



# ABBEYFEALE PARISH



4th Oct 2020

Day for Life

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr Tony Mullins PP 087/2600414

Today's reading Is 5:1-7: Ps 79:4-6-9

## Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Joan & Moss Fitzgerald, Ballaugh

10am Johnny & Peggy Stack, Craughthouke, Moynsha Anniv.

Richard Woulfe, Ctratloe 3rd Anniv.

12noon Ned O'Connell

Tom & Mary McAuliffe, Banard and

Helen Buckey and her parents

Joan & Neil Buckley

## Intentions for next weekend

Mon 7pm, Tues 10am

Wed 10am Pro Populo Thurs 10am

Fri 10am Ellen O'Connor, Knockbrack Knocknagoshel Anniv.

Sat 11am

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6.30pm Patrick & Kathleen Saunders and deceased family members

Ray Stryker, Knocknagoshel Anniv.

Marian Shannon-Murphy Anniv.

Margaret Culhane, Knockbrack Anniv.

10am Theresa Fitzgerald Anniv.

Eileen & Timothy O'Donoghue, Ballybehy

12noon Tom & Joan Murphy, Ballaugh Anniv.

Padraig O'Cleirigh, Killarney Rd 1st Anniv.

## Praying the Rosary

Archbishop Eamonn Martin is asking families to pray the Rosary together for the month of October in what is called the *Family Rosary Crusade*. On Sunday October 11th the Rosary on the Coast for Life & Faith in Ireland will take place. See [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie) to see locations near you or to register a location.

**Rosary from coast to coast next Sunday 11th Oct. at 2.30pm in Ballybunnion Ladies Beach**

**HOLY HOUR:** Every **Tuesday** morning in the Church of the Assumption from 9-10am and every **Wednesday** in Templeglantine church

**“Be compassionate to all in whatever situation they are in”**

## Fr Shoji Varghese

Fr Shoji left Abbeyfeale on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of September to take up his new appointment as a member of the Pastoral Care Team at the University Hospital Limerick. While here in Abbeyfeale Fr Shoji endeared himself to the people of the parish and he will be missed by everybody. We wish him well in his new appointment and we thank him for all his work and ministry while he was with us in Abbeyfeale. The Pastoral Council will make a presentation to Fr Shoji on Wednesday night next at 8.00p.m. Parishioners will be able to follow the presentation on line through the Church Services TV network. Due to the increasing risks with the spread of the coronavirus the presentation event will be restricted to the members of the Pastoral Council only.

## Fr Dan Lane

We welcome Fr Dan Lane to the parish who has just retired as parish priest of Ballingarry after fifty years of loyal service in the diocese of Limerick. Fr Dan is returning to his roots as he is a native of Brosna and has many close links with Abbeyfeale. We wish him a very happy retirement. Fr Lane is living at the bungalow at the rear of the church.

## October when we reflect on the Missions

The theme for Mission Sunday this year is

**‘Together we can do more - Blessed are the peacemakers’.**

It is highlighting that our Church is a global community that must stand together if it is to do more. COVID-19 brings much fear, but it also shows us that selfless and courageous actions are not reserved solely for saints. In fact, they are found in every one of us, and that by acting together we can achieve more. The theme also recognises our missionaries as peacemakers. In many of our poorer parishes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, it is missionaries who are on the front line. We already owe these women and men so much, as they walk hand-in-hand with marginalized communities, long before and after any emergency. Just like Jesus, the Prince of Peace, missionaries emulate love and harmony as they reconcile fragile people, from fractured communities, with God and with each other. Mission Sunday is on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> of October.

## Deaths

We offer our sympathy to the family of Veronica Doyle, Glenashrone whose funeral took place on Wednesday. May she rest in peace.

To the family of Maurice (Mossie) McEnery, Dromtrasna Collins whose funeral took place on Saturday at 11am. May he rest in peace.

**Pastoral Council Meeting** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th October.

## Notice webcam

The webcam in our church is used by a large group of people each week. The webcam is always live along with the security camera's 24hrs a day. [www.abbeyfealeparish.ie](http://www.abbeyfealeparish.ie)

## Parish Newsletter Returns

This week parishioners will welcome the return of our Parish Newsletter. These past six months have been quiet trying, for all of us to say the least. The Covid-19 Pandemic has left its impact on every single human being. The experience has tested us in ways that we could never have imagined six months ago. At the end of July, we opened the Church for Mass and the celebration of the Sacraments. It is a joy to see people attending Mass once again. Being able to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion is a great solace for parishioners. In the interest of keeping each other safe from the virus there are certain limitations at this time. We know that you will give of your best in the best interests of all. Remember that the safety of others is in our hands.

I thank all who have helped in reopening the church and who continue to ensure that it is a safe place for people to attend. I especially want to thank our sacristan Anne, members of our Pastoral Council, all our stewards, volunteer cleaners and all other volunteers. I am grateful to all those who help us to celebrate the liturgy each day. I want to acknowledge the generosity of all who continue to contribute to the weekly collection and to the collections in support of the priests. Your financial support in what are difficult times for everybody is very much appreciated.

We continue to pray for each other and to pray for all who are ill and filled with anxiety at this time.

Fr Tony Mullins

## Safety First

We are aware that the virus remains a real and dangerous risk to all of us. It is important that parishioners are aware that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended. For the safety of everyone parishioners should consider attending Mass just once a week or to avail of the online service from the church. Parishioners who are feeling unwell should remain at home. Parishioners are obliged to wear face masks at all times while in church. Thank you for your cooperation and goodwill.

## Newsletter

**In the interest of safety, we ask you to take this newsletter home with you and to dispose of it safely.**

## Day for Life

Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's Day for Life will be celebrated in Ireland on Sunday 4 October and will focus on the theme: **‘Choose Life’.**

There were 6,666 abortions in the Republic of Ireland in 2019 and over two hundred thousand in Great Britain, including significant numbers from the island of Ireland. The Catholic Church, have a message of hope and a story of love; together, we can promote a culture of life.

We grieve the loss of life due to abortion. We all have a role in seeking a change of minds and hearts about the innate dignity of the child in the womb and the care of pregnant women. Pope Francis writes, *‘The gift of a new child, entrusted by the Lord to a father and a mother, begins with acceptance, continues with life-long protection and has as its final goal the joy of eternal life ...’* (Amoris Laetitia – The Joy of Love, 166).

## ALONE COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

To date, the Support Line has received in excess of 33,049 calls for support from vulnerable older people all over the country who need support, advice, or sometimes just reassurance.

ALONE is a member of the National Public Health Emergency COVID-19 Subgroup for Vulnerable People and is managing a national support line for older people with concerns regarding the Coronavirus and COVID-19.

**Safeguarding website Address**

**[www.limerickdiocesessafeguarding.com](http://www.limerickdiocesessafeguarding.com)**

We encourage you to click into the website and check out the procedures and policies in place.