



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

2nd Oct 2022

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Church Sacristy 068 - 51915

We are invited to listen to creation's call. What is God saying to us through the Book of Nature? Spend more time, with awareness, evoking the senses, contemplating God's love for us through creation. Can we allow nature to be a teacher, a friend, a channel of God's love?.

Priest on Call

A priest from one of the local parishes is always available to take emergency calls on Sunday.

Rev Dan Lane, Abbeyfeale is on call this Sunday

He can be contacted on 087/2533030

Mass intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Mossie McEnery Anniv.
Bridget Murphy 8 St Ita's Road 1st Anniv.

10am Johnny & Peggy Stack, Craghatouke, Moynsha Anniv
Richie Woulfe, Cratloe Anniv.

12noon Patrick Moriarty, Caherlane 20th Anniv.
Ned O'Connell, Kilconlea Lower Anniv.

Intentions for next week

Mon 7pm **Tues 10am** **Pro Populo**
Wed 10am **Thurs 10am** **Fri 10am** **Purgatorial**

Mass Intentions for next weekend 8th/9th

6.30pm Patrick & Kathleen Saunders lower Knocknasna
and deceased family members .

Cornelius Flynn 20 The Belfry heights.
Bill & Bridget & John Joe Collins, The Hill Anniv.
Dee Harnett, Kilconlea 5th Anniv.

Margaret Cullhane, Knockbrack Anniv.

10am Eileen & Timothy O'Donoghue, Ballybehy Anniv.

12noon Kathleen Spillane, St Ita's Housing and deceased
members of the Harnett family.

Deaths

We offer our sympathy to the family of Eileen Cahill,
Dromtrasna Collins whose funeral took place on Saturday.
May she rest in peace.

To the family of Michael Flaherty, Mountmahon. Funeral
Mass on Monday at 11am .

May he rest in peace.

Tel Contact Numbers for the Pastoral Area

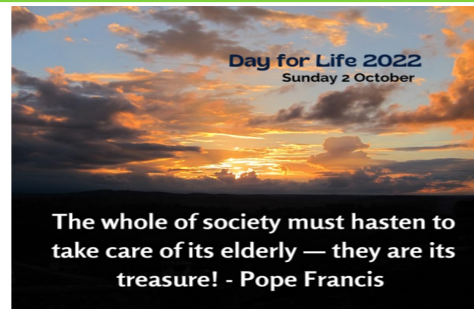
Fr Willie Russell Tel 087/2272825

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Parish office 11am to 1pm 068/31133 or 086/8661651



Day for Life Message – Caring for the Older Person

The focus of the Day for Life this year is older persons. The COVID pandemic highlighted the desperate plight of many older people, especially those in care homes and those struggling with long-term chronic conditions such as dementia. They carried the highest burden which included prolonged isolation, the distress for families being unable to visit, delayed medical interventions and tragic, isolated, deaths followed by shortened, minimal, funeral rites. Many family members and friends continue to bear the wound of deep grief which hurts and is still in need of healing.

There are many challenges which we face; the way in which we provide care for older persons, its cost and the means of payment, the shortage of staff in care homes, the time and energy needed to help older people feel valued and wanted. Many feel they have become a burden or can feel treated as a burden, a 'bed-blocker', or a nuisance because they move more slowly, struggle with more physical challenges and live a different rhythm of life. They often feel vulnerable and worry, when they hear talk about and even concrete proposals for the legalisation of assisted suicide and euthanasia. We share their concerns. In better valuing older persons, we need to find new ways of building bridges by our actions.

Pope Francis has recently offered a very different and more positive perspective. In his *Catechesis on Old Age*, he writes, *'The alliance between generations, which restores all ages of life to the human, is our lost gift and we have to get it back. It must be found, in this throwaway culture and in the culture of productivity.'* [1] He invites us to listen to the dreams of older women and men and to learn from their wisdom (Joel 2:28). Older persons have a different rhythm to life from which we can learn. He continues, *'The arrogance of the time on the clock must be converted into the beauty of the rhythms of life.'* [2]

We invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families and in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations. We call for people and parishes to devote quality time, energy and creativity in caring for the older persons in our communities.

We invite engagement in political debate on providing adequately resourced care of older persons so that no-one feels like a burden in our society.

We challenge our politicians and healthcare system to provide accessible palliative care for all the dying.

We encourage people to learn from a closer accompaniment of the elderly that there is a real richness in the journey through old age, which offers a deeper meaning and a new rhythm to the whole of life; something which can be celebrated and lived with hope in eternal life.

Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, pray for us.

Funeral Bereavement Team Training

Two nights of training for Funeral/Bereavement Teams will be offered on 18th and 25th October from 7:30pm to 9pm in the Diocesan Centre. The training will cover the practical steps involved in setting up and resourcing Funeral/Bereavement Teams in pastoral units/parishes. Following these initial two nights, additional supports and resources needed will be considered and further training sessions will be developed. Again, we would encourage people who have a sense of calling to this ministry area, as well as those already involved, to register for the two nights so we can learn from each other's experiences. You can register for the two nights of training here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FuneralBereavementTeams>

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Dromtrasna Challenge 2022 in aid of Milford Hospice will take place on Saturday 22nd Oct. Register for the 2k Kids run, 4 k walk 5k and 10k chip times runs at www.dromtrasnachalleng.com. Your support for this very worthy cause would be greatly appreciated.

Abbeyfeale Drama Group are holding a meeting on **Tuesday** 4th October in Leen's Hotel at 8pm. New members interested in joining the group are most welcome.

It's Rosary on the Coast time again Location: Ballybunion Beach
Date: **Sunday October 9th** Time: 2.30pm

DAY CARE CENTRE: Open to visitors every **Tuesday**. Morning Coffee and scones, Lunch, Music and Dancing. Contact Jane on 068 51850.

If your are interested in either being a Reader of the Word or an Eucharist Minister contact Fr Tony Mullins or the sacristy.

We also need a few new collectors for the offertory collection at the weekend.

Readers

Oct 2nd Team 5 Aisling O'Connor, Martina O'Sullivan

Margaret O'Sullivan

Oct 9th Team 1 Maura O'Donnell, David Davy Mary Healy

Ministers of the Eucharist **2nd Oct Teams D E F**
9th Oct Team F D E

Baptisms in Abbeyfeale will be celebrated on the **first Saturday** of each month at 5.00pm. Also, on the **second Sunday** of the month after the 12noon Mass.

Contact the Sacristy 068/51915 during Mass Times.

DAY TRIP TO KNOCK: A bus is travelling to Knock from Killarney on **Saturday, October 8** and will pick up at the bus stop across from the church at 9.20am.

Contact [064 \(0\)64 6631095](tel:06400646631095).

Adoration each Friday after 10am Mass until 7pm.
In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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Or DD system forms available from the sacristy.