



7th August 2022

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Church Sacristy 068 - 51915

Mass intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Paddy Sheehan, Knocknasna 1st Anniv.
 Matthew O'Connor, Dromtrasna Collins Anniv.
 Owen & Eileen Doody, Ballaugh Anniv.

10am Mossie (noble) O'Connor and his parents and
 deceased member of the Ahern family Knocknagoshel

12noon Eileen Harnett, Cragg Birthday remembrance
 Con Harnett Anniv.

Intentions for the week

Mon 8th William & Julia Maddan Anniv.
 Nell Lane, St Ita's Housing & Listowel Months Mind

Tues 10am Pro Populo

Wed 10 am For a Sick Child

Thurs 10am Margaret Woulfe, St Ita's Terrace Anniv.

Fri 10am

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

6.30pm Michael O'Donnell, Bogmount Anniv.

10am

12noon

Monday 15th August 10am Breda Walsh Anniv.

Monday 15th August 7pm Christina & Bobby McGinn

Mass Bookings

To book a Mass intention in the church contact the sacristy
 Mon—Fri 10.30am at 068/51915.

Confessions

Confessions on Saturday evenings at 6.00pm.
 After Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday. A priest will
 be available after Mass on weekdays if a parishioner wishes to
 celebrate the sacrament.

Baptisms

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated in Abbeyfeale
 church on the first Saturday of each month at 5.00pm and
 on the second Sunday of each month at 12.50pm. For
 further information contact the church sacristy on
 068-51915 Mon to Fri 10.30am or after any of the weekend
 Masses.

St Ita's Day Care Centre: Now open to visitors
 every Tuesday. Contact Jane on 068 51850. Meals on Wheels
 are available from the Centre – to book a delivery ring 068
 51850

Parish Newsletter

During the months of July and August the content of the parish newsletter will
 include some reflections on the Sunday Readings. We encourage you to take
 the newsletter home and to set aside some time by yourself to reflect on the
 questions below.

**Seeing Your Life Through The Lens of The Gospel
 - Questions for personal reflection**

John Byrne OSA

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7 August 2022**

The opening verses of this gospel invite us to ask ourselves what do we see as
 our purpose in life? What are our priorities? Is our heart set on material pro-
 gress and advance, or do we have other priorities? What has helped you to ap-
 preciate that there is more to your life than earthly possessions and success?

At times one can sense in Jesus an urgency, as if he wanted to shake people
 and wake them up to take his words seriously. The parable has that tone: 'Be
 dressed for action and have your lamps lit'. When have you found that being
 alert enabled you to grasp a moment of opportunity that you might easily have
 missed, e.g., when a child or friend gave a hint that they would like to talk, and
 a very meaningful conversation ensued.

Another consideration that adds to the sense of urgency in the words of Jesus
 is that we only have one life, and we do not know how long that will last. So,
 Jesus calls us on us to live in the now and to treasure our time. Sometimes we
 can drift aimlessly through a day, and on other occasions use a day purposeful-
 ly. What difference does that make, if any, to how you experience the day?

Feast of St Dominic founder of the Dominica Order is celebrated on Mon-
 day the 8th of August.

Fr James Fitzgibbon (1803-1832)

A young Limerick priest, victim of the cholera epidemic, 1832

In early summer 1832, the cholera epidemic that for two years had raged
 through Europe, arrived in Limerick. Among the hundreds that fell victim to
 the disease, was Fr James Fitzgibbon (1803-1832), originally from St
 Mary's parish. The young priest attached to St John's Parish, ordained from
 Maynooth in 1827, contracted the illness in the course of his ministry. He died
 on 11th August 1832, 'his funeral being attended by immense
 crowds'. A Limerick Herald editorial remarked, 'Since the commencement of
 the awful malady that has terminated his career, his labours for the poor were
 unceasing, both day and night... in his mission of love'. Buried in St John's
 chapel, his remains were found to be incorrupt in 1861, when they were rein-
 terred in the north transept of the newly constructed St John's cathedral. We
 give thanks for the ministry of all those priests who have faithfully served
 God's people in this place, especially in times of difficulty, and we invoke
 their intercession.

Priest on Call

A priest from one of the local parishes is always available to
 take emergency calls on Sunday
 Fr Tony Mullins, Abbeyfeale Parish is on call this Sunday.
 He can be contacted on 087-2600414

Recent Deaths: We remember and pray for Nora Mary Enright, late of St
 Ita's Road, Abbeyfeale who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

Our Lady of Knock Novena 14th—22nd August — 'A Journey in Hope'

Following a two-year break due to the pandemic, Fr Richard Gibbons, Parish
 Priest of Knock hopes to make this year extra special for all who will be travelling
 to the Shrine to take part. Fr Gibbons, said "The purpose of the Novena is to rec-
 ognise the unique role that Knock, as an International Eucharistic and Marian
 Shrine, has to play in the life of the Irish Church and to honour Our Lady. The No-
 vena is always a very special highlight of the year, and we are delighted to be able
 to proceed with it this year. We look to the future with the hope of renewal, for
 God's guidance and pray that this Novena will offer pilgrims the chance for
 thought-provoking reflection and discussion."

Ceremonies will take place at Knock Basilica at 3pm and 8pm over the course of
 the nine days with guest speakers present during each ceremony. There will also
 be the special candlelight procession, a traditional feature of the Novena at Knock,
 which takes place following the 8pm ceremony (weather permitting).

On Thursday 18 August, Knock Shrine will hold a special Day of Prayer for Peace
 in Ukraine and are inviting people from the Ukrainian community in Ireland and
 host families to attend.

Sunday 21 August is the Anniversary of the Apparition which will coincide with
 the Family Day. Taking place from 11am-3pm in the beautiful grounds of the
 Shrine, the Family Day is a lovely opportunity for families to get together to enjoy
 a range of fun activities. All events and activities are free of charge. and will take
 place on the beautiful grounds of Knock Shrine, close to the award-winning Knock
 Museum and Café Le Chéile.

Lough Derg: One Day Retreats on the 20th,22nd,23rd, 27th,28th & 29th August.
 Admission €45. Concessions for groups. Booking essential. Tel 071-9861518.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: If you intend travelling to Lourdes this September 22-27
 you are now invited to fill out a booking form, which is available in the sacristy or from
 Fr Tony. A deposit of €250 per person is necessary to secure a place on the pilgrimage.
 The full fare for the pilgrimage will need to be paid to Joe Walsh Tours by
Wednesday 10th of August.

Graveyard Mass in Templeathea graveyard on Tuesday 9th August at
 7.30pm. All are welcome

Feast of St Lawrence, Roman Martyr, is celebrated on Wednesday the 10th of
 August.