



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



2nd Feb Jan 2025 www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@eircom.net Church Sacristy 068 - 51915 Parish Office 11am to 1pm

Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Area
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Intentions for this weekend

- 6.30pm** Mary Ann Quirke Kilconlea Upper Months Mind
Paddy & Nancy Fitzgerald Meenahela Anniv.
Bridget Rowley 3rd Anniv.
Kathleen Fitzgerald New Street Anniv.
- 10am** David Ward, Ballaugh Anniv.
Nelius O'Connell Kilconlea Upper and Canada
Elaine Reilly, Monaghan
- 12noon** Aoife Collins 8th Anniv.
Mrs Eily Lane New Street Anniv.
Dick Murphy and Ita Lewis Knocknasna Anniv.
Don Wheeler UK

Intentions for next week

- Mon 7pm Feast of St Blaize**
Blessing of Throats will a take place after Mass
- Tues 10am** John Collins, Ballymacjordan
Mass & Interment of Ashes
- Wed 10am** Sr Cansius Collins Month Mind
- Thurs 10am**
- Fri 10am**

Intentions for next weekend

- 6.30pm** Peter Scannell, Clash Road Anniv.
Willie O'Connor, Collins Park Anniv.
Jerry O Riordan, Dromtrasna Harnett Anniv.
- 10am** Nell O'Mahony, Collins Park & Josie Doherty
Tournafulla Anniv.
Mary & Tommy Mann Church Street Anniv.
Nora (Narrie) Leahy late of Banard died in Chicago
John Collins Dromtrasna Collins
- 12noon** Johnny Reidy, New Street Months Mind
Gerard Fitzgerald Tournafulla Anniv.
Nicky Bowden Dromtrasna Harnett 5th Anniv.

Mount Melleray

Since the Mount Melleray Abbey closed yesterday, it is appropriate to say something of its history. The Cistercian Order began in 1098 when a group of Benedictine monks left their monastery and founded a new monastery at Citeaux where they wanted to live the Rule of St. Benedict (480-547) more faithfully. The Cistercians first came to Ireland in 1142 when, at the invitation of St. Malachy of Armagh, they established Mellifont Abbey. Over the following four centuries there were about 40 Cistercian monasteries in Ireland e.g. Abbeyfeale in 1188, Manister, Abington, Holy Cross, Hore Abbey, near Cashel, and Inislounaght Abbey, near Clonmel.

After the Reformation in the sixteenth century all the monasteries in Ireland were suppressed so Irish men and women wanting to be monks and nuns had to travel to the continent. At the beginning of the nineteenth century there were over sixty Irish and English monks in the monastery of Melleray in Brittany, France, but the monks were expelled from the monastery during the French Revolution of the early 1830s and in December 1831 the Irish and English monks arrived in Ireland by boat, settling in Rathmore, Co. Kerry, under the leadership of Fr. Vincent Ryan.

They came to Cappoquin, where they founded Mount Melleray in memory of the motherhouse on Wednesday, 30th May 1832. On the feast of St. Bernard, 20th August 1833, the foundation stone of the new monastery was blessed by the local bishop. The monastery was completed before the famine.

In 1878, Mt. Melleray founded Mount St. Joseph Abbey, near Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. In 1938, Mt. Melleray established New Mellifont Abbey, Co. Louth, on land that had belonged to the original Mellifont Abbey 800 years before.

Mount Melleray College closed in June 1974. Over 10,000 students were educated at the schools of Mt. Melleray between 1840 and 1974, and several hundred of them were subsequently ordained priests for ministry in Ireland and abroad. Over 1,140 monks worked at Mount Melleray in its 193-year existence.

Best wishes to you all on this bank holiday weekend

On this bank holiday weekend we encourage you to drive the roads with extreme caution.

We wish you all a very happy St Brigid's weekend with your families enjoy the lovely weather.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

The monthly meeting of St Joseph's Young Priests Society will take place on Tuesday 4th Feb at 7.30pm in the usual venue office. All are welcome

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of Patie Fitzgibbon, Caherlane whose funeral took place on Monday. May he rest in peace.

**Saturday is the feast of St Brigid
Prayer to St Brigid**

*Bridget, you were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace
cover those who are troubled and anxious.
And may peace be firmly rooted in
our hearts and in our world.
Inspire us to act justly and to
reverence all God has made.
Bridget, you were a voice for the
wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater
wholeness in mind, body and spirit.
Amen.*

Candlemas Day Sunday 2nd February

On Sunday 2nd February we celebrated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord,' also known as 'Candlemas Day,' Our thanks to all who donated candles to the Church. Candles will be blessed this evening at 6.30pm Mass and tomorrow 2nd at both masses.

**ABBEYFEALE COMMUNITY ALERT
CHRISTMAS LUNCH:**

Sunday, February 23rd in St. Ita's Day Care Centre, Convent St. with lunch served at 1.15pm and followed by dancing to Paddy Quilligan.

TROUBLED BATCHLORS: Abbeyfeale Drama's new production opening Tuesday Feb 18 at the Glórach Theatre for an eight night run (not consecutive). Booking 087 1383940.

Baptisms in Abbeyfeale Parish

First Saturday of the month @ 5pm
Second Sunday of the month @12.45
RING 068/51915 DURING Mass times to book.
Please take to leaflet home with you or place in the bins on your way out.