

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

9th Jan 2022

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Mass intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Timmy Daly, Dromtrasna Collins Chris Lane Bridge Street Paddy Lane and his nephew Joe Leahy Joan E Leahy, Ballybehy Peg & Jim O'Grady, Caherconnell and Jim Jr Anniv. John Collins Ballaugh and deceased family members

Dan Meehan, Kilmorna Anniv.

Michael & Dan McCarthy Purt Anniv. Bridie Moriarty, The Hill Anniv.

12noon Julie O'Connor, Mountmahon Anniv.

Monday 7pm Charlie Conefrey Anniv. **Tues 10am** Mary O'Connor, Caherhayes Wed 10am Pro Populo Thurs 10am Christina Harnett, Dromtrasna Harnett. Month Mind Fr 10am Timmy Nolan 80th Birthday remembrance.

A Prayer for the New Year

Lord in this New Year which we have begun, may we have enough happiness to keep us agreeable,

enough trials to keep us strong, enough sorrow to keep us human, enough Freedom to keep us happy, enough failure to keep us humble, enough success to keep us eager, enough wealth to meet our needs. enough faith to banish depression, enough hope to look forward, enough love to give us comfort, And enough determination to keep us going.

Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord Baptism - A Word from Pope Francis

"Our baptism has changed us, given us a new and glorious hope, and empowered us to bring God's redeeming love to all, particularly the poor. in whom we see the face of Christ."

Thank You: As we begin this New Year Fr Dan and I wish to thank all our church volunteers who give so much of their time and talent to the celebration of our liturgies. We are grateful to all of you for your generosity in giving of your time and individual talents which enhance the celebration of the Mass. We particularly thank all of you for helping to make our Christmas liturgies very special. It is very much appreciated by all parishioners. Thank you.

Christmas Dues: Fr Mullins would like to express his thanks and appreciation to parishioners who contributed to the recent Christmas Dues Collection. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated.

Return to School: As our schools reopen after Christmas we wish all our students and staff members every blessing for the new school term. We ask God to watch over them and to keep them safe at this most challenging time.

Feast of St Ita. Saturday 15th January. St Ita was born in Co. Waterford of noble and Christian parents. Early on she set her mind on serving Christ in religious life. She founded a monastery in Kileedy, Co Limerick, which attracted a great variety of young people. She was given the title 'Foster – Mother of the Saints of Ireland'. She died in 570. St Ita's feast day will be celebrated in the parish of Kileedy on Saturday 15th January.

Thank you.

We thank parishioners for their ongoing support and cooperation at this time. We thank all who are helping to prevent the spread of the virus by the wearing of masks, sanitizing their hands on entering the church and by keeping a safe distance from other church users. All of this ensures that our church is maintained as a safe place for parishioners to attend Mass and to come to church for a private visit. The Main door of the church is open each day from 9.30am to 6pm. The Blessed Sacrament church is open each day from 9.30am to 6.00pm. Parishioners can also access the main church building at this time through the entrance at the Blessed Sacrament Church.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Adoration will resume next Friday 14th of January from after the 10.00am Mass until 6.00pm. In the event of a funeral Mass on a Friday. Adoration will begin at 12.30pm. We advise parishioners to wrap up well as the some of the church windows will be open for ventilation purposes.



Parish Clerk: A special word of thanks to Anne and Maurice our parish clerks for their time and commitment to the church and to the parish. A collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend in appreciation of their service to the church and the community. We know you will be generous in your acknowledgment of their service. You can also make a donation next weekend by using the envelopes in your box and place them in the collection boxes at the entrances to the church.

Safeguarding Newsletter: A copy of the Diocese of Limerick Safeguarding Newsletter recently issued by Bishop Leahy is available as you leave Mass this weekend. We ask you to take one home with you.

Covid-19

The diocese of Limerick has issued a special prayer card to all parishioners to help us pray during the ongoing Pandemic. Copies are available as you leave Mass this weekend. We invite you to take a card to a member of your family or neighbour who at this time have decided to restrict their movements for the safety of themselves or other vulnerable people.

The Seven Wonders of the World

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the seven wonders of the world. Though there were disagreements, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids, 2. The Taj Mahal, 3. The Grand Canyon, 4. Panama Canal, 5. The Empire State Building, 6. St Peter's Basilica, 7. China's Great Wall.

While gathering the votes, the teacher noticed that one quiet student hadn't returned her paper yet. So, she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind, because there were so many" The teacher said "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help," The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:

> 1. to see, 2. to hear, 3. to touch, 4. to taste, 5. to feel, 6. to laugh, 7. to love."

The room was so quiet; you could hear a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple and ordinary, which we take for granted, are wondrous!

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