



Abbeyfeale Parish

2nd Sunday of Advent



8th Dec 2019 www.abbeyfealeparish.ie

Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Bridget Healy and deceased members of the Saunders family Knocknasna lower.
Ramey Leahy, New Street
Vincent McNally 23rd Anniv.
ICA deceased members

9.15am Paddy Barry and the deceased members of the Barry family
Hannah Mai Scannell, Dromtrasna Collins

12noon Peggy O'Riordan, St Ita's Sheltered Housing
Liam & Kitty O'Callaghan and her brother
Paddy Leahy, Ballybehy
Thomas Dillane, Kilconlea Anniv.

Mass Intentions for the week

Mon 7pm Shelia & Timothy Murphy

Tues 10am Julie Kelly and deceased family Members,
Knocknasna Anniv.

Wed 10am William & Julia Madden Dually

Thurs 10am Finton Morris Anniv.

Thurs 7pm Girls School Cantata

Fri 10am 11am Sat.

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Peggy Woulfe, Cratloe, Ballaugh Anniv.
Helen Stack, Brosna Anniv.
Joan Ahern, Moss Keane, Nora & Denis Keane
Joe Cotter, Purt Anniv.
Ricky Loughnane, Dromtrasna
Mary Morrissey, Ballaugh Anniv.

9.15am John D Collins & Mary Ita Collins and son John & Daughter Margaret Bogmount.
Thomas O'Brien 20 Collins Park 4th Anniv.

12noon Mick Scanlon Anniv.
Jim O'Connell 4 St Ita's Road
Frank Foley St Ita's Road Anniv.
John D Murphy, Ballaugh Anniv.

Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Unit of Parishes

Fr Denis Mullane 087/2621911. Fr Shoji Varghese 089/4431922
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St. Ita's Reading Group will meet in the Adoration Chapel on
Wednesday December 11th @morning @ 10.30. All welcome.

Baptismal Team Meeting

The next Baptismal team meeting will take place in
Templegantine sacristy on Tuesday 10th Dec. @ 8pm.

Parent Support worker at the Parish Office Tel 086/3514700

Clear the Way for the Lord

"A voice is calling, 'Clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.'" (Isaiah 40:3).
This verse from the first reading for the Second Sunday of Advent, Dec. 8th reminds all faithful that the liturgical season leading up to Christmas is a time for preparation and purification.

Amid the many ways Catholics get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus — gift-giving, entertaining family and friends, supporting charities — the sacrament of reconciliation is often overlooked. Yet a good confession can be one of the best ways to enter into the joy of the Christmas with a clean heart, light and love.

Advent is a perfect time for reconciliation and penance because of two reasons: One, it allows us to ritually (and) sacramentally acknowledge our own incompleteness. Second, it allows God to touch us, and give us the completeness, the healing, the fullness, that only he can give. There will be a special celebration of the Sacrament of Confession on Monday 16th December at 7p.m. A number of visiting priests will attend.

You are encouraged to join in this celebration as part of our preparation for the feast of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Parents of Confirmation Children

O Lord give us the wisdom and the courage to help our children as you would, to develop in them a Christ-like love for all people.

Creator Spirit, strengthen this child with your gifts of grace, to love and serve as a disciple of Christ.
Grant that she may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill her him with the joy of your presence.
Increase in her/him the fruit of your Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of love, patience and gentleness,
the spirit of wonder and true holiness.

Guide us in our responsibilities and duties as parents; May we be the expression of Your love to our children. As we begin to prepare our children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, give us the wisdom to guide them, the patience to teach them, and the vigilance to accustom them to choose good through our example. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, St. Ita, and all the angels and saints. Amen.

Advent Prayer

Hail and Blessed be the hour and moment
in which the son of God was born of the pure
Virgin Mary, at mid-night in a stable in
Bethlehem in the piercing cold.
At the same hour vouch safe
O My God, hear my prayer and grant my petition.



Michael English Concert.

Thanks to all who attended the concert. Your support is much appreciated. We acknowledge all who helped on Friday night and all who sold tickets in advance. We would also like to thank all who assisted with sponsorship. There will be more on the concert next weekend.

Scoil Mháthair Dé will perform their Christmas Cantata in the Church of the Assumption on Thursday 12th December at 7.00 p.m. All Welcome.

ABBEYFEALE FOR AFRICA CAKE SALE: The annual cake sale to support Fr. Tim Galvin's Mission in South Sudan takes place this Sunday, December 8 at St. Ita's Hall from 9-1pm. Calling all our usual bakers and supporters. Home baking can be left into Batt's in the Square for collection or delivered to the Hall on the morning of December 8. As always we appreciate your continued support for our local man.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:

Fire Fall-Charismatic Prayer Meeting: Mon. 9th and 16th Dec. 7.30pm-8.30pm.

Lantern Night Holy Hour with Adoration: Thurs. 19th Dec. 7.30pm-8.30pm.

St Vincent De Paul: The Annual Church Gate Collection in support of St Vincent DePaul will take place on this weekend of the 7th/8th of December. Any donations you can give will be greatly appreciated. If any parishioner is in need of assistance for Christmas please put your request in writing to the local St Vincent de Paul group before the 26th of November. All letters should be sent to Abbeyfeale St Vincent de Paul, the Parish Office in Convent Road.

CSMT Community Substance misuse team Fee and Confidential

For under 18's and their families impacted by Substance Misuse Droop in service Abbeyfeale First Wed of the month from 2.30pm—5pm Venue St Ita's Hall Contact Kirsteen Laing for further details on 086/4141854

Kerry Choral Union presents, O Holy Night Gala Christmas Concert at St. John the Baptist Church, Castle Street, Tralee, on Sunday next 15th December at 7.30 pm.
Special guest Miriam Murphy - Soprano, Flautist - Susan Motherway, Ian Sexton - Accompanist and Directed by Sharon Reidy. Doors open 7.00 pm. Admission €15.

HELP NEEDED. Can you spare 30 minutes a month to deliver the ALIVE catholic newspaper door to door in an area near you. If your answer is yes....Please text your name or call Mary @ 0879577915

BOOK LAUNCH: Fluid Forms: Liam Flynn. A Limited edition of 128 page hard back full colour coffee table book featuring over 90 colour photographs of Liam Flynn's artwork will be launched at 6.30pm on Wednesday, December 11 at Abbeyfeale Library. Everyone welcome.

KNOCK SHRINE 2019 NIGHT VIGIL; Saturday, December 7. With Fitzpatrick's of Listowel. Vigil programme 10pm. Confessions in the Chapel of Reconciliation, 12am vigil in Basilica, 4am concelebrated mass. Fare €30. Coach will leave Listowel @ 4.30pm. Phone (068) 21707 or (087) 3966399.

ABBEYFEALE PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 11am – 12.30pm every Tuesday and Thursday, St Ita's Hall. New people always welcome. Suitable for parents/care givers and children aged birth to 4 years including children attending pre-school. This group is an opportunity to meet other parents and play time with your baby/toddler. This is a free service and priority is given to those in receipt of social welfare payment or living in social housing. Contact Mary on 087 9382883.

New Courses starting in January 2020 in the Further Education & Training Centre, Abbeyfeale (The Old Tech)

The following new classes are starting up at the start of January 2020: Beginners Computers for all ages, Demonstration cookery, Machine sewing, Childcare QQI Level 5 & 6, Healthcare QQI Level 5, Upcycling Furniture, Beginners Art, Payroll Manual & Computerised, Arts and Crafts, Beginners Horticulture, Pilates and Creative writing.

If you wish to register for any of the above free classes, please call Mary in the office: 06831198 or log onto www.learningandskills.ie.

Shop Local Vouchers will be available this year in Abbeyfeale town to give as Christmas gifts and help encourage the shop local campaign.

The Church Gates will be locked each evening at 8pm for the winter months.