



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



2nd Jan 2022 www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@eircom.net Church Sacristy 068 - 51915 Parish Office 068 - 31133

Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Area
Fr Brendan Duggan 087/0562674
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Mass intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Mary Roche, Castlemahon Anniiv.
 Theresa O'Connor & DM O'Connor,
 Caherhayes Anniv.
10am John & Hannah Mai Lane the Hill and their
 daughter Catherine
 Jim Joy, Ballaugh and Peg Joy Convent Road
12noon Patrick Cahill, Dromtrasna Collins 1st Anniv.
Monday 7pm Jimmy Quirke, Kilconlea Upper Anniv.
 Tom Enright, Rathorna Anniv.

Thank You: As we begin this New Year Fr Dan and I wish to thank all our church volunteers who give so much of their time and talent to the celebration of our liturgies. We are grateful to all of you for your generosity in giving of your time and individual talents which enhance the celebration of the Mass. We particularly thank all of you for helping to making our Christmas Masses very special and worthy celebrations for the feast of Christmas. We look forward to your continued participation in the celebration of Mass and other ceremonies throughout the coming year.

Prayer for the beginning of the New Year

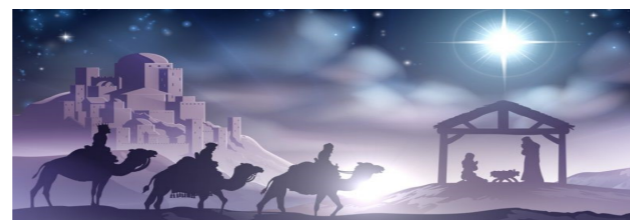
O God,
 your days are without beginning
 and without end.
 We dedicate this coming year to you.
 Give us such prosperity as you know is good for us,
 and make us abound in doing whatever
 is pleasing to you;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Happy New Year!

As we come to the end of 2021 we look back over the year with an appreciation for all the goodness and love we have experienced from so many people in our families, our parish community and from our friends. We are grateful for the many acts of kindness that we have experienced. We acknowledge the extraordinary commitment of our frontline workers, especially all who work in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for the sick in their family homes. We owe them our sincere appreciation and we pray that God will watch over them and keep them safe in the new year as the world continues to grapple with the ongoing pandemic. This past year has been for most of us, a combination of joy and sadness, success and disappointment. As we reflect on the joys and pains of the past year, we turn to God for reassurance, support, and guidance. As we begin 2022, we put our trust in God. He is our constant companion who will guide us through all the moments of our lives. In this New Year we commit to working together to building a parish community that will prosper in every way and most especially that we will work to ensure that no one in our parish feels excluded from community life. On Christmas day Pope Francis said that "Our capacity for social relationships is sorely tried; there is a growing tendency to withdraw, to do it all by ourselves, to stop making an effort to encounter others and do things together," During 2022 let us make a special effort to look out for each other and to work together during these challenging times.

Fr Dan and I wish all our parishioners a very happy, blessed and prosperous new year. Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh
 Tony Mullins P.P.



Holy Day Masses: Thursday next is the 6th of January, the celebration of **The Epiphany of the Lord**, also known as *Little Christmas* and *Nollaig na mBan*. The Vigil Mass for the feast will be celebrated at 7.00pm on Wednesday 5th of January. Mass on the 6th will be celebrated at 10.00am and at 7.00pm. All are welcome.

An Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus
 may your light shine our way,
 as once it guided the steps of the magi:
 that we too may be led into your presence
 and worship you,
 the Child of Mary,
 the Word of the Father,
 the King of nations,
 the Saviour of mankind;
 to whom be glory for ever.
 Frank Colquhou

Parish Clerk

A special word of thanks to Anne and Maurice our parish clerks for their time and commitment to the church and to the parish. No matter what the occasion they are always available to prepare the church, to tidy up after the ceremony, to decorate the sanctuary for the special feast days throughout the year and to open and lock the church every morning and evening. Their role involves a 365-day commitment and we are most grateful for all that they do for us. Next weekend Sat 8th/Sun 9th of January, a collection will be taken up at all Masses in appreciation of their service to the church and the community. We know you will be generous in your acknowledgment of their service

Deaths:

Nora Morrisroe, late of Killarney Road, Abbeyfeale who died on 22nd of December.
 Mary O'Connor, Caherhayes who died on the 27th of December.
 We extend our sympathies to their families. May they rest in peace.

Restricted movement and self-isolation for COVID-19

If you have tested positive for COVID-19, or you are a close contact of someone who has COVID-19, you should limit your contact with other people. In certain circumstances, you may need to restrict your movements to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. In other circumstances, you may need to self-isolate. Restricting your movements means staying at home to avoid contact with other people. Self-isolation (staying in your room) means staying indoors and completely avoiding contact with other people. This includes the people you live with. You should self-isolate if any of the following apply:
 You have symptoms of COVID-19
 You have a positive test result (PCR or antigen)
 You are a close contact of a variant of concern. For more up to date information contact the HSE on <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/contact-tracing/close-contact>

Courage

Give me courage, Lord, today to face what comes along.
 Give me the faith and love I need to fill each day with song...
 Give me courage, Lord, today to follow in your way;
 Help me to do what I should do,
 And hear me when I pray...
 Give me courage Lord today And strength to do your will;
 Lead me and guide me, precious Lord,
 For I need your presence still...
 Come, take away my pain
 You are my Master, Lord, and King and ever shall remain.

Citizens Advice Helpline

Are open to deal with your queries Monday to Friday. You can contact between 9:30am and 4:15pm by phone on 0761-07-5780, or by email at limerick@citinfo.ie
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 Depression & Bipolar Disorder Support www.aware.ie Tel: Freephone 1800 80 48 48 (available 7 days, 10am-10pm). Email: supportmail@aware.ie

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