



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



5th March 2023 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
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PRIEST ON CALL

This Sunday Fr Dan Lane is on duty for emergency calls. He can be contact on 087/253303

Mass intentions This weekend

6.30pm Peg O Connell New Street
 Sean Broderick Months Mind
 Vera Broderick 10th Anniv.
 Padraig O’Cleirigh, Killarney Road Anniv.
 Teresa & Michael Devine Anniv.
 Frankie Forde, Knocknacrohy Months Mind
 Tamzin O’Brien Clash Road 1st Anniv.
10am Tom Mc Keon
12noon John Lane New Street Anniv.
 Ted Mulcahy, Dromtrasna Anniv.
 Margaret Quirke, Killarney Road 1st Anniv.

Mon 7pm Betty & James Reidy, The Hill Anniv.

Tues 10am Pro Populo

Wed 10am Thurs 10am

Friday Confirmation Day in the Parish
Ceremony times 10am 11.30am and 1pm.

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Kitty Fitzgerald, The Railway Anniv.
 Lisa Doran, Luton Anniv.
 John O’Connell, Kilconlea Upper Anniv.
 Teresa & Michael Devine and deceased family members
10am Margaret, Sean & Lukeen Scannell The Hill
12noon Betty Harnett, Dromtrasna O’Brien
 Months Mind
 Sr Margaret Mary Morrissey, Fr Eddie Morrissey and
 Rachel Morrissey anniversaries at this time.

Garment of Pain

During this Lenten season, the parish invites all parishioner to leave your pain and suffering at the Cross. The Garment of Pain is a simple way of drawing together experiences of pain and suffering of many people, in a way that enables us to support one another in prayer. Over the period of Lent, we invite you to place a piece of material—roughly 6x6—in the baskets provided in the church. The cloth represents whatever your particular pain in life happens to be. During Lent, we will remember the intentions of those who have placed their cloth in the baskets in our Masses. The pieces of cloth will be sown together to form one big patchwork quilt. During the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, we will place the cloth on the altar to symbolically unite our suffering with the offering of Christ in the Mass. On Good Friday the cloth will be draped over the cross which is the focus of our prayer that day. During our Easter Vigil, we will place the Garment of Pain with the Paschal fire to symbolise that the light of Christ is always greater than our suffering and pain.

Prayer resources for Lent on our iPhone or iPad

In his Pastoral Letter for Lent this year, Bishop Leahy encourages us to use modern communication technology to help us to pray a little more during Lent. Bishop Leahy said “We can be grateful we live in a time when technology provides us with prayer resources on our iphones or ipads. There are meditation apps, pray-as-you-go apps, and Bible apps. For instance, the Jesuits run a prayer app called “Sacred Space” which you can access free of charge. There are music apps with favourite hymns or inspiring songs. There’s a global app called Hallow that is getting huge interest, helped by having popular figures like actor Mark Whalberg and tenor Andrea Bocelli as advocates. Perhaps you can let your children or grandchildren know about these apps. You can read Bishop Leahy’s Pastoral letter on the Diocesan website. www.limerickdiocese.org

Confirmation – Friday 10th March

Bishop Leahy will visit the parish next Friday 10th March to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the children of 6th class. We will have three ceremonies beginning at 10.00am with St Mary’s Boys and Scoil Mháthair Dé. 11.30am with the children of Meenkilly and Knocknasna schools and at 1.00pm with the children of Dromtrasna school. Parishioners should note that the car park will be **closed on Thursday evening at 8.00pm** and will open at 9.30am on Friday morning. On Friday the car park will be reserved for the families of the children celebrating Confirmation. The car park **will not be open to the public** until 3.30pm. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation and understanding.

Saint Andrew Community

The Saint Andrew Community started their mission in Scotland on 10 March 2013. Since 2019 they have been recognised by the Church, as a Public Association of the Faithful under Bishop Hugh Gilbert of Aberdeen Diocese, Scotland. The Saint Andrew Community came together in Ireland on 13 October 2012.

There are currently 6 members: one from the Czech Republic, two Americans, and 3 Irish (all from Limerick! and two of whom are from Abbeyfeale parish, Sr. Kelly and Sr. Eleanor Collins)

The Saint Andrew Community has a real focus on evangelisation, especially teenagers, and also serving the poor. They have worked hard to develop youth ministry in the diocese, teaching catechism, organising youth pilgrimages, and running weekly youth groups. As well as this, they have helped many to grow in an appreciation for, and understanding of, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Through their prayers and work, many young people, and others, have had their faith kindled and strengthened.

The sisters ask for the support of your prayers and Sr. Kelly and Sr. Eleanor especially wish to thank those in the Parish of Abbeyfeale who have been so faithful to Daily Mass, Adoration and praying the rosary. They say that you are a great witness of faith and the graces from your prayers are many!

Sr Kelly and Sr Eleanor said this week that “*With good St Joseph may we always be all for Jesus through Mary! May we do all things for the glory of God and salvation of souls, knowing that this life is a pilgrimage to heaven. Let us help each other to reach the glory which has been prepared for those who love God*”. The priests and parishioners of Abbeyfeale parish congratulate Sr Eleanor and Sr Kelly on their final profession and pray God’s blessing on their work and ministry.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Church on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week during Lent beginning after the 10.00am Mass and continuing until 8.00pm. If you would like be part of this prayer we encourage you to select a time on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, a time that is practical for you.

Write your name on the timetable.

Make a promise to the Lord that you will do your best to be faithful to your hour of prayer.

Stations of the Cross

Beginning next Friday 24th of February, there will reflections on the Stations of the Cross every Friday morning at 9.30am

Trocaire Box 2023

This year the Trócaire Box features Ambiyo and Mahat. Ambiyo (36) and Mahat (39) are parents to eight beautiful children aged from six months to fourteen years. They have a makeshift hut, built from twigs, sticks and scraps of material in the camp for internally displaced persons near Luuq, Somalia. Ambiyo and Mahat worry every day about having enough food to feed their children and being able to provide for them in the future. Mahat says, ‘I am thinking about a different future altogether. I want to be independent.’ In 1973 the bishops of Ireland founded Trócaire in response to injustice and suffering in the developing world. Today Trócaire provides support to areas in greatest need around the world, empowers peoples in these areas to develop skills and abilities to cope with crises, and creates greater awareness of global issues in Ireland. Over the past fifty years, the people of Ireland have generously donated to help families like the Mahats. With your donation to the Trocaire Lenten campaign, Trócaire can continue its life-changing work and bring hope to those with whom we are privileged to work. Trocaire Boxes are available at the entrance to the church. We encourage you to take one home with you and place it on your kitchen table. www.trocaire.org

Novena to St Joseph takes place from the 11th to 19th March Copies of the Novena will be available on the Altar rails during the week.

Come & See Inspirations (C&SI) *Come & See Inspirations Team* is a podcasting team based out of Ardagh in West Limerick. During lent 2023, Fr Frank Duhig is presenting a number of Podcasts. This week the title of the Podcast is **Entering into Lent**. To listen to the Podcast link on to comeandseeinspirations.buzzsprout.com To contact (C&SI). Tel 87 6088667.

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2023 22nd – 27th June. For booking details contact Karen at 061-350000 or email at lourdesyouthpilgrimage@limerickdiocese.org

Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023.

Led by Bishop Brendan Leahy. 22th – 27th June. Direct return flights from Shannon to Lourdes. For booking contact Joe Walsh Tours, Telephone 01-2410800 or email lourdesdirector@limerickdiocese.org €879 per person, full board, all taxes included. Full religious programme.

Thank You

Mary MacArthur wishes to thank everyone who supported the recent Tea Dance for Kerry Hospice as well as those who helped on the day. €1,000 was handed over on the day with €150 to be lodged into their account during the week.

“TEARING AND DRAGGING” : Abbeyside Players present a comedy by John Hank Regan at the Glorach Theatre on Thursday, March 9, Friday, March 10, Sunday, March 12, Thursday, March 16, Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 March. Booking 0871282930.

Blood Transfusion Clinic will take place in NCW Longcourt Hotel on Monday 5th & Tuesday 7th Wed 8th Thurs 9th March 4.45—8pm Call 1800222111 for an appointment

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN ABBEYFEALE: Family Fun Day with face painting, prizes for best dressed, Busking, Craft Market and Parade at 4pm. Come and enjoy a great day out with your neighbours and friends.

Please take the leaflet home with you or return it to the basket at the doors. Thanks.