

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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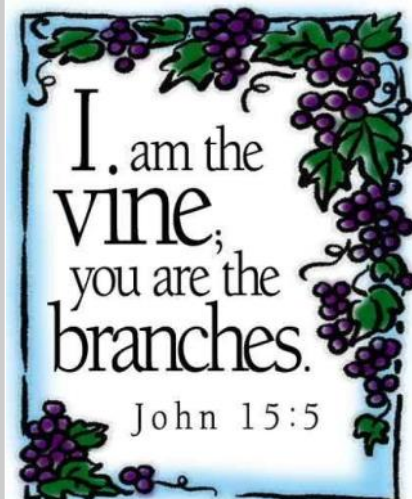
Our Parish Secretary is Mary Mullen
Parish Office Hours: Monday—Thursday
9am to 12.30pm



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year B

28 April 2024



Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 27th	7pm	Deceased of Eager & Heffernan Families; James & Maureen Moloney; Hughie Kelly; Jim, Kathleen & deceased of Flanagan & Brennan Families
Sunday 28th	9am	Kathleen Tormey, Phyllis & Pat Twomey
Donaghmore	10am	Ann, Pat, Betty, Eileen & James Murphy
	11am	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	Jimmy Cuddy, Garristown, (Month's Mind)
Monday 29th	10am	Paul Kelly
Tuesday 30th	10am	Eileen Fay
Wednesday May 1st	10am	Mass for our Parish as we crown our Lady's Statue on Feast of St. Joseph the Worker and begin a Month Dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God
Thursday 2nd	10am	Deceased Members of Ashbourne Dramatic Society
Friday 3rd	10am	Parish List of the Dead
Saturday 4th	7pm	Michael Whyte, The Rath (Month's Mind); Madge Finn; Carmel Cawley; Gerry & Geraldine O'Loughlin; Herbert Ronan; Patrick, Kathleen & son Patrick Johnston; John Fields
Sunday 5th	9am	James & Christina Kearns
Donaghmore	10am	Fr. Tom Rafferty
	11am	Mary Battersby, Milltown Road, (1st Anniversary)
	12.30pm	Deceased of the Flannery Family

Anointing with New Easter Oil

The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be part of the 10am daily Mass on Tuesday morning next.. This will be the first time the new oil of holy anointing will be used in our parish since it was blessed by Bishop Tom at the Chrism Mass on Wednesday of Holy Week. As followers of Jesus, we recall how Jesus was close to the sick and, as Christians we always pray for those who are sick, infirm and in need of physical, mental or spiritual healing.



Monthly Calls to the Sick

The priests of the parish will do their communion calls around on Friday next. The 10am Mass on the First Friday will be offered for all those on the Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish List of the Dead. If anyone is sick or housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion they should contact the Parish Office to arrange for this to happen.



Visit of Pope Francis to Venice

Today Pope Francis travels on a daytrip to the iconic "floating city" of Venice. He will travel by motorboat along the canals, visit the Vatican pavilion at the Venice Biennale exhibition and offer Mass in St. Mark's Square. This is our Holy Father's first scheduled trip of the year. St. Mark is buried in Venice under the altar of the Cathedral bearing his name. At Sunday Masses during this Year B of the liturgical calendar we are currently reading the gospel that Mark wrote. The feast of St. Mark was on Thursday last, April 25.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 10.30am to 8pm



Confessions this Saturday 5 to 6pm.

May Is Almost Upon Us



For 750 years May is a Month dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. On Wednesday, May 1st, we celebrate May Day. It is a day when the May bush is put up, the dew on the grass welcomed and flowers placed around a picture or statue of Mary. As part of the 10am

Mass on Wednesday a crown is placed on our Lady's statue. There will be outdoor rosary at our Lady's Statue at 7.30pm that evening. As part of the 10am Mass in Donaghmore next Sunday there is a blessing of the countryside. The children in Senior Infants in our parish schools are being introduced to the Hail Mary and on the last weekend of May will join us at Sunday Mass to lead us in praying this great prayer of our Church.

Bus Escort From Baltrasna

Bus Escorts are required to work on School Transport - bus/taxi supervising pupils whilst travelling to and from St. Michael's School, Clonsilla. St. Michael's School caters for pupils ages 5 - 18 years who on psychological testing are found to be functioning within the level of Mild General Learning Disability. Previous experience working with children desirable. Garda vetting will be required. Hours of work may vary slightly but in general 7.30 a.m. - 9.15 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. for the Primary School Calendar Year. This particular Bus Escort Position is for Baltrasna, Ashbourne and Dunsink, Finglas route. Please telephone the school on 01 8201859 should you have any queries. This position may suit a person receiving Carer's Allowance, etc. Please apply to St. Michael's Special School, Holy Angels, Glenmaroon, Chapelizod, Dublin 20, D20 A072.



Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme



The government scheme to provide health supports and financial payment to eligible people in acknowledgement of circumstances experienced while in Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions in Ireland is now open. For information visit gov.ie/paymentscheme

or call the helpline (01) 5229992.

Parish Centre Hospitality

Come along after 11am Mass every Sunday and join us for a cuppa and chat in the Parish Centre.



First Holy Communion Weekends

The sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated in our parish on the third and fourth weekends of May. Children from St. Mary's Primary and Gaelscoil na Cille will receive Holy Communion on the weekend of Saturday May 18th and 19th. The following weekend children prepared from St. Declan's Primary and the After School

Parish Programme will celebrate the reception of the Sacrament. We continue to encourage parents to bring their children to Sunday Mass and to pray the prayers with their child at this important time. We look forward to this happy occasion in our parish.



Dates and Times of This Year's Cemetery Devotions



The Annual Blessing of Graves will take place in our parish in just over a month's time. Mass for those interred both in Ashbourne Church Cemetery and Killeglad Cemetery will take place in Ashbourne Church on Saturday June 1st at 7pm. The blessing of the graves will take place immediately afterwards at 7.45pm. The graves in Killeglad Cemetery will be blessed at 8.15pm that same evening. On the following Saturday evening of June 8th the 7pm Vigil Mass will be offered for those interred in St. Declan's Cemetery with blessing of the graves afterwards at 8.30pm. The graves in Donaghmore will be blessed at 10.45am following the Sunday morning Mass of June 2nd in Donaghmore church. Devotions in Greenogue will follow at 11.30am.

Parish Meetings in the Coming Weeks

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Assembly will take place on Tuesday evening May 7th at 7pm in the Parish Centre. This meeting will continue to look at building up parish resources for parents preparing children for Holy Communion. It will also reflect on enhancing our faith community's celebration of Pentecost and Corpus Christi. The priests of the parish will meet with the parishioners of the faith community of Donaghmore on Tuesday evening May 21st at 7pm in the Church. We are looking at improving storage for the church, reviewing how Lent and Easter went and finalising Cemetery Devotions for the June Bank Holiday weekend. On Tuesday evening May 7th at 5.30pm the Parish Finance Committee will meet in the Parish Centre. It is hoped that at this meeting the parish will approve last year's accounts and will move closer towards making a decision on the future of the Old National School.



Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will begin on September 10th. Bishop Tom will lead the liturgies at the shrine, and Meath Diocesan Choir will sing at the ceremonies. All pilgrims will be accommodated in hotels and there are 4.5 and 6 night stay options. Booking forms are available from Joe Walsh Tours Telephone (01) 2410800 or online at www.joewalshstours.ie. The local contact person in this part of the diocese is Mark Whearty who can be contacted on (086) 8761849.



Gratitude for Your Support to the Vocations Collection

The second collection last weekend for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life came to €1675. Last Sunday's other collection total amounts were as follows: Plate €1200; Shrines €850; Development Fund €1030. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to our parish.



Rest in Peace

Your prayers are asked for Seán Reddington of Baldoye who died recently.

