

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Christ the King A



Hail, Redeemer, Christ Divine

This Final Sunday of the Liturgical Year is Christ the King Sunday and a Feast Day that focusses on the Supreme Authority of Christ.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 25th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Mass is for those who died over the past year. We pray for their repose and for those who grieve their loss.
Sunday 26th	9am	Annie and Jack Ryan
Donaghmore	10am	Vera and Wally Browne
Hospitality in the Parish Centre after Mass	11am	Tony Malone, Archerstown Wood (Month's Mind)
	12.30pm	Paul Kiernan, Baltrasna (1st Anniversary) and Moira & Matthew
Monday 27th	10am	Maureen and Jim Mullen
Tuesday 28th	10am	Stephen Ledwith
Wednesday 29th	10am	Joe McKane
Thursday 30th	10am	Deceased Members of Ashbourne Bridge Club
Friday 1st December	10am	Parish List of the Dead
Saturday 2nd <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i> Maureen & Bill Enright; Alice, Christopher, Noel, Christy Quirke, John, Spike and Eileen Emmett; Pat & Sheila Kearns, Maureen Jones	7pm	Grainne Redmond; Bob and Rose McLoughlin; Michael, Julia, Mary Andrews; Ned and deceased Nulty Family; Patrick and deceased O'Sullivan Family; Patricia, Patrick, and Marie O'Connor; Kathleen Johnson; Geoffrey and Vera Smith; Trudy, Hugh, JJ, and Amy Gallagher; John and Fionula O'Driscoll; Christina and Hugh Mc Aree; Fr Bill Krekolberg and Sarah Moore.
Sunday 3rd	9am	McLoughlin + Tierney Families
Donaghmore	10am	Marcella and Joseph Morris
Hospitality in the Parish Centre after Mass	11am	John and Nancy Kinsella and their grandson Joey, Duleek (Month's Mind)
	12.30pm	Maura Hourihan, Racehill Manor (Month's Mind)

Annual Bethany Bereavement Mass

The 7pm Mass is concelebrated by our three priests and is offered for all those who died in our parish over the last 12 months. The names of the deceased are read out and a family member brings a candle in their memory to the altar. Fr. Michael leads this vigil as our parish prays for our parishioners who have recently passed away.



*Do this in
Remembrance
of Me*

1 COR 11: 23-26

At the three Masses in Ashbourne Church this Sunday morning we welcome 1st communion children and their families. This is their Enrolment Mass Sunday and the first of six special preparatory 'Do This In Memory' Masses for reception of Holy Communion. 145 children are registered to receive Communion next May. We thank all the parents who registered their children promptly and attended the recent parish meeting. We encourage parents to attend Mass with their children every Sunday.



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The parish mainline phone number is (01) 8353149. Mary our parish secretary and our priests are contactable at this number. Outside of regular office hours, in the case of an emergency, call forwarding is available.



Meeting for Eucharistic Ministers

On Monday evening there is a meeting for Eucharistic Ministers in Ashbourne Church at 7pm.

Meeting for Ministers of the Word/ Readers

On Tuesday evening there is a meeting for Ministers of the Word in Ashbourne Church at 7pm.

Meeting for Stewards/Sacristans/Collectors

On Wednesday evening there is a meeting for stewards, collectors and sacristans in Ashbourne Church at 7pm.



Next Friday is the first Friday of December and the 10am Mass will be offered for all those on the new Parish List of the Dead. The priests of the parish will bring the Blessed Sacrament to the sick and housebound on Friday morning

next. If anyone would like to be added to the sick call list please let one of the priests know.

Thank you to all those who have committed themselves to praying before the Blessed Sacrament during Exposition on a Thursday in Ashbourne Church. At the moment we have 16 parishioners committed to half hour slots of Adoration. If anyone could volunteer thirty minutes during the afternoon hours between one and five please let Fr. Brendan know or simply contact the Parish Office.



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Last week Bishop Tom met with the priests of the 69 parishes of our diocese. He began a process of reflection on the future of priestly ministry and pastoral life in parishes in the Diocese of Meath.

At this gathering, new models of parish life, possible future collaborations among parishes, the provision of sacraments, personnel and resources, faith formation and the welfare of priests were discussed. The establishment of a Parish Pastoral Assembly in every parish to help diocesan consultation and engagement was reemphasised. While there are no simple solutions to the challenges of keeping faith alive and sustaining vibrant faith communities in the future context it is important that we engage in the reality of the world of today and pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us in the tasks ahead.



Pope Francis travels to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates on Friday to participate in COP

28. This Annual UN Climate Summit will assess progress and failures in reaching the goals adopted by 196 countries, including the Holy See, at the Paris climate agreement in 2015. Pope Francis often speaks of the need for everyone to look after the environment and all of God's creation and he has written two encyclical letters to Catholics on this topic.

Today is the Feast of Christ the King. On the last Sunday of the Year we celebrate that Jesus is the Universal King and His Kingdom is supreme above all others. We reflect on the fact that as Jesus' followers we must build the kingdom here on earth and look forward always to the kingdom of heaven when we die. Our diocese especially celebrates this feast as our Cathedral in Mullingar was the first church in the world to have the honour of this title. 40 Hours of Adoration ends at 4pm in the Cathedral today with Bishop Tom leading Benediction in honour of Christ the King.



Next Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, marks a new calendar year in the Christian liturgical world. The four Sundays of the Advent season encourage Christians to prepare spiritually for the arrival of the Christ child. The advent wreath is used in our churches and schools to help us focus on the impending birth of our Lord. In this coming year the readings of Cycle B in the liturgical calendar will be read at Sunday Masses,

The Child Safeguarding Committee met on Tuesday last. The priests and parish safeguarding representatives read through the latest documents from the diocese, discussed the involvement of children in parish activities and they completed the annual audit of safeguarding matters pertaining to our parish. The parish thanks all children and parents for their involvement in church related activities primarily in after school classes and serving Sunday Mass.



Now that the refurbishment of the Parochial House is complete attention focuses on getting the external works around the house and church complete by the end of the year. Part of the works necessitated is the removal of overhead wires in the church grounds and the provision of new ducting underground for electricity, water and broadband.

Now that we have heat in Ashbourne church again it is important that we conserve heat in the church for our liturgies and people entering our church to pray. Parishioners are asked to close the exterior doors after them at all times. Only those authorised should put the doors into full open mode. This happens when a crowd are entering or exiting at the one time. During the days of co-vid it was necessary to have doors open to let air circulate. Now we need to conserve heat and work towards having warm churches and warm hearts!



The collection amounts for last week were as follows: Offertory Plate €1,590; Shrines €1,120; Envelope/Development Fund €825. Gratitude is expressed to all those who contribute, collect and count monies given to our parish. *Mile buíochas.*

We pray for Emma Connor, Crestwood Road whose funeral took place on Tuesday morning. We pray for her soul and the consolation of her family and friends. May her soul and all the souls of all the faithful rest in eternal peace.

