

ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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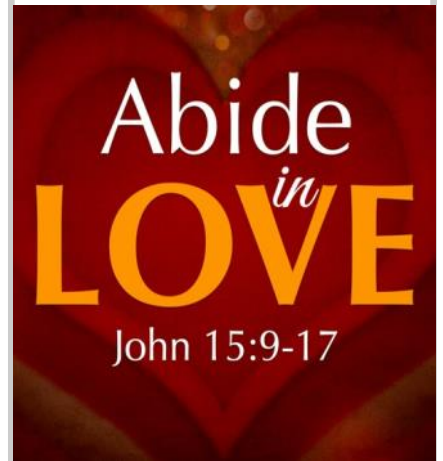
Our Parish Secretary is Mary Mullen
Parish Office Hours: Monday—Thursday
9am to 12.30pm



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year B

5 May 2024



Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 4th	7pm	Michael White, The Rath, (Month's Mind) Madge Finn; Carmel Cawley; Gerry & Geraldine O'Loughlin; Herbert Ronan; Patrick, Kathleen & son Patrick Johnston; John Fields; George Wilton and Jimmy Heneghan
Sunday 5th	9am	James & Christina Kearns
Donaghmore	10am	Fr. Tom Rafferty
	11am	Mary Battersby, Milltown Road, (1st Anniversary)
	12.30pm	Joseph, Emma & Colette Flannery
Monday 6th	10am	Elizabeth Kane, Broadmeadow Road, (Month's Mind)
Tuesday 7th	10am	Kay Mintern
Wednesday 8th	10am	Willie & Eileen Fitzsimons
Thursday 9th	10am	People of the Parish
Friday 10th	10am	John Brennan
Saturday 11th	7pm	John Fanning; Hugh Bartley; Michelle Donnelly; Ann Marie & Tommy Scully; The Fleming Family
Sunday 12th	9am	Terry & Joey Tormey
Donaghmore	10am	Rose Griffith
	11am	Maureen Byrne, Breffni House, (Month's Mind)
	12.30pm	Dermot Browne, Huntsgrove, (1st Anniversary)

Blessing of the Countryside after Donaghmore Sunday Mass



We wish everyone a blessed month of May. It is many people's favourite month. There will be a short Blessing of the Countryside after Mass this morning in Donaghmore. We continue to thank God for the world in which we live. We particularly pray this year for our farmers and for fine weather. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable Bank Holiday.

May—Month of Our Lady



For 750 years May is a Month dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. The main statue of our Lady in Ashbourne Church was crowned on May 1st. The Legion of Mary are having outdoor rosary in the green area of Brindley Park at 7.30pm on Wednesday evening. 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.

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.

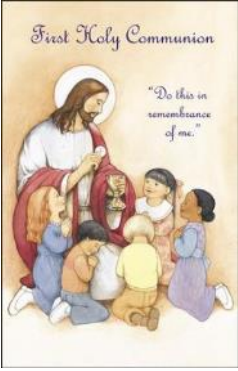


Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 10.30am to 8pm



Confessions this Saturday 5 to 6pm.

First Holy Communion Weekends



The sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated in our parish on the coming weeks. The children have their final preparatory Mass next weekend. 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.

Church Feasts on the Following Sundays

- Sunday May 12—Feast of the Ascension
- Sunday May 19—Feast of Pentecost
- Sunday May 26—Feast of the Holy Trinity
- Sunday June 2—Feast of Corpus Christi



Donaghmore Church Meeting



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.



Annual Cemetery Devotions

There is just four weeks to Cemetery Devotions in our Parish. Grave holders are asked to make sure that grave is kept well. Mass for those interred both in Ashbourne Church Cemetery and Killelland 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 Killelland 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 Pastoral Assembly Meeting



On Tuesday evening at 7pm members of the Parish Pastoral Team will meet for their monthly meeting. Members will discuss Adult Faith Formation. The meeting will also look at the ongoing work of putting together a new parish website and the plans to have newsletters for parents preparing children for the sacrament of First Holy communion.

Catholic School Pilgrim Walk



On Tuesday the children in fifth class in our three catholic schools did their annual pilgrim walk as part of Catholic Schools Week. Congratulations to the boys and girls. Thank you to the teachers, principals and priests for their participation.

March For Life

On Monday the Pro-life Campaign has the Annual March for Life in Dublin City Centre. A family friendly event it seeks once again to remind people of the importance of pro life issues. To find out more see www.marchforlife.ie



Craugh Patrick Gets Steps!



One of the great Irish pilgrimage trails is the climb to the top of Craugh Patrick. Five Men have been working over the past four years putting in steps that are two metre wide to help protect the mountain and make it more accessible. The steps were

opened and blessed during the week. Climbing the Reek is one of the great Irish pilgrim walks as we retrace the path of St. Patrick. We encourage parishioners to do some or all of the climb. It is a very rewarding physical, mental and spiritual experience. Something one should do at least once in a lifetime.

Parish Finance Committee Meeting

On Tuesday evening at 5.30pm the Parish Finance Committee will meet in the Parish Centre. At this meeting the parish will approve last year's accounts. Members of the committee will meet the architect looking at plans for the Old National School in the church grounds.



Gratitude for Your Support to Our Parish

Last Sunday's collection total amounts were as follows: Plate €1430; Shrines €990; Development Fund €765. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to Asbourne- Donaghmore parish. *Mile buíochas.*



Rest in Peace



Josie Tyrell, Blessington (sister of John McNally, Archerstown) and Tony Masterson, Mullingar.