

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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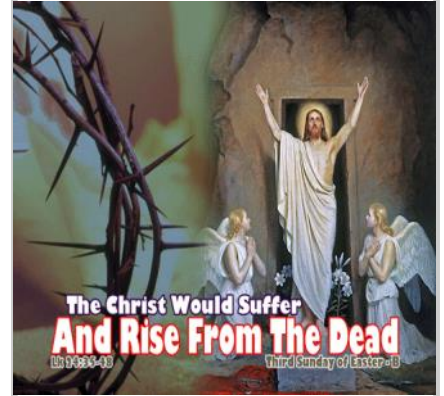
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Our Parish Secretary is Mary Mullen
Parish Office Hours: Monday—Thursday
9am to 12.30pm - Eircode A84P582

Third Sunday of Easter

Year B

14 April 2024



'He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures.'
Luke 24: 46



Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 13th <i>Shared Mass Intentions</i>	7pm	Elizabeth Kane, Broadmeadow Road (Month's Mind) Mary & Andy Roche; Thomas Mintern; Pat Doherty; William McGrath; Patrick & Nora Muldoon; Mary Hemeryck
Sunday 14th	9am	Oliver & Mary Walsh
Donaghmore	10am	Maureen Weir and Margaret Doherty
	11am	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	Judy Cassidy, Cherryfields (Month's Mind)
Monday 15th	10am	Ted Finnegan
Tuesday 16th	10am	Andreu Polosuchin
Wednesday 17th	10am	Tony O'Connor
Thursday 18th	10am	People of the Parish
Friday 19th	10am	Jimmy Dwyer
Saturday 20th Mass is Recorded for LmFm	7pm	Ciarán Hennelly, Killeglan (Month's Mind) Anthony Laffey; Edmund & Jimmy O'Donnell; Deceased of the Boylan & Garvey Families; Mary Gray
Sunday 21st	9am	McLoughlin & Tierney Families
Donaghmore	10am	Collette O'Herlihy
	11am	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	Patrick Bruton

Next Weekend's LMFm Mass is From Ashbourne Church



The 7pm Vigil Mass next Saturday evening will be recorded to be broadcast next Sunday morning on LMFm. The recording happens thanks to our webcam facility in the Parish. We thank Fr. Stephen and the Saturday evening choir for organising the Mass.



A Prayer For Easter Eyes

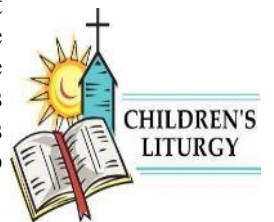
'My Lord, Jesus, You have risen to new life! Give me new eyes with which to recognise your presence in the world around me. Sharpen my vision so that I can see beyond the ordinary events of each day and into the extraordinary reality of your grace. Brighten my view of the world with renewed hope in the coming of your kingdom. Soften my gaze so that I may view others with the kind of tenderness and compassion you showed to so many. May each day of this Easter season provide glimpses of your glory. In your sacred name I pray. Amen.'

William H Sadler



Do This In Memory Mass Number 5

We welcome the 1st Communion families to our Masses today. The children have been learning about how a Catholic receives Holy Communion either on the hand or tongue. The children have learnt the actions to accompany the 'Our Father', They will say with us the 'Lamb of God' and 'Lord, I am not worthy' Prayers. The art that they bring with them to the baptismal font for the Communion Rite highlights different aspects of the Lord's Prayer. We continue to keep these families in prayer.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 10.30am to 8pm



Confessions this Saturday 5 to 6pm.

Tree Damage by Storm Kathleen

On Saturday last the high winds and wet ground uprooted two large shrubs in Ashbourne Church grounds. The shrubs fell onto the Church beside the sacristy near where electrical works were taking place. Thankfully the building was undamaged. Removal and repair work to the grounds continues.



Quantity of Stones



Three crates of stone that have been with the parish for several years are looking for a new home. Are you a farmer or gardener that would like some stone to help you with your work? If interested in acquiring the free stone please let the Parish Office know.

Parish Pastoral Assembly Update

The Parish Pastoral Assembly met on Wednesday evening. The members reflected on how the parish website might better serve the needs of our faith communities in Ashbourne and Donaghmore. The group is also looking at how they might support and enliven faith among parents who wish to help their child receive the sacraments of the Church in the coming years. Plans for the celebration of the feasts of Pentecost and Corpus Christi are being put in place.



Our Facebook Profile



The Parish Facebook now has over 100 friends. It hopes to keep building these numbers as the months go by. If you have a Facebook account use the search function on your mobile phone and click follow.

Otherwise you can use the QR scan app on your phone to open the link to our account. The purpose of the Facebook account is to reach a new audience and to re-enforce our Christian mission among parishioners. Our Facebook page highlights parish news and events, church feast days, and helps us store photographs related to our faith community.

Killeglad Trust Update

The Killeglad Trust had its annual meeting on Wednesday evening last. The trust manages six acres of land on behalf of the parish. Fr. Michael as parish priest is one of the directors of the trust. The parish is grateful to the late Mary Mooney for the donation of the land and hopes some day the land will benefit the faith community of Ashbourne.



Enrolment in the After School Parish Programme



Enrolment in next year's after school programme has begun. The program provides instruction for catholic children in non catholic schools in Ashbourne. The after school classes will begin next September. Enrolment

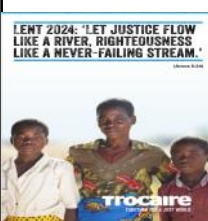
forms are currently available from the priests of the parish. Once completed they should be returned to the Parish Office before the last day of May. Places are allocated on a first return first place basis. Baptismal certs for children being enrolled for the first time and not baptised in Ashbourne Parish are required with the application. Children who have completed Year One of the religion classes must register for Year Two. We thank all the parents who attended last Tuesday evening's meeting which launched the program for the coming year.

Volunteers Needed on Tuesday

On Tuesday morning at 11am we are seeking volunteers to help us finish the clearing out of the Old National School. It is two years since the Parish Office moved out of this building. We did some work on this last year but now as the Parish Finance Committee make a decision on the future direction of the building we want to completely empty the school and yard of its contents. As with everything many hands will make a lighter load and if you can help for an hour please just turn up on Tuesday morning. We would be delighted to see you.



Contributing to this Year's Trócaire Campaign



If you still have a Trócaire box at home or have set aside a donation for this catholic charity you are encouraged to bring the money to your parish. Trócaire boxes can be left in the basket on the altar steps at Sunday Masses or dropped in to the Parish Office. Please do not leave your box unattended in the Church. This year 290 boxes were taken from the parish to support the Church's mission of care to the developing world.

Accord - Catholic Marriage Care

Getting Married in 2024? Accord are the Catholic organisation that supports couples getting married. Our local office is in Navan. The details of their Marriage Preparation Courses are on www.accord.ie.



Fundraising for Cancer Care



We are always happy to support fundraising for cancer care in our community. Congratulations to all those who collected and supported both Daffodil Day and the Coffee Morning for

St. Francis Hospice our local Hospice in Blanchardstown.

2nd Collection Next Sunday for Vocations

Next Sunday is Vocations Sunday, a day when we pray for Vocations and value the lives of our priests. There is a Second Collection at Masses next Sunday which is taken up after Holy Communion and helps our diocese promote vocations and support the training of priests. Currently, three seminarians are studying for ministry as a priest in our diocese.



Sunday Collection Total Amounts

Offertory Plate €1355; Shrines €1190 and Development Fund €955. Gratitude is expressed to all those who support our parish. Míle buíochas.

THANK YOU!

Praying for Those who have Died

We pray at this time for Maureen Byrne of Breffni House who at 102 years was one of our oldest parishioners. We pray also for Ciarán Finn of Tudor Close who died on Thursday morning. Sr. Maura Redington of Roscommon and USA died recently and her family request our prayers. May they rest in the peace of the risen Lord. Amen.

