



Abbeyfeale Parish News



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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Peter Scannell Clash Road Anniv.
Jerry O'Riordan Dromtrasna Harnett
Mary Mann & Tommy Mann, Church Street

9.15am Margaret (Peg) Woulfe Kilconlea
Nell O'Mahony, Collins Park Anniv.
Special Intention Operation

12noon Dan Francis & Nell O'Connor Main Street
Denis Lenihan Ballaugh 1st Anniv.
Betty Reidy, The Hill Anniv.

Mon 7pm Larry Corbett Anniv.
Johnny Stack Anniv.

Tuesday is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Tues 10am Richard O'Brien 19 Clash Road 1st Anniv.

Wed 10am Pro Populo

Thurs 10am Joe Murphy, Clash Road Anniv.

Friday 10am Lil, John & Moss O'Connor and
Lizzie & James O'Sullivan

Sat 11am Eileen O'Connell, Meenkilly Anniv.

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Jim Ahern, Shanbally Anniv.

9.15am Sean & Margaret and Lukeen Scannell The Hill
Mary & John Shannon Main Street Anniv.
Willie Riordan Upper Purt Anniv.

12noon Johnny & Mary Flynn Banard Anniv.

Mon 17th Margaret (Peg) O Grady Month Mind

Perpetual Help Novena on Friday's @ 10am

St Anthony's Novena each Monday
evening @ 7pm Mass



Baptismal team meeting in
Abbeyfeale on Tuesday 11th Feb in
the Sacristy at 8pm.
Parents intending to baptise their
child in the next month or so are encouraged to attend.

The reading group will meet in the adoration chapel on
Wednesday February 12th @ 10.30pm.
Do come along and take a book.

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of Willie Pa O'Connor,
Collins Park whose funeral took place here on Saturday.
May he rest in peace.

Celebrating Confirmation

On Wednesday 19th of February, Bishop Brendan Leahy will visit the parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Since September the children have been preparing enthusiastically with their teachers in school and have also participated in the parish programme 'Confirming our Children'. We thank the parents and families of the children for their support and encouragement.

As part of the parish preparation of the children, on this Monday 10th of February the children of sixth class will be attending a programme designed by the Catholic Church on healthy life choices, dealing with drugs, alcohol and the use of social media. This programme will be delivered by transition year students from Coláiste Íde agus Iosef. The TY students were trained to give the programme by Mr. Darren Butler the National Coordinator of the programme.

Confirmation marks a time when young people are moving on from childhood to the teenage years. For many parents it is a time of some anxiety: what pressures will the teenage years bring? How will they cope? Confirmation offers young people an opportunity to think about serious choices that are facing them. Choices about values, choices about lifestyle and choices about faith.

As we make our final preparations for the celebration of Confirmation, a meeting of parents will take place on Tuesday 11th of February at 7.30p.m. at Coláiste Íde agus Iosef. Darren Butler, coordinator of the Healthy Life Choices Initiative will address the meeting along with some of the Transition Year Students who will have worked with the Confirmation Classes. We encourage parents to attend this information meeting on Tuesday evening as you will find it to be a great support to you and your children.

Blessing of Confirmation children and their parents (12noon Mass Sunday 9th Feb.)

Prayer for Children receiving Confirmation:

Father, send your Holy Spirit to these your children to be their helper and guide. Give them the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Right Judgement and Courage, the Spirit of Knowledge and Reverence. Fill them with the Spirit of Wonder and Awe in your presence. Amen

Blessing for Parents:

Loving God you watch over us with the care and devotion of a loving parent. Bless all parents and give them strength to follow their path. When they are beset with anxiety, assure them of your ever presence. When they doubt their capabilities, encourage them with your sacred Word. When they find their roles and responsibilities overwhelming, Open them to surprise and wonder. May the spirit of your life and love, illuminate their path and give them strength, endurance and a heart for the journey. In the name of your blessed Son Jesus Christ. We pray, Amen.

LOVE KNOTS AT FR. CASEY'S: The latest offering from the Abbeyfeale Drama Group is a comedy by Jimmy Keary. It will be staged on Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Tuesday 11, Thursday 13, Saturday 15 and Sunday February 16 at Fr. Casey's Clubhouse. Doors open 7.15pm, Show 8pm sharp.

The Athea Drama Group have also chosen a play on the Luv theme which is also by Jimmy Keary. They will be going on stage with 'Looking for Love' on February 6,8,9,13, 15,16 in the Community Centre, Athea.

ABBEYFEALE AND SOURNDING AREA CARDIAC FIRST RESPONDERS

An open meeting will take place on February 13th in St. Ita's Hall Abbeyfeale at 8pm sharp the purpose of the meeting is to set up a Local Cardiac Responder Group in association with the National Ambulance Service. Mark Callanan Community Engagement Officer from the NAS will be guest speaker and will outline what is needed to set up the Group. If you would like further information please contact 0860757680

HAVEN: If you have a problem with alcohol or drugs you are welcome to join a confidential group called Haven who meet on Thursday nights from 7 – 8.30pm in the parish office. For further information contact 087 7662865/087 4270374.

Abbeyfeale Parents and Toddlers group : 11am – 12.30pm every Tuesdays (only) **St Ita's Hall.** Contact Mary on 087 9382883.

COMMUNITY SUBSTANCE MISUSE TEAM: A free and confidential service for under 18's and their families impacted by substance misuse is provided on the first Wednesday of the month in **St. Ita's Hall** from 2.30pm – 5pm. Contact Kristeen Laing 086 4141854.

Maranatha prayer Ministry invites you to our February Healing Retreat at St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, limerick at 2.30pm through the Ministry of Bishop Fintan Monahan, killaloe diocese and Sr. Mary Bridget, Charismatic Renewal, limerick next Sunday, 16th February, 2020. Mass at 5pm. All welcome.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE: 0667134276

Love Yourself, Heal Your Life: Juliana Murphy, Fri 28th Feb. to Sun 1st March. Workshop based on the philosophy of Louise Hay. Contact 0872915343.

Change Your thinking Change Your Life: Juliana Murphy & Anne O' Donnell, 6 week Personal Development Course, starts Tuesday 3rd March, 7.30pm-9.00pm. Contact 0872915343.

The work of Byron Katie: Clodagh O'Mara, Fri. 6th to Sun. 8th March, Contact 0863741017.

A Creative Writing Weekend Retreat: Madge O'Callaghan, Residential weekend of writing using the AWA method. Fri. 20th to Sun 22nd March. Contact 0863218848.

CRAFTY CORNER

Our knitting and crochet group return after the Christmas break on Tuesday Feb 11th. We meet at St. Ita's hall every Tuesday from 7pm to 9pm. It is a lovely way to pass a few hours. If you have never learned the crafts this is your chance. Experienced tutors are on site to get you started, as well as a cup of tea or coffee.

VARIETY CONCERT; Featuring local talent and special guests in Fr. Casey's Clubhouse, Abbeyfeale on Saturday, February 22. Doors open 7.30pm. Admission €15. Raffle. Proceeds to Abbeyfeale's Night at the OsKaRs.

MUSICAL MEDLEY: Sean Walsh from Tournafulla is the youngest actor with Abbeyfeale's Night at the OsKaRs and for his fundraiser he is holding a musical evening from 7-9pm at St. Ita's Day Care centre on Sunday next, February 9. Everyone welcome.

SONG CONTEST AT THE PLOUGHMAN: Steve Smith will be in Misery which is one of the films in Abbeyfeale's Night at the OsKaRs and as part of his fundraising efforts for St. Ita's Day Care his family are organising a Song Contest. Singers, who will be sponsored, will be asked to compete on the night of Friday, February 28 at the Ploughman in the Square. So, if you are addicted to the Eurovision and often thought you'd be better yourself now's your chance! Further information and for your chance at fame contact 087 9247533.

ABBEYFEALE BOOK CLUB: St. Ita's Hall, the second Wednesday of each month September – June from 7.30 -9pm. All welcome. Refreshments served

