the safeguarding policy and standards found on our diocesan website [www.dioceseofmeath.ie](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie). This policy is on display on our parish noticeboards. At this time each year our parish reports to the designated officers in the diocese on how we keep a safe environment for children. We thank our safeguarding representatives for the time they give to supporting children's activities in our parish. We thank parents for all that they do in faith formation. If anyone has any observation on safeguarding procedures please contact the Parish Office.

### 1st Communion Parent's Meeting on Tuesday

This Tuesday evening at 7.30pm there is a meeting for parents with children for communion. At this meeting parents can check that they have their child registered. This meeting is for all parents with children attending religion classes in parish schools and in the after school program in our Parish Centre. First holy communion weekend dates next May will be announced and the priests of our parish will encourage the parents to do all they can to pass on faith to their children and support the work of the parish and its teachers in preparing these children for the sacrament of the Eucharist. The closing date for registration of a child for holy communion next year is close of the Parish Office tomorrow, Monday November 6th.



### A Prayer for Parent's and Families



Loving God, We thank you for the gift of our faith. Thank you for the generations gone before us, who passed on their faith to us. Help us to encourage our child in his/her journey of faith, especially during this special time of preparation for 1st Communion.



### In November We Remember ...

Now that the clock has changed the days are drawing in, trees are nearly bare and much of nature appears to be preparing itself for the long months of hibernation. November is a time when we as Catholics traditionally reflect on the meaning of life and pray for all those who have died.

#### List of the Dead For The Coming Year

Altar lists of the dead are now 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. Return them either to the Large Safe Deposit Box in Ashbourne Church marked 'List of the Dead' or to the Parish Office. The names given to us each November are entered on Ashbourne/Donaghmore Parish 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 especially for these deceased with the intention 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.



The Annual Parish Mass of Remembrance will take place in Ashbourne Church on Saturday evening November 25th 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 next week as part of our organisation of this mass and outreach to 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.

#### First 'Confirming Our Children' Mass

The first preparatory mass for Confirmation next March takes place in Ashbourne Church next weekend. At this Mass the children registered for confirmation promise to do their best with their parents, parish and teachers to grow in their faith. The candidates or 'confirmandi' bring with them a faith friend who will come forward to the altar with them as they make their promise. This faith friend is asked to talk seriously to the candidate about how they are getting on with preparation. The faith friend also promises to pray for the candidate in the coming weeks. The children have been asked to choose a faith friend a person close to them, perhaps a parent or grandparent who has good faith and is a good Christian witness to the gospel.



*Come, Holy Spirit ...*

### Can You Give an Hour to Eucharistic Adoration?



Every Thursday Eucharistic Adoration takes place in 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 prayers, rosary and benediction from 7pm 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 thirty minutes across the day. Fr. Brendan is looking after the rota and if you can pledge a half an hour 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 new assembly will have its first meeting in the Parish Centre at 7pm on November 21st. Its first task will be to appoint officers and to put together a parish mission statement. Fr. Derek, the diocesan support person for pastoral activity, briefed the members of the assembly at its training day on some of the aspects of formulating a good mission statement. 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 following four pastoral areas prioritised from the parish survey.

#### Parochial House Interior Works At An End

Work on the refurbishment of the Parochial House will come to an end on Friday. Works will continue on the exterior of the house and church grounds and these are scheduled for completion at the end of the month. Part of the ongoing work is the cutting back of trees next the Parochial House. Some trees in front of the church facing on to Frederick Street also need pruning and are being attended to also in the coming weeks.



#### 2nd Collection at Mass Today



There are two collections at mass this Sunday. The first collection at offertory time supports the running of the parish. The second collection is called the 'November Offering Day' and takes place after communion on a Sunday each November. This is one of six yearly collections that make up the payment of a salary and living costs to support the three priests in our parish. We express gratitude to our parishioners who support our priests in their ministry and service. The collection amounts for last week were as follows: Offertory Plate €1540; Shrines €1040; Envelope/Development Fund €850. Gratitude is expressed to all those who contribute, collect and count monies given to our parish.

As we pray this month for all the deceased we are asked this week to pray for Sr. Pauline Moloney, a sister of the late James of Cherry Lane. Sr. Pauline was a presentation sister in New Zealand. May she and all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

