



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



4th May 2025 www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@gmail.com Church Sacristy 068 - 51915 Parish Office 11am to 1pm

Deaths in the parish this week

Jackie (moore) Harnett, Lower Purt
Eleanor Fitzgerald Meenahela
Maura (heck) Collins Lower Purt
May they rest in peace

Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Jer Roche Caherhayes 4th Anniv
Patrick (Patie Boy) Harnett Killarney Road Months Mind
Hannah O'Donoghue Collins Park Anniv.

10am Deceased members of the Regan family Birmingham

12noon Joe Collins late of Graigue / USA died recently

Monday 7pm Paddy & Lena Flynn, Duagh Anniv.

Tues Wed Thurs and Fri morning Mass at 10am.

Saturday 10th May 11am First Holy Communion

The Gates will be locked on Friday evening at 8pm

First Holy Communion will also take place on Saturday 17th May at 11am Gates will be locked the evening before at 8pm.

6.30pm Nora & Dan O'Donnell The Hill Anniv.
Danny Murphy Knockbrack 1st Anniv.
Tom Broderick, Killarney Road Anniv.
Dan & Bessie Meehan Kilmorna Anniv.
Dermot Leahy Mountmahon & Dublin Anniv.

10am Acknowledgement Mass

12noon Tom Collins Meenkilly Anniv
Willie & Rita Hernon Kilconlea Anniv
William & Margaret O Riordan Banard Anniv.

Parish Clerks collection will take place on the weekend of the 17th & 18th May. Envelopes in your box of envelopes are at the doors of the church.

Thanks you for your continued support.

RSA and An Garda Síochána for drivers to **slow down** this **bank holiday weekend**.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. Enjoy the s Sun.

Thursday (May1st) was 'La Bealtaine' which translates as May Day. La Bealtaine is a day that goes way back many generations in Irish culture and history. Our ancient and recent farming ancestors relied on significant calendar events to give them reassurance and to remind them when to sow and when to reap. Bealtaine is one of the four major Irish Celtic annual festivals along with Samhain, Imbolc and Lughnasa. It signifies the return of light and is widely observed throughout Ireland, Scotland and the Isle of Man, while May Day celebrations occur throughout Europe. La Bealtaine was celebrated to mark the beginning of summer. It was a day when the herds of livestock were driven out to summer pastures. The lighting of bonfires on hills and mountains was a part of the tradition. Many farmers still have the lovely tradition of sprinkling holy water on their cattle and farms. At the heart of Bealtaine is a reminder of growth, abundance and life flourishing at this time of year. The darkness of winter is far behind, the promise of spring has delivered and the coming months are about making the most of everything connected with life. These weeks all our trees are coming into leaf with a great energy. This May Bank holiday weekend hope you can get out for a walk in nature or somewhere outdoors especially with the nice spell of good weather we are having at the moment. When we connect with nature it has a calming and healing effect and it is a place where we can also feel close to God too.

The conclave to elect the 267th Pope will begin on May 7th, following the conclusion of the Novendiales Masses to pray for the eternal repose of the late Pope Francis. The Cardinals present in Rome have agreed to begin the conclave on May 7th, 2025. The date was set on Monday morning by the approximately 180 cardinals present (just over a hundred of whom are electors) gathered for the fifth General Congregation in the Vatican. The conclave will take place in the Vatican's Sistine Chapel, which will remain closed to visitors during those days.

Mile Buicohas for your continued generosity to the parish and your support of the priests with the Easter dues collection, also Trocaire box can still be dropped in or put your donation in an envelope if you wish.

Fleadh by the Feale returns this May Bank Holiday weekend, bringing together some of the finest traditional musicians, dancers, singers, and storytellers from Ireland and beyond. Expect a weekend filled with music, culture, and lively performances in the heart of Limerick.

Ireland Needs Fatima. Annual, All Ireland Rosary Rally Saturday 10th May at 4pm in The Square Abbeyfeale.

A meeting of the Young Priests Society will take place on Tuesday 6th May at 7.30pm.

Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Friday after the 10am Mass until 7pm. Jubilee 2025 Year of Mercy Adoration Prayer gift cards are available in the blessed sacrament chapel if you wish to give a gift of an hour prayer to a person.

Darkness Into Light walk/run takes place on Sat 10th May @4.15 am starting in the Desmond Complex NCW. Pieta House provides free counselling to people in suicide distress, self harm etc Your support will be greatly appreciated. For more information contact Breda 087 7715734

A Church radio system allows parishioners who are confined to home to listen into Mass and other services. Tune in on 105.900 FM.

The next baptismal preparation meeting will take place in Athea on Tuesday 13th May at 8pm. Ring the office 11am- 1pm to book in.

Abbeyfeale Annual Town Park dog show will be held on May 18th at 2pm. All are welcome.