



ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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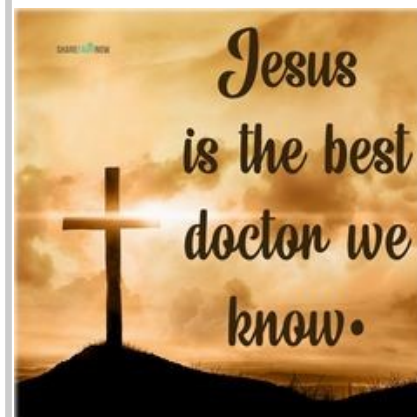
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5th Sunday B



'Jesus went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons'. Mark 1:39

Mass Intentions

Saturday 3rd	7pm	Donal O'Loingsigh; Thomas Kelly, Sean Battersby; Margaret Sutton; PJ Walsh
Sunday 4th	9am	Pat Sheehy
Donaghmore	10am	Richard White
Hospitality in the Parish Centre after Mass	11am	Paul Grimes, Baltrasna, (1st Anniversary)
	12.30pm	Finbar Daly
Monday 5th	10am	Tom Hollywood
Tuesday 6th	10am	Joseph and Julia Brennan
Wednesday 7th	10am	Muriel Byrne
Thursday 8th	10am	Terry Walsh
Friday 9th	10am	Martin Moore
Saturday 10th	7pm	John Fox, Tara Court, (1st Anniversary) Gerard Fanning; Lee Moore; Paul Meleady, Niamh Dalton
Sunday 11th	9am	People of the Parish
Donaghmore	10am	Paddy Moran
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Blessing of Throats



After the vigil Mass this Saturday evening (February 3rd) there is an opportunity for parishioners to have their throat blessed as we invoke St. Blaise.

We Hope You Have a Lovely Bank Holiday Monday as we Celebrate the Month of St. Brigid and the Dawn of Spring.

Works Begin Again and Are Nearly Finished

Works around the Parochial House are due to begin in the coming days. There is about a month of outdoor works to be done before the builder and architect leaves the site.

Catholic Schools Week Pilgrim Walk

Thanks to all the schools of the parish for their participation in various events and liturgies for Catholic Schools Week.



The pilgrim walk linking our three schools that was deferred due to the inclement weather is due to take place on Tuesday of this week.

Catechesis for First Holy Communion



Catechesis No. 4 for 1st Holy Communion will take place on Wednesday morning in our church after the 10am Mass and not on Tuesday morning due to the rescheduling of the pilgrim walk. Catholic parents of children in first class in our parish schools are reminded that the request for 1st confession should be made at this time. First Confession takes place in our parish on the Saturdays of Lent.

Parish Pastoral Assembly

The second meeting of the Parish Pastoral Assembly takes place on Tuesday evening, February 13th, at 7pm. The assembly chair is Charles Bobbett and Sinead Carroll is secretary of the group. The group have started looking at the four areas identified in the Parish Survey. In particular the group is looking at the strengths and weaknesses of our parish website. If you have any suggestions please let us know.



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Thursday- 10.30am to 8pm



Confessions this Saturday 5pm to 6pm



Just 10 Days To The Start of Lent

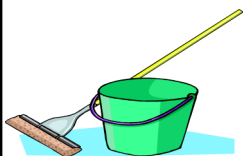
Lent will begin in ten days time. If you have any suggestions for Lent 2024 or can help us plan the season please let Fr. Michael or one of our priests know. In next weekend's newsletter the Lenten schedule will be announced. Next Wednesday week is Ash Wednesday. There will be masses to mark the beginning of Lent at 10am and 7pm. People will have the option of receiving ashes on their foreheads or taking home ash to apply it themselves. The priests of the parish will also be available with ashes on several occasions in the church and opportunities for the sacrament of confession will also be available as people embark on this opportunity of spiritual renewal.

Trocáire Boxes

Trocáire Boxes will be available at the end of all masses next Sunday. If anyone would like to become a Trocáire ambassador - that is a volunteer in our parish supporting Trocáire- we would be glad to hear from you. Trocáire ambassadors support the priests of the parish in communicating the work of Trocáire in the developing world.



Clean Up of Our Church Interior



Have you time to give to your faith community on Shrove Tuesday, February 13th? It is hoped that a group of parishioners would meet in the church at 11am to give the church a makeover in time for the new season of Lent and the church feast day on February 22nd. If you have time and are willing to work with others for an hour please do come along. We appreciate the work of all our volunteers in keeping our parish active and strong.

Our Lady of Lourdes

The feast day of our Lady of Lourdes is kept every year as the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. The sacrament of Holy Anointing of the Sick and Infirm will take place as part of the 10am Mass on Tuesday morning (February 13). The parish statue of our Lady of Lourdes will be placed in front of the altar on that day. Pope Francis' message is 'for a therapeutic covenant of love between the ill, carers, family members and God'.



'To Mary, Mother of Mercy and Health of the Sick, we raise our trusting gaze and our prayer; may her maternal compassion, manifested as she stood beside her dying Son on the Cross, accompany and sustain the faith and the hope of every sick and suffering person on the journey of healing for the wounds of body and spirit.'

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us
Remembering the Deceased

We pray for our parishioner Julie Cronnelly, Baltrasna whose funeral took place on Saturday. We pray for Dessie O'Hanlon, Finglas who regularly came to Ashbourne Sunday Mass and whose daughters live in our parish. We pray too for Celia Scales, Connecticut, sister of Elsie Moran, Brookville. *Suaimhneas Sioraí.*



A New Financial Year is Upon Us



A new financial year begins in our parish today. A member of the Parish Finance Committee will speak at each Mass this Bank Holiday weekend. They will outline where money is spent, express gratitude and encourage parishioners to continue to support our parish. We have a lot of work done and there is always more to do with regards the development and growth of our parish.

Parish Envelopes—New Boxes

The new boxes of envelopes have been delivered in the last few days. Thank you to all those who distributed them. There are a few areas where we need help. If you live in Racehill, Hawthorns, Batchelor's



Walk, Huntsgrove or Bourne Avenue would you be able to help us with the distribution of the new box and accompanying letter? We would love your help.

Support of the Parish Office



If you regularly contribute but do not use envelopes perhaps you might consider using an Envelope Box. It helps us get to know you and to claim money back from revenue as a means of supporting the parish. If you haven't previously contributed to the parish through the envelopes, would you be willing to begin? We have spare envelope boxes if you call in to the Parish Office and Mary or Janice will be glad to help. If there is any adjustments to names or addresses regarding your box please call in to us to rectify the matter.

Standing Order Facility

If on the other hand you wish to give electronically you can do so by setting up a standing order. We are happy to forward our IBAN details. The most important thing for our records is for you to identify yourself to us so we can contact you if you give over the €250 threshold for the rebate scheme. It also helps us provide an accurate acknowledgement of monies received if requested.

Gratitude to the Finance Committee and Parishioners

This weekend's statement from the Parish Finance Committee is the current vision for our parish. The Income and Expenditure Sheet will be published in April. We thank all those who contribute to make Ashbourne and Donaghmore Parish a vibrant place where Christian faith is lived and celebrated. Fr. Michael, our curates and parishioners are grateful to Liam, Evelyn, Jonathan, Jan, and Philp who serve on the Finance Committee.



2nd Collection Next Weekend

There is a 2nd Collection next weekend for Candlemas. This is the Priests Spring Offering Collection. Last Sunday's Collection were Plate €1415.00; Diocesan Cess €1620; Shrines €945.00; Development Fund €925.00. Gratitude is expressed to all those who support our parish and we thank all those making their annual offering as the parish financial year concludes. **Míle buíochas.**