



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



10th Dec 2023

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Anne 11am to 1pm

Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Area

- Fr Denis Mullane 087/2621911**
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- Fr Willie Russell 087/2272825**
- Fr Dan Lane (Retired) 087/2533030**
- Fr James Ambrose (Retired) Tel 087/7740753**

6.30pm Mass intentions for this weekend

- Paddy & Mary O'Connor, Caherhayes Anniv.
- Bridget Healy Lower Knocknasna and deceased members of the Saunders family
- Ramey Leahy, New Street Anniv.
- Willie Leahy, Mountmahon and his son Dermot Leahy
- William & Nora Flynn and deceased family members
- Deceased members of the ICA
- Mary Materson and deceased family members

- 10am** Paddy, Eily Mai and Mike Barry Anniv.
- Hannah Mai & Mikie Scannell, Dromtrasna Collins Anniv.
- Liam & Kitty O'Callaghan and Kitty Leahy, Ballybehy Anniv.

12noon

- Julia Kelly Knocknasna and deceased family members
- Frank Foley, St Ita's Road Anniv.
- Tom Dillane, Kilconlea Anniv.
- Patrick & Kathleen Lane Ballaugh
- Willie Lane Ballaugh Anniv.

- Mon 11th** Thomas O'Connell New Street and deceased family members
- Mary Gleeson / Morrissey Ballaugh/Cratloe Anniv.

Tues 10am Pro Populo

- Wed 10am** Jack & Margaret Quirke and their daughter and son Michael

- Thurs 10am** Fintan Morris Longford

Fri 10am

Intentions for next weekend

- 6.30pm** Mary Enright, Caherlane 10th Anniv.
- John D & Mary Ita Collins and son John and deceased family members
- Thomas O'Brien Collins Park 8th Anniv.

- 10am** John D & Noreen Murphy, Ballaugh Anniv.
- William & Julia Madden Dually Anniv.

- 12noon** Jim O'Connell 4 St Itas Road Anniv.
- Rickie Loughnane Anniv.
- Eileen & Paddy Cahill and Hannah & Dan O'Neill Anniv.
- Michael Barry Caherlane Anniv.
- Phyl O'Kelly, Killarney Road Anniv.

- Mon 18th Penitential Service and Mass**
- Ann Lyons the Square Anniv.

St Ita's Hall - Update on Renovation Work

The renovation work on the hall began in the second week of September and it is hoped to have all the work completed by early Spring 2023. The project is being funded by grant aid from the Community Centre Investment Fund, provided by the Department of Rural and Community Development and by funds raised locally. We have a target of fundraising up to €100,000 locally and we are almost halfway towards achieving that goal.

St Ita's Hall has been a community space for almost 100 years. It was officially opened on New Year's Night 1928. St Ita's Hall is the only true multipurpose building in the town, available to a diverse range of activities, groups and services. The newly restored building will include a variety of spaces for meetings, counselling facilities, full disability access facilities on both floor levels, with the provision of a lift to the first floor. The newly refurbished building will include a fully equipped sensory room, which will offer space for children and young people with autism and other special needs.

The hall will continue to provide a meeting space for all the groups who used the hall before the renovation works began. The new layout of St Ita's Hall will also provide a hot desk space which will be available to rent for minimum charges.

It will have the most up to date broadband speeds along with all the required IT and technical infrastructure. At this stage 70% of the work has been completed.

We want to thank all the various groups and individuals who have fundraised or made individual donations towards the project, so far. We will continue the fundraising campaign into the new year until our goal is achieved.

We look forward to meeting you at the Celtic Brothers Fundraising Concert on Friday night. Fr Tony, Fr Willie.

Get into the Christmas Spirit

Parishioners are looking forward to the *Celtic Brothers Christmas Concert* which will take place in the parish church next Friday 15th of December. Ticket sales have picked up a pace this week, so we advise all those who wish to attend the concert to purchase your tickets as soon as possible.

The concert will include all our Christmas favourite songs and carols. From 'White Christmas' to 'O Holy Night'.

It will be good to get together once again and join in this community celebration in preparation for Christmas.

If you are not familiar with the *Celtic Brothers*, formally known as the *Willoughby Brothers*, you can get to see them perform at previous concerts by logging on to our parish website

www.abbeyfealeparish.ie and click on any of the 4 links listed there of previous concerts. Katie O'Connor and Rebecca Stryker, Church Cantors along with Riona Curtin will also perform at the concert. Doors on Friday night will open at 7.00pm. The concert will begin at 8.00pm. We look forward to welcoming you to the event.

Tickets on Sale

Tickets for the Concert are available in Abbeyfeale at Siopa Milseán, Twohigs Batt Harnett's, Moss Harnett's Gala Shop, O'Donoghue's Spar Shop, Kathleens Foodstore Tickets are also on sale at Tournafulla Community Shop and at Watsons in Duagh, Shop in Athea Post Office in Brosna The Zip Yard in NCW Tickets can also be purchased by calling **089-2646772**. All funds raised from the concert will go towards renovation works in St Ita's Hall. It is hoped to have these works finished in early spring.

All support for this important fundraising event is appreciated.



The Christmas Ribbon Ceremony in Reilig Ide Naofa Graveyard will take place on Sunday 17th at 1pm.

Prayer for Blessing a Christmas Tree

Lord God, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds.

Let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree.

May the light and cheer it gives

be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.

With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light.

May all who delight in this tree

come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

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

The Meaning and Importance of the Crib

The presence of the poor and the lowly in the nativity scene remind us that God became man for the sake of those who feel most in need of his love and who ask him to draw near to them. Jesus, 'gentle and humble in heart' (Mt 11:29), was born in poverty and led a simple life in order to teach us to recognise what is essential and to act accordingly. The nativity scene clearly teaches that we cannot let ourselves be fooled by wealth and fleeting promises of happiness. From the manger, Jesus proclaims, in a meek yet powerful way, the need for sharing with the poor as the path to a more human and fraternal world in which no one is excluded or marginalised. Pope Francis, Admirabile Signum

St Vincent De Paul: The Annual Church Gate Collection in support of St Vincent DePaul will take place this weekend. Any donations you can give will be greatly appreciated



Appeal for Sponsorship

If any business or individual would like to help with the costs of staging the Christmas Concert, sponsorship will be very welcome. For more information, contact Fr Tony on 087-2600414 or Fr Willie on 087-2272825. All support will be gratefully received.

Baptisms in Abbeyfeale will be celebrated on the **first Saturday** of each month at 5.00pm. Also, on the **second Sunday** of the month after the 12noon Mass. Contact the Sacristy 068/51915 during Mass Times.

Donate through the Parish Website www.abbeyfealeparish.ie

You can now make a donation to the parish, through the parish website. Click on to the parish website at www.abbeyfealeparish.ie and you will see a Donate button on the right-hand side on the front page of the website. Just follow the Instructions and you will be able to make a donation to the parish.

Direct debit system is also available contact the sacristy for a form. Donate on line abbeyfealeparish.ie

Please take to leaflet home with you or place in the bins on your way out.