

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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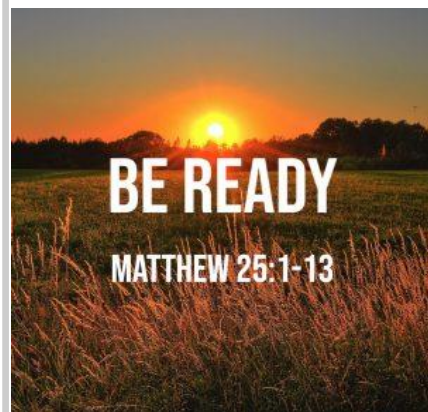
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Confessions every Saturday 5-6pm



32nd Sunday of Year A



Stay awake because you do not know either the day or the hour
Matthew 25: 13

Mass Intentions

Saturday 11th	7pm	Kathleen Doherty; David Behan; Thomas & Monica Carberry; Donuto, Magnelne, Antolyus, Jaremciek, Jelena, Asta, Ivanova & Marcella Fagan; Noreen O'Dwyer; James & Esme Curley.
<i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>		
Sunday 12th	9am	Thomas Minterrn
Donaghmore	10am	Kay Creaby
Hospitality in the Parish Centre after Mass	11am	Mass Offered For Those Receiving Confirmation
	12.30pm	Catherine (Pat) Heddy
Monday 13th	10am	Michael Dunne, Deerpark, (1st Anniversary)
Tuesday 14th	10am	Peggy Hollywood
Wednesday 15th	10am	Bridget & deceased Mulvey Family
Thursday 16th	7pm	People of the Parish
Friday 17th	10am	Elizabeth Kelly
Saturday 18th	7pm	John McAleese; Paud & Aily O'Reegan; Maureen & Joe McCormack; Ety & John Kelly; Jane & Les Groome; Pauline Caulfield; Michael, Julia & Mary Andrews; Patricia & Thomas McNevin, Michael Kelly, Roisin O Callaghan, Deceased Legion of Mary
<i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>		
Sunday 19th	9am	Deceased of the Carthy Family
Donaghmore	10am	Mick, Bernie & Martin Boland; Fintan Holloran
Hospitality in the Parish Centre after Mass	11am	Michael Keogh, Killeglend, (Months Mind)
	12.30pm	Catherine & Paul Martin



First 'Confirming Our Children' Mass

The first preparatory mass for Confirmation takes place in Ashbourne Church this 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 chose as 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.

Confirmation will take place on Saturday March 23rd.



Bishop Calls a Diocesan Assembly for Priests

On Wednesday and Thursday next all priests of the 69 parishes of our diocese are gathering in Cavan to meet with Bishop Tom to begin reflection on the future of priestly ministry in a changing faith context. Daily mass on Thursday next will be at 7pm. At 10am on Thursday adoration will begin with the rosary and conclude just before the 7pm Mass. Funerals will not take place on Wednesday or Thursday to facilitate our priests meeting with Bishop Tom. The 10am Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday will take place as usual.



1st Communion masses will take place on Saturday May 18th and 25th 2024. On the following day the children will attend their first Sunday mass. We thank all the parents who registered their children and attended the communion meeting on Tuesday.

Parish Assembly Meeting



The new assembly will have its first meeting in the Parish Centre at 7pm on Tuesday evening November 21st. Its first task will be to appoint officers and to put together a parish 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. The four areas are 1) Adult Faith development with emphasis on helping parents with children for the sacraments grow in faith 2) Involving Young Children/Youth more in Sunday Masses and forming a Youth Prayer Group. 3) Improving our Parish Website/Social Media Outreach 4) Enhancing the Celebration of the Eucharist.

40 Hours of Adoration in Mullingar Cathedral

Bishop Deenihan is calling each parish in the Diocese of Meath to make a Eucharistic pilgrimage to our Cathedral, to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This begins on Friday 24th at 7.30pm and ends on the feast of Christ the King, November 26th at 4pm with Benediction. The priests of Ashbourne will be in the Cathedral at 12 noon on Saturday the 25th and parishioners are welcome to join. The following intentions will be included in prayer: For the children preparing for the Sacraments and for their families, that they may grow in love for Christ in the Eucharist; For a return to the Eucharist in our parish communities; For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



Every Thursday Eucharistic adoration takes place in Ashbourne Church. It is important that we have at least one person present in the church during adoration from 10.30am to 8pm. 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 he would be delighted to hear from you. We thank all parishioners who take part in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.



“Only in adoration, only in the presence of the Lord, do we truly rediscover our taste and passion for evangelization. Oddly enough, we have lost the prayer of adoration; and everyone, priests, bishops, consecrated men and women, need to recover it, this ability to be quiet in the Lord’s presence.”

Pope Francis, World Youth Day 2023, Lisbon



The collection amounts for last week were as follows: Offertory Plate €1235; November Offering Collection €2040; Shrines €1225; Envelope/Development Fund €895. Gratitude is expressed to all those who contribute, collect and count monies given to our parish.
Mile buíochas.

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



Meetings for those involved in Church Ministries

There will be a meeting in Ashbourne Church for all those who serve the parish as Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Sacristans and Stewards, 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. Meeting of Eucharistic Ministers on Monday evening November 27th, Meeting of Readers on Tuesday 28th and Meeting of Stewards on Wednesday 29th. On Wednesday, November 22nd, the next Donaghmore Church area meeting will take place at 7pm in Donaghmore Church.

Annual Mass for those who Died Over the Past Year

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 following 45 parishioners had their funeral masses in our parish. **November 2022** Geralyn Corcoran, Ashbourne/Navan **December 2022** Matt Russell, Race Hill; Kathleen Tubbritt, Ashbourne; Chris Berry, Archerstown; Darren Ellis, Crestwood; Mary Rochfort, Cluain Rí; **January 2023** Fran Hannon, Brookville; Tommy Milner, Huntsgrove; Matty Gorman, Milltown; David Feekery, Crestwood; Liz Costello, Crestwood; **February 2023** Marita Ryan, Bourne Ave; Paul Grimes, Baltrasna; Oliver Curran, Baltrasna; Ciarán Gibney, Racehill; John Brennan, Maple Grove; George Wilton, Alderbrook **March 2023** Cecelia Doyle, Tudor Grove; Maureen Enright, Cluain Rí; Chris McLoughlin, Baltrasna; Mary Farrell, Milltown; Pat Bobbett, Fleenstown; Marion Anderson, Hickey’s Lane **April 2023** Billy Walsh, Killelland; Liam Shelly, Archerstown **May 2023** Dermot Browne, Huntsgrove; Mary Battersby, Milltown; Martin Boland, Surrey; Ronnie O’Connor, Regents Hall; Dinny Farrell, Milltown; Ita O’Neill, Regents Hall **June 2023** Maggie Beggy, Milltown; Joe McQuaid, Dublin Road **July 2023** Geraldine Ledwith, Deerpark **August 2023** Bernadette Connor, Primatestown; Kitty Kavanagh, Killsallaghan; Catherine Kenny Power, Tudor Close **September 2023** Gerard McCann, Milltown **October 2023** Marian Winston, Westview; Monica Skelly, The Ward; Mary Moss, Milltown; Michael Keogh, Killelland; Maura Hourihan, Racehill **November 2023** Kathrina Hurley, Alderbrook and Eddie Fennelly, Rath Lodge.



Altar lists of the dead are now available in both our parish churches. The names of all who have died are collected and Masses are offered every month for those who make up the Parish List.