

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

4th Dec 2022

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Church Sacristy 068 - 51915

Priest on Call

A priest from one of the local parishes is always available to take emergency calls on Sunday. Rev F Duhig He can be contacted on 087/6380299 Mass intentions for this weekend 6.30pm Jackie & Joan O'Connor and their daughter Marian Harnett 10am William & Nora Flynn and deceased family members **12noon** Julie Kelly and deceased family members Liam & Kitty O'Callaghan and Paddy Leady, Ballybehy Anniv Mon 7pm Jim & Mary Lane and Donie Lane Meenkilly Tues 10am Pro Populo Thanksgiving Mass Wed 10am **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** Wed 7pm Vincent McNally Anniv. Willie Leahy and son Dermot, Mountmahon Thurs 10am Lawrence Cree Month Mind Thurs 7pm For the sick of the parish Fri 10am Purgatorial

Mass Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Paddy & Mary O'Connor Caherhayes Jeremiah Healy, Knocknasna Month Mind Ann Lyons, The Square Anniv. Bridget Healy and deceased family members lower Knocknasna Betty & Patie Lane, Kilconlea Anniv. Ramey Leahy New Street Anniv. John & Mary Ita Collins and son John and deceased family members 10am Hannah Mai Scannell, Dromtrasna Collins Anniv.

Paddy, Eily Mai and Michael Barry Anniv. **12noon** Tom Dillane Kilconlea Anniv.

Frank Foley, St Ita's Road Anniv. Mary Gleeson Morrissey, Ballaugh Anniv.

Readers of The Word

4th Dec Team 5 Aisling O'Connor Martina O'Sullivan and Margaret O'Sullivan **Ministers of the Eucharist** Team CAB 4th Dec

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Get into the Christmas Spirit

Parishioners are looking forward to the Celtic Brothers Christmas Concert which will take place in the parish church next Sunday 11th of December. Ticket sales have picked up a pace this week, so we advise all those who wish to attend the concert to purchase tickets as soon as possible. The concert will include all our Christmas favourite songs and carols.

From 'White Christmas' to 'O Holy Night'. It will be good to get together once again and join in this community celebration in preparation for Christmas. This concert will help all of us to move forward another step from our Covid lockdown experience. If you are not familiar with the Celtic Brothers, for-

mally known as the Willoughby Brothers, you can get to see them perform at previous concerts by logging on to our parish website

www.abbeyfealeparish.ie and click on any of the 4 links of previous concerts listed there. Doors on Sunday evening next will open at 6.30pm. The concert will begin at 7.30pm. We look forward to welcoming you to the event.

Tickets on Sale: Tickets for the Concert are available in Abbeyfeale at

Siopa Milseán, Batt Harnett's, Kathleen's Food Store, Moss Harnett's Gala Shop, O'Donoghue's Spar Shop, Marguerites Cake Shop, Twohig's Super Value. Tickets are also on sale at Buckley's Shop, Devon Road, Templeglantine Post Office, Tournafulla Community Shop and at Watsons in Duagh. Tickets can also be purchased by calling 089- 4314765. All funds raised from the concert will go towards necessary renovation works in St Ita's Hall, which will be open 100 years in 2028.



Christmas Cantata: We are delighted to announce that Scoil Mháthair Dé will perform their Christmas Cantata, "Nativity Story" in the Church of the Assumption on Thursday 15th December at 7.00 p.m. All Welcome.

Confirmation Preparation Mass: All children who have requested to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are asked to attend the Saturday evening Vigil Mass next weekend to participate in a ceremony of Enrolment and Commitment. During the Enrolment Ceremony the children will make public their commitment to preparing for Confirmation within the parish community by making a commitment to personal prayer, to community prayer by attending Mass regularly, to take seriously all the preparation for Confirmation at school, in the parish and at home, and finally to do their best to be the kind of person Jesus would want them to be. Parents, guardians, Confirmation Sponsors and other family members are also asked to attend this special Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Wednesday and Friday in the Blessed Sacrament Church from after the 10.00am morning Mass until 7. 00p.m. If you are willing to give some of your time to this devotional prayer, we ask you to sign the schedule which is located on a table at the rear of the sanctuary area in the main church. We will continue with the Adoration on Wednesday until Christmas.



."Abbeyfeale on Film & In Context" will be screening at Glórach Cinema,

Abbeyfeale on Saturday, Dec 10th at 8pm – Tickets €10. You will see extensive film footage, from 1963, of interviews with local people regarding the "Land Wars" and "A Day at the Fair", as well as other footage relevant to Abbeyfeale. The film, also, looks at people, events & circumstances, both Nationally & Internationally, and their impact on everyday lives in the early and middle part of the last century. It, really, is an event not to be missed and Abbeyfeale Church is a beneficiary from ticket sales. Our own P.P. Fr Tony says "everybody should come and see it" – so there! Book on glorachabbeyfeale.com or 087 1383940. The screening scheduled for Sun Dec 11th has been cancelled so that the Glórach car park would be fully available for church concert patrons."

Sunday 11th. We appreciate their support for the parish.

St Vincent De Paul:

As it comes into its busiest two months of the year, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) is receiving an average of 800 requests for help every day. Launching this year's SVP Annual Appeal entitled "Impossible Choices", Rose McGowan, SVP National President, said that despite the additional cost-of-living support payments made by the Government, there are many people who are struggling to meet basic family expenses.

"Last year, there were a record-breaking 191,000 requests for help received at our national and regional offices. That figure looks likely to be exceeded this year, with 168,000 requests already received to the end of October, a 19% increase on the same time in 2021.

"In the coming months, the cost of living crisis will hit different households in different wavs, particularly with the rising costs of food, energy and housing. Add in Christmas costs, and you can see how difficult life will be for those on fixed incomes, whether that income comes through the State or from low-paid employment. "Those hardest hit will include one parent-families, low-income workers; households on fixed social welfare incomes; low-income households in rural areas; people with disabilities and their carers. They are all facing impossible choices this Christmas and into the new year. That is why we are seeking donations to help families pay for food, heat their homes and ensure their children get a decent Christmas. "We are asking people to please donate whatever they can spare at either a local collection, online or over the phone to help people who are struggling now and will continue to struggle through this winter and into the new year." Abbevfeale branch of St Vincent De Paul are holding their annual Christmas Church Gate Collection next weekend the 10th/11th of December. Any donations you can give will be greatly appreciated.

ABBEYFEALE FOR AFRICA: The annual Christmas cake sale will take place in St. Ita's Hall on Sunday, December 11th from 10am – 1pm. Hope all our generous bakers will continue to support us. Donations can be left in Batt's the day before or dropped to the hall Sunday morning. We look forward to your continued support.

Christmas Part St Ita's Day Centre: The annual Christmas party takes place on Tuesday, December 13th. The day starts from 10 -11.30 with tea and scones, followed by a game of bingo from 12noon with Christmas Lunch served at 1pm and followed by Christmas Carols with the ACA Choir, music, song, dancing and for those who like a game of cards -there's a quiet corner. The charge is €15, you must book in advance on 068 51850 and everyone is welcome.



The Pastoral Council are grateful to the Glórach Theatre Board for making the Glórach car park available to those attending the Celtic Brothers Concert on

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