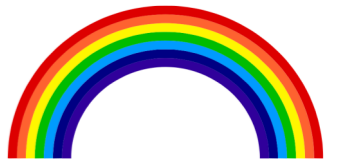




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Easter Sunday

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Mass intentions for this weekend

9pm Jim & Nora Harnett, The Hill Anniv.
9.15am Gerard & Bridget O'Donnell, Ballaugh
12noon Bridget Naughton nee Foley Anniv.
 Dick O'Mahony, New Street Anniv.
 Hannah & John O'Donoghue, Knocknasna
 Ann Romain Birthday remembrance

Mon 7pm Betty Reidy, The Hill
Tues 10am Billy & Joan Colbert, Killarney Road.
Wed 10am Anne Keating, Dublin & Main Street
Thurs 10am Special Intention
Fri 10am Purgatorial
Fri 7.30pm Denis Murphy, The Hill Months Mind
Sat 11am Liam Flynn, Convent Road 1st Anniv.

Intention for next weekend

6.30pm Sean Enright, Purt Anniv.
 Ita & Timmy O'Donoghue, ballaugh
 Anne Keating, Dublin & Main Street
9.15am Finton & Mary Anne Collins, Knocknasna
 Patrick & Tom McCarthy, Caherhayes
12noon Michael Wall, Mountmahon Anniv.
 Patrick Woulfe (Paddy) Kilconlea Lower
 Patrick Collins, Glenashrone
 Daniel Joseph Murphy, Main St & Killarney Road

The web cam is out of order at the moment and will be back as soon as possible.

Parish Office will be closed next week

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter.

Look back each evening and thank God where I found Goodness today, either in myself or others. Evil is overcome by the goodness of people, Lord God, Deliver us from evil.



Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 10th April @ 8pm.

Adoration will resume after Easter on Tuesday April 3rd after the 10 o'clock Mass and continue until 10p.m. It will continue then as usual every Tuesday and Friday. New adorers are always very welcome. We thank you all for making our Perpetual Adoration such a success. Because of your commitment to an hour per week we are able to continue this wonderful gift we have in our Parish.



Easter Dues for the support of the clergy may be handed in a all Masses this weekend. Thank You.

Pastoral Prayer for Easter

When everything was dark and it seemed that the sun would never shine again,
 your love broke through.
 Your love was too strong, too wide, too deep for death to hold.
 The sparks cast by your love dance and spread and burst forthwith resurrection light. Gracious God, We praise you for the light of new life made possible through Jesus.
 We praise you for the light of new life that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.
 We praise you for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts today.
 We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will live in us each day; and that we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others. Amen

Blessing of the Easter Baskets – Easter Saturday is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions. Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday.

This blessing took place here on Saturday at 12noon.



Holy Week Liturgies

Sincere thanks to all our parishioners who assisted in the preparation and celebration of our Holy Week Ceremonies.

We thank our Parish Clerks, Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Choirs, Organists, Altar Servers, Flower Arrangers, Church cleaners. All our children and young people who were involved and all who helped out in any way.

Invitation: I want to extend an open invitation to all parishioners, particularly young people to share their God given talents with the community. We are always in need of Musicians, Singers, Readers of the Word, Altar Servers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Flower arrangers, Collectors and Stewards. You may have IT skills which we need to help us use social media in bringing God's message to parishioners. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated

Divine Mercy Novena

There will be special ceremonies here in Abbeyfeale on next Sunday
Mercy Sunday 8th April @ 3pm.

Devotions to the Divine Mercy including Mass, Blessing of the sick, confession and Veneration of the Divine Mercy Picture.
 Confessions @ 2.30pm.
 Jesus told St Faustina "The soul that will go to confession receive Holy Communion on that day shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment".



Candles will be on sale at the doors. All are welcome.
Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

Divine Mercy Novena began of Good Friday and ends on Mercy Sunday.

Trocaire Boxes can be handed in at all Masses this weekend. Please place them in the bins provided at the doors. Trocaire thanks you most sincerely for your generosity this Lent. By giving as you have in this parish, you have helped bring new life and new hope to those in our world who are most in need of our care and compassion.



Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018

The Lourdes office, is open in the Social Service Centre, Henry St., it will be run by Sr. Margaret Hogan. Office Hours are: 10a.m. to 12.30pm and 2.00pm to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. All details concerning the Pilgrimage maybe had from the office at the above number or from myself. The fares for this year will be the same as last year, Pilgrims-All Hotels €719 except The Alba €709 and for a Hospital Pilgrim €609, this is inclusive of travel insurance and coach transfer to and from Lourdes Airport.

Thanks to all who contributed to the Lourdes collection last weekend. Any sick person who may wish to travel with the pilgrimage should contact the Diocesan Office as soon as possible



Time to wrap ourselves in Easter hope – Bishop Leahy

Bishop of Limerick Brendan Leahy has urged people across the diocese to use this "extra special Easter" for Ireland to make sure Easter doesn't slip by as simply a long weekend of amusement with no deeper meaning. Speaking ahead of the Easter weekend, which tens of thousands of Limerick people will mark by going to Good Friday services, Easter Sunday Mass and other festivities, Bishop Leahy appealed to families to make this special weekend their beginning for the World Meeting of Family celebrations and visit of Pope Francis to Ireland later this year.

"Easter is one of the great celebrations annually of family. We gather at Easter in a way that otherwise really only happens every year at Christmas. We travel distance for it, dine together, set time aside to spend time with each other. It can be a real opportunity for quality time together. That's why I believe it's important to build participation in Church ceremonies into it"

"For the family of the Church, this is such an important Easter because it can be the beginning for our build up to the Pope's visit in five months' time. Indeed, the Pope's visit illustrates the importance of family here in Ireland as he would not be coming here were it not for the World Meeting of Families, an event he selected Ireland to host, which also says something about the importance of family to us."

He continued: "Easter is all about a new beginning. It's the wonderful message of the Risen Lord, about renewal, about there always being an opportunity to start afresh. About always having hope. Pope Francis has a great phrase: 'don't let yourselves be robbed of hope'.

That's what Easter is about. "I often think of Pope Francis' Easter story, where he tells of being a young boy and the effect the Good Friday Ceremony had on him. He talks of being brought to the service by his grandmother and how the resurrection of Christ two days later instilled in him the great message of hope.

"I would hope that as we approach this Easter, we all take on board that message of hope. Certainly from a Church's perspective, I would love to see parents accompany their families to the ceremonies to enjoy the joy of the Risen Lord and the hope of the Easter message."

Church Jubilee

In June 2018, the parish will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the opening of our parish church, dedicated to Our Lady of the Assumption. As a community of faith we have much to celebrate. A special Mass and parish celebration will be take place on Saturday the 16th June marking the official opening of the church fifty years ago in June 1968. A publication on the building of the church and life in the parish over the past fifty years will be launched.

Play at Glórach

The Abbesside Player continue their run of the Sam Cree comedy, *Second Honeymoon*, on the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th April at the Glórach Theatre. Tickets can be booked by calling 0871383940.