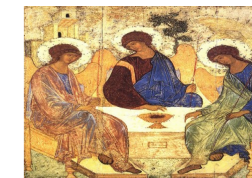




**PARISH PASTORAL UNIT**  
**ABBEYFEALE, ATHEA, TEMPLEGLANTINE, TOURNAFULLA, MOUNTCOLLINS**



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**Intentions for weekend**

**6.30pm** Diana O'Mahony Months Mind

Sean O'Mahony 9th Anniv.

Hannah Mai O'Connor, nee Broderick Bogmount

Dr Michael O'Mahony, Canada

**10.00am** Mary Ita McCarthy, Shanbally Anniv.

Timothy T (Tady) O'Connor, Kilmanihan Anniv.

Tom Murphy, Ballylin Anniv.

**12noon** Pro Populo

**Intentions for the week**

**Mon 7pm** Exam Mass

**10am**

**Wed 10am** Mass of Acknowledgement from the family of Betty O'Connor Kilmorna

**Thurs 10am**

**Fri 10am**

**Intentions for next weekend**

**6.30pm** John Leahy, New Street Anniv.

D P Woulfe Bridge Street 2nd Anniv.

Timothy & Bebe Harnett and Family members Ballaugh

Hauleen & Peggy Foley, Ballaugh

**10am** Francis Fealy and her husband Charlie

Margaret & Thomas Enright and deceased family members

Nell & Jack Gleeson, Killarney Road

**12noon** Pro Populo

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP:**

The weekly Divine Mercy prayer group have resumed meeting after the 7pm Mass every Monday.

New members are always welcome.

**Parish Clerks collection**

The Clerks wish to thank you for your generous support to them through the collection recently.

**Young Priest Society meeting** will take place in the parish office on Tuesday next at 7.30pm.

**Doctor quits medicine to become a priest in the Diocese of Elphin**

A 59-year-old oncologist has turned his back on medicine to become a priest. On Sunday last at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Sligo, Chris Garrett was ordained to the priesthood. The 59-year-old was ordained a deacon last year and has been ministering alongside Fr. John McManus and Fr. Kevin Reynolds in the parish of Castlerea since.

Fr. Chris, was a highly regarded oncologist before deciding to enter the priesthood. The San Francisco native said previously that his journey to the priesthood "was a slow burner."

He is one of only four priests being ordained in Ireland this year, down from eight priests the previous year. He says the priesthood is a rewarding career even though the number of new candidates is falling sharply.

Fr. Garrett was born and raised in San Francisco; he is a dual national and completed his secondary school studies at St Andrews College, Booterstown and his university education at University College Dublin (Medicine, 1988). He will serve as priest in the diocese of Elphin which covers all of County Sligo, parts of County Roscommon and Leitrim.

**Take the Risk for Christ**

Have you ever thought that the Lord might be calling you to be a priest? In a short video five priests from around Ireland share how they followed their vocation to the Diocesan priesthood, explaining what a priest is and his mission in the world. To watch this video log on to <https://youtu.be/DXet3pY1xP4>

**St Joseph's Young Priests Society**

The Annual Pilgrimage of the St. Joseph's Young Priests Society to Knock Shrine will take place again this year on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Details of bus times to Knock can be found on poster in the church noticeboard.

**Church Bells**

The Bells of the church are out of order at the moment. The unit is sent away to be repaired.

**'Lost Souls' will give a concert in the Glorach Theatre, Abbeyfeale on Saturday 10th of June at 8.00pm.**

It promises to be a great evening of song and music.

Proceeds from the concert will go towards the St Ita's Hall Renovation Fund.

**Corpus Christi Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ**

Next weekend end we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi. The Eucharist is a sacrament that creates a spiritual unity among believers. Through partaking in the bread and wine that represent the body and blood of Christ, we become united as one body of Christ. This is a reminder of the importance of community and the role that the Eucharist plays in creating a sense of belonging among believers.

The true presence of Christ in the Eucharist: The belief in the true presence of Christ in the bread and wine of the Eucharist is a central teaching of the Catholic Church. The bread and wine are not merely symbols, but are the body and blood of Christ. This belief is foundational to the Catholic faith, and is a reminder of the depth of Christ's sacrifice for us.

The necessity of the Eucharist for eternal life: Jesus teaches that His flesh and blood are true food and true drink, and those who eat and drink them will abide in Him and have eternal life. This is a reminder of the centrality of the Eucharist to the Catholic faith, and the importance of receiving the sacrament for our spiritual nourishment and growth.

**Corpus Christi Procession**

To celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, we will have a short Eucharistic procession to the grotto in the car park after the Vigil Mass next Saturday evening. We ask parishioners to join in this procession and we invite all the children who received their First Holy Communion to attend Mass and join in the procession to the Grotto. The procession will take place at the end of Mass.

**Leaving and Junior Cert Exams**

We wish all our students every success in the Leaving and Junior Cert Exams which begin this coming Wednesday. During the exams a special prayer space for students will be put in place in the Church. Students are welcome to come and take some quiet time here in the church between exams. A Mass for students doing exams and for their families will be celebrated on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of June at 7.00pm. All are welcome. In Saint Luke's Gospel we read:

*Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies.*  
 Luke 2:46-48

**Let us pray for all students undergoing examinations:**

Lord, pour out your Spirit of Wisdom on these students:

help them to remain calm,

to attend carefully to the questions asked,

to think clearly, to remember accurately,

and to express themselves well.

Grant that they may reflect on the best of the work they have done

and the best of the teaching they have received.

Accept their best efforts in these examinations

and in the great test of life on earth.

May your love be upon them, O Lord,

as they place all their trust in you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**World Environment Day**

Led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and held annually on the 5<sup>th</sup> June since 1973, World Environment Day is the largest global platform for environmental public outreach and is celebrated by millions of people across the world. World Environment day encourages worldwide awareness and action to protect our environment.