



# ABBEYFEALE PARISH

Jesus is the reason for the season of Christmas,



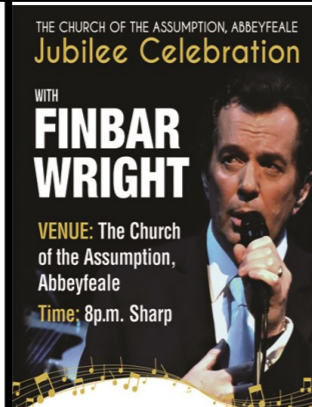
10th Dec 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

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Have you got your tickets  
 The parish council intend to have tickets for sale at the doors of the Church on Sunday 10th Dec.  
 Tickets for sale at the usual outlets in town  
**Contact 089/4356981**  
 leave a message  
**Contact: Fr Tony Mullins**  
**087-2600414**

An ideal Christmas Present

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2018  
Tickets: 089 4356981

### Intentions for this weekend

- 7pm** Bridget Healy, Lower Knocknasna Anniv.  
 And deceased members of the Saunders family.  
 Ramey Leahy, New Street Anniv.  
 John E O'Connell and his wife Mary Joe
- 9.30am** Paddy Barry, Caherlane Anniv.  
 Hannah Mai Scannell, Dromtrasna Collins  
 John Shannon, Main Street Anniv.
- 12noon** Tom Dillane, Kilconlea Anniv.  
 Frank Foley, St Ita's Road. Anniv.

### Mass intentions for the week

- Mon. 7pm Penitential Service**  
**Tues. 10am** Bill Lane & Sr Mary Ignatius  
 McCarthy  
**Weds. 10am** Fintan Morris Longford  
**Thurs 10am**  
**Friday 10am** Thomas O'Brien 20 Collins Park  
**Sat 11am**

### Intentions for next weekend

- 7pm** John Hayes Fealesbridge  
 Peggy Woulfe Ballaugh  
 John Collins, Mary & son John & daughter  
 Margaret Enright Anniv.  
 Ricky Loughnane Dromtrasna Anniv.
- 9.30am** Patrick Flynn, Convent Road 1st Anniv.  
 Phyl O'Kelly Killarney Rd. Anniv
- 12 noon** Jim (Power) O'Connell 4 St. Ita's Rd.  
 Theresa DM O'Connor Anniv.

To book a mass contact the church 068/51915

### Readers for Dec 17th Team 6

READERS Missals are available in the Sacristy.

### Ministers for Dec 17th Teams

### Christmas Ribbon Ceremony

Prayers and a remembrance service will be held at Reilig Ide Naofa graveyard @ 2pm on Sunday 17th Dec.

Ribbons and Candles will be available.

**Penitential Service on Monday 11th @ 7pm.**  
Vising priests attending.

**Lecture Divina on Tuesday after the 10am Mass in the sacristy.**

The next baptismal meeting will be on the 12th Dec. in Athea sacristy.

### Thanks for the Carols

Congratulations to all who participated in the Annual Carol Concert last Sunday night. It was a wonderful celebration of music, song and story. Thanks to all who took the time to attend. We would like to acknowledge and thank Dee Denison for directing and co-ordinating the event.

We thank the teachers and children from each primary school in the parish. We are grateful to our Senior Choir and members of the singing group Lost Souls. We express thanks to all our soloists, musicians and accompanists.

We are grateful to all our church helpers who assisted in so many ways during the night.

The feast of music and song performed at the concert has helped all who attended it to appreciate the significance of Christmas in our lives. We give thanks to God for the richness of talent in our parish and for the sharing of these gifts with the community during last Sunday nights gathering.

To enjoy more !!! Scoil Mháthair de will perform their Christmas Cantata will here in the church on Thursday evening At 7pm

**Have you got your tickets for Finbar Wright . Tickets will be on sale at the door this weekend.**



### WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

'The Gospel of Family' as we look forward to the visit of Pope Francis and families from all over the world in August. Limerick diocese invites you to visit the Gospel of families Icon which will be in the Immaculate Conception Newcastle West on Sunday Dec. 17th to Tuesday December Dec.19th.

### Make special effort to celebrate family this Christmas – Bishop Leahy Festival of Families held in Limerick next week

Bishop of Limerick Brendan Leahy has urged people across the diocese to take time during next week's Festival of Family to redouble their appreciation and celebration of those who are dearest in their lives.

The festival is built around the arrival in the diocese of a special icon developed for the World Meeting of Families in Ireland next year and, Bishop Leahy said, is perfectly timed given that we approach the most special time for the family – Christmas.

The 6ft 'Icon of the Holy Family' was commissioned for next year's celebration, which Pope Francis is expected to travel to Ireland for, and is being brought to each diocese to encourage reflection and prayer in the build up to Ireland's first ever hosting of the international gathering.

It will be in place at St. John's Cathedral in Limerick from December 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> before moving to Saints Peter and Paul Church in Kilmallock where it will be celebrated from December 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> and from there to the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Newcastle West from December 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>.

It will be accompanied by a special petition box for families to place their intentions in.

Speaking ahead of next week's festival, Bishop Brendan Leahy said: "Family is, of course, at the heart of Christmas and this advent, as we build up to the celebration of Christ's birth, I would ask that people would make a special effort to celebrate the extraordinary gift of family.

"For all the cultural changes, we have still retained here in Ireland a huge appreciation off family so I would hope that people would take time to think about family, to celebrate what it means to us and to celebrate how fortunate we are to have it. We also need to think about those who don't have it or whose families are going through some difficulties.

"Next week's Festival of Families is a great place to start. It will be a special week; an opportunity to make our own private but small pilgrimage in the run up to Christmas to say thank you for family or, indeed, to make some special ask for that family."

**Scoil Mháthair Dé will perform their Christmas Cantata in the Church of the Assumption on Thursday 14th December at 7.00 p.m. All Welcome.**



**Abbeyfeale for Africa** We will be having the annual cake sale this Sunday 10th from 10.30am—1pm in St Ita's Hall. Home baking, Cakes, plum puddings, bread, tarts, jams and marmalades. Come early. Funds in aid of Fr Tim Galvin's mission in South Sudan. contact Mairead 086/8594983 Carina 087/6657154

**The Abbeyfeale Christmas Lights Group** would like to thank one and all for your support over the last 12 months to help us to enhance our beautiful town this Christmas. The biggest crowd ever turned out last Friday to greet Santa and Mrs Claus and thanks to our wonderful young stars who switched on the Lights and thanks to all who helped. We are still collecting bags of clothing to help with fund raising !We would like to wish you all a Happy, Peaceful and Safe Christmas on behalf of our group and Abbeyfeale Community Council.



**Maranatha Prayer Ministry** invites you to our Christmas Healing Retreat on today, Sunday, 10th December, at 2.30pm at St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Ministry of Bishop Fintan, Killaloe Diocese and Sebastian Sales, Sehon UK. Tea after in hall. All welcome.

**Early Care and Education Practice Childcare** Level 5 (Full Award) Course starting in January 2018. Further Education & Training Centre, Mountmahon, Abbeyfeale. Inquires 06831198

### Christmas Greeting and Plan giving

We ask our usual distributors to collect the envelopes at the church this weekend. We appreciate your help with this distribution. Tel sacristy 068/51915 during Mass times.

