

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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33rd Sunday of Year A

Your talent is Gods
gift to you
What you do with it is
your gift back to God



Matthew 25: 14-30

Mass Intentions

Saturday 18th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	John McAleese; Paud & Aily O'Reegan; Maureen & Joe McCormack; Ety & John Kelly; Jane & Les Groome; Pauline Caulfield; Patricia & Thomas McNevin, Michael Roisin O'Callaghan, Deceased members of Ashbourne Legion of Mary
Sunday 19th	9am	Deceased of the Carthy Family
Donaghmore	10am	Meg Skelly, The Ward, (Month's Mind) Mick, Bernie & Martin Boland; Fintan Holloran,
Hospitality in the Parish Centre after Mass	11am	Michael Keogh, Killeglad, (Month's Mind)
	12.30pm	Catherine & Paul Martin
Monday 20th	10am	Joseph Howlett
Tuesday 21st	10am	Charlie, Nancy, Joseph, Marie, Thomas & Collette Moore
Wednesday 22nd	10am	Joseph & Annie Seagrave
Thursday 23rd	7pm	Thomas Conroy
Friday 24th	10am	Sr. Pauline Moloney
Saturday 25th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Mass for Parishioners who Died during the Year.
Sunday 26th	9am	Annie & Jack Ryan
Donaghmore	10am	Vera & Wally Browne
Hospitality in the Parish Centre after Mass	11am	Tony Malone, Archerstown, (Month's Mind)
	12.30pm	Paul, Maura & Matthew Kiernan



Parish Assembly Meeting

On Tuesday evening next at 7pm the new assembly will meet for the first time. 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.



At Masses next Sunday we welcome 1st communion children and their families. This is their enrolment Sunday and the first of six special preparatory Masses.

New Liturgical Calendar

The new Liturgical Calendar has arrived in the Parish Office and parishioners can now book Masses for 2024 with Mary our parish secretary. Our Shared Mass in Ashbourne is the 7pm Saturday vigil Mass. In Donaghmore a shared Mass takes place on the last Sunday of the month. Month's Memory and 1st Anniversary Masses are reserved each Sunday for families booking these specific Masses. Once a week and on certain days at Christmas and Easter Mass is offered for the people and faith of the parish.



Good News!



Here are two bits of good news. Firstly, the new church boiler in Ashbourne Church is now up and running. Secondly, the refurbishment of the Parochial House will finish at the end of this week.

Donaghmore Church Area Meeting on Wednesday

On Wednesday evening next Donaghmore Church area meeting will take place at 7pm in the meeting room at Donaghmore Church. Every two months the priests of our parish meet with those who help them and are interested in the development of the faith community built around Donaghmore Church.



Meetings for those involved in Church Ministries

There are meetings very soon 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. The meetings will begin at 7pm and last about 45 minutes. Thank you to all those involved in these ministries.

A parish finance committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 5th, at 6pm. The meeting will look at the current parish financial situation and discuss projected expenditure and parish projects in 2024. We thank all the members of the finance committee for the work they do and advice they give. The collection amounts for last week were as follows: Offertory Plate €1590; Shrines €1165; Envelope/Development Fund €760. Gratitude is expressed to all those who contribute, collect and count monies given to our parish. *Mile buíochas.*



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Mullingar Cathedral—40 Hour Adoration

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 in Ashbourne's Holy Hour. The following intentions will be included: For those preparing for the Sacraments and their families, that they may grow in love for Christ in the Eucharist; For a return to the Eucharist in our parishes; For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



"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, parishioners need to recover it, this ability to be quiet in the Lord's presence." Pope Francis, World Youth Day 2023, Lisbon



In this Month of November we continue to remember and pray for our loved ones who have died. The List of the Dead for the coming year is being compiled and the names given to the parish are part of Ashbourne Church remembrance display.

Annual Mass for those who Died Over the Past Year

The Annual Parish Bethany Mass of Remembrance for those whose funerals took place in our parish over the past twelve months will take place in Ashbourne Church on Saturday evening next at 7pm. The 46 families who have lost loved ones are invited to attend and to bring forward a candle to be placed on the altar. Our priests will concelebrate this last vigil Mass of the liturgical year for the happy repose of the following souls.

November 2022 Geralyn Corcoran, Ashbourne/Navan
December 2022 Matt Russell, Race Hill; Kathleen Tubbritt, Ashbourne; Chris Beary, 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; Olive 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, Killeglend; 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, Killeglend; Maura Hourihan, Racehill **November 2023** Kathrina Hurley, Alderbrook; Eddie Fennelly, Rath Lodge and Margaret Daniels, Cherryfields.

PRAYER FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life, you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest.

The old order has passed away: welcome them into Paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever.

Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LOVED ONES

O God, we grieve for those that are experiencing devastating loss of their loved-ones. Send down your Holy Spirit and touch their lives. Please comfort and heal their heavy hearts. Make their faith strong through Christ our Lord, Amen.

'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.' Revelation 21:4