



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

# Hope

**10th Jan 2021    The Baptism of the Lord    www.abbeyfealeparish.ie    email fealechurch@eircom.net    Fr Tony Mullins PP 087/2600414    mstrev@gmail.com**

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**Intentions for this weekend**

**6.30pm** Joan E Leahy, Ballybehy  
 Charlie Conefrey Anniv.  
**10am** Michael & Dan McCarthy, Purt Anniv  
**12noon** Pro Populo  
**Mon 7pm** Peg O’Grady, Caherconnell  
 1st Anniv.  
**Tues 10am** Pro Populo

**Wed 10am**  
**Thurs 10am** Private Intention  
**Fri 10am** Jim & Hannah Murphy and  
 Bill & Kate Murphy, Tournafulla  
 Deceased members of the murphy and  
 O’Connell Families  
**No Saturday morning Mass**

**6.30pm**  
**10am**  
**12noon**

**Newsletter is available in the local shops.**

**“Be compassionate to all  
 in whatever situation they are in”**

The Blessed Sacrament chapel is open from 11am to 6pm each day for private prayer.

*“No one is born hating another person because of the colour of their skin, or their background or their religion. People must learnt to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart” Nelson Mandela*

***Small Acts Make a Difference.***

When the Sisters of Saint Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) went to the slums of New York, they visited the older people and those who live on their own. They did simple jobs like sweeping the floor, preparing some food, washing clothes. Mother Teresa later wrote that the worst disease today is not leprosy but loneliness and isolation.

In order to suppress the current wave of the Covid 19 virus, we are all asked to reduce our contact with one another. This is necessary and the correct thing to do at this present time. But we also need to be aware that no individual should become so isolated that they feel forgotten and left out.

During the first lockdown, we were all conscious of supporting each other in the most practical ways. In the Spring of last year people rallied round to the assistance of those who were most isolated. Gestures of goodwill were everywhere to be seen. We now need to renew our sense of solidarity with one another, especially towards the elderly and the most vulnerable in our parish. This coming week it would be good to renew contact with a neighbour or a family member who may be feeling anxious and nervous. Check if they have enough food and heat during this current cold spell. Why not make a phone call or a short visit to their home, maintaining social distancing and wearing a face mask. A visit to a window is a safe way of visiting. It is important that we stay in contact with each other. The Sisters of Saint Teresa discovered that it is the small gestures and the simple things that make a difference.

**Christmas Dues**  
 Fr Tony would like to thank all who contributed to the recent Christmas Dues Collection.  
 Your generosity and support is very much appreciated by him

**Parish Clerk’s Collection**  
 The Parish Clerks Collection should have been taken up last weekend. Due to the current lockdown this was not possible. Parishioners can drop their envelope for this and other collections into the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. You can also drop them into the Parish Office.

**St Ita’s Feast Day Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of January**  
 Next Friday is St Ita’s Feast Day. We will celebrate the feast with Mass at 10.00am streamed live on the Church Services Webcam. St Ita was born in County Waterford of noble Christian parents. Early on she set her mind on serving Christ in religious life. She founded a monastery in Kileedy, which attracted a great amount of young people. She was given the title ‘foster-mother of the saints of Ireland. She died in 570

***The Baptism of the Lord***

This is the day for us to remember the graces we have received in Baptism and to renew our Baptismal promises: On the day of our Baptism, as Saint Pope John Paul II explains, *“We were anointed with the Oil of Catechumens, the sign of Christ’s gentle strength, to fight against evil. Blessed water was poured over us, an effective sign of interior purification through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We were then anointed with Chrism to show that we were thus consecrated in the image of Jesus, the Father’s Anointed One. The candle lighted from the Paschal Candle was a symbol of the light of Faith which our parents and godparents must have continually safeguarded and nourished with the life-giving grace of the Spirit.*

At our Baptism, God our heavenly Father, said to us what was said to Jesus at his Baptism: *“You are my son, my daughter, the beloved my favour rests in you”.*

When we were baptised, we were graced with the gift of the Holy Spirit and the assurance of God’s favour. What an amazing gift it is.

***Level 5 Restrictions in Church***

Due to current restrictions around Covid-19 parishioners are not allowed to attend Mass inside the Church Building but you are more than welcome to attend Mass in the Church Car Park in the comfort of your own car and listen to Mass on the Car Park Radio on 107fm. You can also receive Communion at the Grotto.

***Funerals***

Due to current restrictions only 10 mourners are allowed to attend funerals.

***Weddings***

Due to current restrictions only 6 people are allowed to attend weddings.

***Pope Francis***  
***Prayer for protection from the Coronavirus***  
 O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.  
 We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.  
 At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus’ pain, with steadfast faith.  
 You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.  
 We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.  
 Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father’s will and to do what Jesus tells us:  
 He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.  
 Amen.  
 We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.  
 Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

**The Memorare**  
 The Memorare, printed below, invites us to ask the Blessed Mother for her assistance and her grace, especially when we feel most troubled in our daily lives.  
*REMEMBER,*  
*O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.*  
*Inspired with this confidence,*  
*I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.*