

Co Parish Priests

Fr Tony Mullins 087/2600414

Fr Brendan Duggan 087/0562674

Fr Denis Mullane 087/2621911

Fr Shoji Varghese 089/4431922

Priest on Duty for the Area this Sunday – Emergency calls
Fr Bluett 086/8726488

Intentions for this weekend

- 6.30pm** Phyllis Cotter Anniv.
Michael Wall and deceased family members
Sean Enright, Purt Anniv.
Timmy & Ita O'Donoghue, Ballaugh
- 9.15am** Hannah & John O'Donoghue, Knocknasna
- 12noon** Patrick Collins, Glenashrone
Daniel J Murphy Main St & Killarney Road
Paddy Woulfe, Kilconlea Lower Anniv.
Dan Cronin, Kilmanihan

Mon 8th @ 7pm Bridie & Tom O'Connell
late of London
Liam Flynn 2nd Anniv.
For a Successful Operation Mass Intention

- Tues 10am** Dan & Teresa O'Connor, Caherhayes
- Wed 10am** Pro Populo
- Thurs 10am** Michael & Charles & Nollaig Ahern
and parents Anniv.
- Fri 10am** Ann O'Connor Keating Main St & Dublin
- Sat 11am**

Intentions for next weekend (Palm Sunday)

- 6.30** Larry Harnett and deceased family members
Dromtrasna Harnett Anniv.
Austin Daly, The Grove 1st Anniv.
Maureen & John Joy The Square and parents
Bessie Meehan, Kilmorna Anniv.
Patrick Lane Grogeen and deceased
family members
- 9.15am** Josie Doherty, Tournafulla Anniv.
Bill & Mary Quirke The Hill Anniv.
- 12noon** Mary O'Connor, Bridge Street Anniv.
William & Hannah Michael & Paul Quirke
Caherlane Anniv.
- 7pm Mon** Mary & James Scully, Mountmahon

*'A busy life makes prayer harder,
but prayer makes a busy life easier.'*

Come back to Me with all your hearts. Don't let fear keep us apart Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

For many Catholics, Confession can seem a bit frightening. Perhaps it has been a long time since you made a confession. Perhaps you struggle with disbelief, with despair, with human weakness, with addictions, or with lingering resentment or grief. And yet, how wonderful it would be to be freed from these chains! If you haven't been to Confession in a while, God our loving Father wants to welcome you back, and invites you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Many Catholics describe incredible feelings of peace, joy, relief, and love that they never expected. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy in this way too. What is at the heart of confession? There is the confession of sins, after which one receives pardon, absolution, and a penance of healing. But there is something deeper, something much more profound. What brings me to confession, is my faith. My belief that I am created by God, unconditionally loved by God and reliant on God who guides me through life. When I approach a priest for the healing sacrament, I confess, I profess my faith, my trust in the God who forgives and heals me, the God of eternal mercy and love. If you haven't been to the sacrament in a while, God our merciful Father is calling you. Jesus tells us, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28). His message is the very essence of the Good News. Come to have your burdens lifted in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Come, be healed and restored. Jesus, our most merciful, loving, forgiving God will be waiting for you. On this Monday 8th April 6 priests will be available for confession after the 7pm Mass. Take this opportunity to celebrate Confession. There is no better way to prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

Thank You: Fr Tony would like to thank all who contributed to the recent Lenten Dues collection. Your generosity is very much appreciated. We recently welcomed Fr Shoji from India. He has taken up residence in the curate's house, Convent Road. Fr Shoji's appointment is to the parish of Abbeyfeale and to the unit of parishes in the area. We ask you to keep this in mind as you make your offering for the Easter Dues which will be taken up during Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Thanks again for all your support and encouragement.

All in an April evening Hymn Hymn

All in the April evening
April airs were abroad;
The sheep with their little lambs
Passed me by on the road.

The sheep with their little lambs
Passed me by on the road;
All in the April evening
I thought on the Lamb of God.

The lambs were weary and crying
With a weak, human cry.
I thought on the Lamb of God
Going meekly to die.

Up in the blue, blue mountains
Dewy pastures are sweet;
Rest for the little bodies,
Rest for the little feet.

But for the Lamb of God,
Up on the hill-top green,
Only a cross of shame
Two stark crosses between.

All in the April evening,
April airs were abroad;
I saw the sheep with their lambs,
And thought on the Lamb of God.

Katharine Tynan Hinkson b. 1861

Holy Week Ceremonies

This year the Chrism Mass will be celebrated in St John's Cathedral, Limerick on Wednesday 17th April.
The Mass will begin at 7.30pm

Confessions will take place next Monday evening 8th after the 7pm Mass.
After each ceremony during Holy week.
Holy Saturday from 11am—12noon

Mass of the Last Supper will take place at 8pm Thursday 18th (no morning Mass)

Friday Ceremonies @ 3pm and
Stations of the Cross at 8pm

Blessing of Baskets will take place at 12noon on Holy Saturday

Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday evening is at 9pm

Easter Sunday 9.15am & 12noon

Trocaire Boxes can be handed in any time from now on. Please leave them into the Sacristy or hand them to any Altar server before or after Mass. Please do not leave them unattended.



How can I provide for my children?

"He came to our house and pulled a matchstick from his pocket. He took some grass, lit it and set fire to our house. Evelyn (36) from the Gulu District in northern Uganda describes the night in 2015 when the uncle of her late husband tried to burn her and her young family out of their home. When her husband died in 2011, Evelyn lost more than her life partner: she lost her security. Relatives of her deceased husband claimed that the land she lived on was rightfully theirs. Around the world, millions of women like Evelyn are denied the right to land. If their husband's die, they are left with nothing and no way to feed or care for their children. With her husband's relatives seizing control of her land, Evelyn was soon left with only a quarter acre of land. It is not enough to feed her children.

"When we have run out of food, I go to work in other people's gardens for money," she says. When asked to describe her children Evelyn's face lights up. There is Ajok Flavia (17), Acayo Barbara (15), Onenecan Ivan (13), Opio Ronny (9) and Patricia (7). Patricia's shy smile features on this year's Trócaire box. "When you talk to Patricia, she bends the head and the neck," says Evelyn. "That is her, she is shy and quiet." It is a happy family, filled with children's laughing and playing, but Evelyn lives in a constant state of worry. "I worry now because I do not have land and my children are growing," she says. "When they grow up into adults, where am I going to take them? That is my worry. "My husband was not a rich man but at least we had piece of mind. We had the house. Life was better. He was responsible for all the fees, school fees, and medical fees. He was a good father who loved his children and loved people."

With your support, Trócaire is helping Patricia and her family, as well as hundreds more like them, receive legal access to land. We are working with communities across northern Uganda to strengthen the rights of women to land and to ensure widows and their families are not left open to land grab when their husband's die. Please support Patricia and her family this Lent.

Prayer Petition Book: Jesus said in the Gospel that if we need anything we should pray for it. "Knock and the door will be open to you. Seek and you shall find". We are introducing a Petition Book which will be located in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Parishioner are invited to write their petitions in the book and these intentions will be included in our Masses each day. They will also be prayed for during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

We ask you not to write the names of individuals in the book.

OPEN DAY AND COURSE TASTER SESSION ON TUES, 9TH APRIL

Venue: Further Education & Training Centre, Abbeyfeale (06831198)
Come along and experience the variety of course options on offer in our centre. Meet the learners and tutors and sample some of the courses available such as Wood Turning, sewing, Engineering Skills, Horticulture, Cookery, ICT (Computers), and Childcare. There are courses available to anyone who wish to take up a new skill or courses simply just for pleasure. Also on the day, Organic College farmers market stall, Sign Language demo, CV workshop and Guidance Support Service, all part of the Limerick Life Long Learning Festival. All Welcome!

Sagart Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Sagart Pilgrimage to Lourdes on September 19th for five nights
Contact Fr Tony. For details.