



**PARISH PASTORAL UNIT**  
**ABBEYFEALE, ATHEA, TEMPLEGLANTINE, TOURNAFULLA, MOUNTCOLLINS**



**1st Oct 2023    www.abbeyfealeparish.ie    email fealechurch@eircom.net    Church Sacristy 068 - 51915    Parish Office 086/8661651 Anne 11am to 1pm**

**Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Area**

**Fr Denis Mullane 087/2621911**  
**Fr Tony Mullins 087/2600414**  
**Fr Willie Russell 087/2272825**  
**Fr Dan Lane (Retired) 087/2533030**  
**Fr James Ambrose (Retired) Tel 087/7740753**

*Priest on Call: Fr John Keating, Kileedy, is on call this Sunday. He can be contacted on 069-85014 or 087-6322212*

**Intentions for weekend**

**6.30pm** Noreen Murphy, Ballaugh 2nd Anniv.  
 Maurice McEnery, Dromtrasna Anniv.  
**10am** Johnny & Peggy Stack Craughatouke Moynsha Anniv.  
**12noon** Joan & Moss Fitzgerald Ballaugh Anniv.  
 Michael O’Flaherty Hill view Drive 1st Anniv.  
 Billy O’Connell, Rea Kilmorna Anniv.

**Intentions for the week**

**Mon 7pm** Acknowledgement Mass  
**Tues 10am** Pro Populo  
 Liam Doran Luton/ London Month Mind  
**Wed 10am** St Andrews Community  
**Thurs 10am**  
**Fri 10am** Purgatorial

**Intentions for next weekend**

**6.30pm** Neilie Flynn 20 Belfry Height Anniv.  
 Dee, Eily & Tadhgeen Harnett, Kilconlea Upper Anniv.  
 Patrick & Kathleen Saunders Knocknasna Lower  
 and deceased family members  
 Bill Bridget and John Joe Collins The Hill and  
 deceased family members  
**10am** Margaret Cullinhane Knockbrack Anniv.  
 Eileen & Timothy O’Donoghue, Ballybehy Anniv.  
**12noon** Detlef Hoepfner his Mother and Father  
 Martha & Karl  
 Paul Collins, Main Street / Woodview Park 10th Anniv.  
 Richie Woulfe, Cratloe 6th Anniv.  
 Kathleen Spillane, St Ita’s Housing Anniv and  
 deceased members of the Harnett family Dromtrasna Harnett  
 Ned O’Connell, Kilconlea Anniv.

**Historic Month-Long Assembly in Rome**

*Statement of Archbishop Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin*  
 On Wednesday next, lay women and men, members of religious orders, priests and bishops from around the world will gather in communion with Pope Francis to pray, reflect and discuss what a synodal Church looks like. We are invited to give sometime and space in our thoughts and prayers to the dialogue taking place in Rome throughout the coming month.  
 This Synod process is underpinned by the belief that Our God is not remote, but is involved in our affairs, has hopes and dreams for us as individuals, as parishes and as dioceses.  
 God is pursuing His plan for the universe, but He desires and needs our cooperation – we are his eyes, ears, tongue, hands and feet. We must therefore constantly try to detect His voice, listen and pursue His will, as the Gospel Acclamation in today’s Liturgy reminds us: *“The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord.”* (John 10:27).  
 Traditionally, we have left the task of discerning what God wants to those in leadership roles. In our time, however, Pope Francis is reminding us that listening to the voice of God could be hugely enriched if all of God’s people, not just those in leadership, took part. *“The synod,”* Pope Francis said on the day before its official opening, *“offers us the opportunity to become a listening church, to break out of our routine and pause from our pastoral concerns in order to stop and listen.”* Synodality has existed since the time of the early church, but which fell into disuse; it was revived by Pope Saint Paul VI as a way of gathering together a variety of voices from across the church. Later, the model was promoted by Pope Saint John Paul II, who convened many synods during his pontificate. Synodality is an attempt to harness the energy of all the members of God’s people, to involve them in discerning what God’s wants from us and in contributing to the enactment of what He desires. I hope we can build on that involvement; a first step is to engage with what is about to happen, namely this Synod as an important instrument for listening to the People of God. This can be done, by praying daily for the success of the process, by informing ourselves about what is happening in the process and by embracing its fruits as they emerge. In the words of Pope Francis, *“we ask the Holy Spirit first of all for the gift of listening: to listen to God, that with him we may hear the cry of the people; to listen to the people until breathing in the will to which God calls us”.*

**Webcam Collection:** The church webcam installed in 2016 has proved to be an essential service to parishioners, who are unable for one reason or another to attend Mass, or other liturgical services celebrated in the church. During the Covid-19 lockdowns, online church services were watched by thousands of people each day. While we continue to livestream all our church services, we encourage all parishioners where possible to attend Mass in person. Live streaming of our church liturgies is an expensive service, costing just over €2,500 annually. This weekend we are asking parishioners to make a contribution towards the cost of the service. Parishioners attending Mass can put a donation into the collection boxes located at the door of the church as you leave Mass this weekend. If you are viewing on the service you can donate through the parish website on [www.abbeyfealeparish.ie](http://www.abbeyfealeparish.ie) Click on the parish website and you will see the donate button on the right-hand side of the front page of the website. Just follow the instruction and you will be able to make a donation towards the service. Sincere thanks to for your continued generosity to the parish.

**St Francis of Assisi:** St Francis of Assisi, 1181-1226, abandoned all things for the love of Christ, founded the Friars Minor (Franciscans) and with St Clare the Poor Clares. For the past two years of his life he suffered the stigmata. He is the patron saint of ecologists. We celebrate the Feast of St Francis on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of October. His feast marks the conclusion of the Season of Creation. On Wednesday why not take a walk on the Greenway or the town park or on your farm, and in admiration take in the beauty of God’s Creation, his daily gift to all of us.

**October - Mission Month**

In the Catholic Church, October has long been associated with mission. The month starts with the feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux and draws to a close with World Mission Sunday – a special day of prayer and global solidarity celebrated in all Catholic parishes around the world. Pope Francis has taken many steps to encourage all members of Catholic communities to recognise themselves as missionary disciples; working and praying together to share God’s love with everyone, everywhere. We echo his call each year as we encourage one another to participate in Mission Month.

**In the Mood for Music**

The Glórach Theatre will be hosting a charity concert this October 7th at 8PM in aid of Milford Hospice and Abbeyfeale for Africa. Helen Hasenfuss, Riona Ní Churtáin and Scott Fitzgerald will be joined by Fr Tony Mullins, Noreen & Aodhán Cotter, and our own church cantors (Liam & Eibhlín Broderick, Jackie Harnett, Leona Lyons, Bláithín McElligott, Katie O’Connor, Maura O’Donnell, Mai Quinlivan and Rebecca Stryker) to play and sing a delightful selection of popular classics. Tickets (€15) are available at [www.glorachabbeyfeale.com](http://www.glorachabbeyfeale.com) or by calling 087 138 3940. A night not to be missed, bígí linn!

**St Joseph’s Young Priests Society**

The monthly meeting of the society will be held on Tuesday 3rd Oct at 7.30pm in the Parish Office. All are welcome.

**Dromtrasna Challenge:** Kids Run 2k,4k, Walk, 5k and 10k Chip timed runs. Online Registration has opened on [www.dromtrasnachallenge.com/events](http://www.dromtrasnachallenge.com/events)

**Monastic Vocations weekend for women** at St Benedict's Priory, Cobh, Co Cork 28th-29th October. For more information contact Mother Prioress: 021 4811354 [cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com](mailto:cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com)

**Maranatha prayer ministry** afternoon starts next Sunday 1st October 2023 at St. Michael’s church, Denmark street, Limerick at 2.45 pm with rosary, divine mercy chaplet. Talk by Fr Leo McDonnell, Parish Priest and parish Mass at 4.30 pm. Relics of St Faustina and Pope John Paul 11 in side chapel.

**Social Dancing at Duagh Sports & Leisure Complex.**

"Social dancing commencing in the Duagh Sports and Leisure Complex on **Friday** nights 8:30 to 10:30. First night is **Friday** the 29th September. €8 entry fee. Complimentary teas and coffee. Door prize on the night"

**Mental Health Week:** Workshop on Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing. 10<sup>th</sup> of October, at 7.30pm in the Limerick Diocesan Centre, Corbally, Limerick. As part of Mental Health Week, the diocese is offering a workshop on Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing, in the family, the parish and the wider community. For further information and to register to attend the workshop, contact the Limerick Diocesan Centre on 061-350000

**Pro-Life National Conference:** The Pro-Life National Conference, will take place at the RDS Dublin, on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of October beginning at 11.00a.m. The Pro-Life Campaign is a non-denominational human rights organisation, drawing its support from a large cross-section of Irish society. For more information on the organisation and to register for the National Conference, log on to [prolifecampaign.ie](http://prolifecampaign.ie)

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