



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



3rd April 2022 www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@eircom.net Church Sacristy 068 - 51915 Parish Office 068 - 31133

Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Area

Fr Denis Mullane 087/2621911
Fr Tony Mullins 087/2600414
Fr Dan Lane (Retired) 087/2533030.

Mass intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Jim & Nora Harnett and deceased family members
 Hannah & John O'Donoghue, Knocknasna Anniv

10am Margaret Quirke, Killarney Road Months Mind

12noon Fintan Mary Ann Collins Knocknansa Anniv
 Maureen & John Canty, Ballybeg Brosna Anniv.
 Dr Michael Wall, Mountmahon
 Tamzin O'Brien Clash Road Months Mind.

Intentions for the week

Mon 7pm Mary D A O'Connor, Kilconlea
 Tues 10am Pro-Populo
 Wed 10am Special Intention
 Thurs 10am Special Intention
 Fri 10am

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Phyllis Cotter, Purt Anniv.
 Séan Enright, Upper Purt Anniv.
10am
12noon

Ukraine Collection Last weekend

We appreciate your very generous contributions towards the Ukraine collection last weekend. As always your financial support to a crisis is outstanding. The amount collected last weekend was €10755 and more donations have been handed in since. Míle Buiochas.

First Friday Communion visits. Fr Tony has postponed his First Friday Communion calls until Holy Week (10th – 17th April). He will be in contact with the people involved to make arrangements.

Adoration: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Blessed Sacrament Church, every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Lent from 10.30am to 8.00pm

Confessions: Confession will be heard on Saturday evening from 6.00pm to 6.20pm. Also, on Thursday morning after the 10.00am Mass.

Support Trócaire

Trócaire would like to thank you for the support you give to their work each year. Your donations reach thousands of vulnerable communities and families all over the world. This help is critical. At the moment along with many other agencies Trócaire is helping to provide shelter and essential food supplies including food and blankets and hygiene supplies to refugees from Ukraine in Poland and in other eastern European countries. However, Trócaire are deeply conscious of the millions of people around the world who are also facing crisis, and who are at risk of being forgotten and left behind. Millions of people in countries such as South Sudan, Somalia and the Democratic Republic of Congo are displaced by conflict and some are facing famine. Trócaire will continue to support these people through the annual Lenten appeal which they are very grateful to you for supporting. Please continue to support the Trócaire Lenten campaign.

Forgiveness is a Grace

Dr Sheila Cassidy an English born medical doctor who worked in Chile in the 1970s was imprisoned and tortured for offering medical assistance to an opponent of the Pinochet government. After her release from prison and when she had returned home she wrote about her journey of forgiveness. She said *"I can only say however justified our hatred, if we cherish it, it will poison us. Hatred is a devil to be cast out, and we must pray for the power to forgive, for it is in forgiving our enemies that we are healed."* For most of us our personal journey of forgiveness is forged in daily living, where petty resentments, old wounds and hurts, if not dealt with, fester and gnaw, robbing us of joy. Forgiveness is a grace, a blessing of God, the love and mercy of God poured into our hearts, setting us free from poison and the darkness of resentment. Lord during this Lent help me to imitate you by living a life of love and witnessing to your mercy, grace and forgiveness in my daily life.

Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season 2022

Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season re-opens on Sunday 1st May 2022. One Day Retreats are scheduled to take place in the month of May on the following dates. May 1st, 2nd, 7th, 10th, 15th, 17th, 22nd, 24th, 29th and 30th. One day retreats will also take place during the months of August and September. Three Day Pilgrimages will commence in July and continue in July and August. Sat 13th of August is the last day for pilgrims to begin the Three-Day Pilgrimage. Easter Monday 18th April 2022 is Pilgrim Path Day. Join the Prior and Lough Derg Team for a guided walk on the lakeshore around Lough Derg. This is one of the events marking Pilgrim Path Week in Ireland. Registration essential. For further information log on to www.loughderg.com or telephone 071-9861518 or infor@loughderg.com.

Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

*Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us
 "Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God."
 In this time of great worry, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit sustain all the people of Ukraine to be vigilant and dedicated to peace and justice. Grant their leaders wisdom and prudence. Yet may they also have the strength and perseverance to defend their land from all adversity and foreign attacks. Help us all to live according to your Divine Will.
 O God, our Father, in the days to come, we beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the faithful departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom.
 We ask also that the Most Holy Mother of God extend her blessed mantle of protection over our Ukraine. Amen.* Source: Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family

'Live, Love, Lent' Campaign

The diocese of Limerick is inviting parishioners from around the diocese to link into a number of programmes that it has put together to support and assist people through the Lenten season.

Thank You

Fr Tony would like to thank the many parishioners who were in touch with him last week while he was self-isolating. Your support and offers of help is deeply appreciated.

LIFE IS TOO SHORT

Life is too short, so live it to the fullest. Embrace this moment and cherish the ones you love. Laugh at every chance you get, cry only if you must. Love abundantly, give much, forgive quickly, Stay grateful, take nothing for granted Let go of what you cannot change. Thank God for all you have. Amen.

Ukraine Fundraiser

The Wednesday Club are hosting a coffee morning at St Ita's Hall. Abbeyfeale on Wednesday April 6th from 10.30pm to 2pm. Your support would be appreciated.

Popes Intentions for the Month of April

Pope Francis has asked us to remember in our prayers all our health care workers who serve the sick and elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Theology on Tap

At Bobby Byrne's Bar, O'Connell Avenue, Limerick City. April 12th at 8.00pm. Ciarán Carey, former Limerick Senior Hurler will give a presentation on addiction. Ciarán is an addiction counsellor with *My Move Counselling*. All are welcome to attend. Finger Food provided. For more information contact Sister Marie Rose, O.P. on vocations@limerickdiocese.org

MABS Outreach Clinic.

MABS is the Irish money advice service and has been helping people to deal with problem debt for 30 years. MABS have recently set up a clinic in Abbeyfeale. Since Friday 4th of March and on every second Friday of the month a MABS Outreach Clinic will be held in St Ita's Hall from 9.00am to 12,30pm. To make an appointment call 0818-072210. Those wishing to make an appointment must make the call themselves in line with GDPR.

Radio Maria

Radio Maria is a Catholic Radio Station based in Dublin. You can tune in to the station through your television on Saorview channel 210.

Catholic Faith Camp

A four-day Faith Summer Camp will take place from the 27th of July to the 30th of July 2022. The camp will be live streamed daily and will include music and action songs, arts and crafts, bible stories, games and drama. No need to register, check out on www.holyfamilymission.ie/camp-mhuire-mhathair.