



ABBHEYFEALE PARISH NEWS



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Baptism of Our Lord

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Adoration continues in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 As we make January resolutions - what about making a commitment to spend more time with Jesus? What about taking time each day to read the Scriptures, to walk in Gods creation, to pray with our brothers and sisters at Mass. Abbeyfeale Parish community welcomes you.
Christmas Dues Thanks
 Fr John & Fr Joseph wish to thank you for your generosity to them through the Christmas dues
Parish Clerks Collection
 The Parish Clerks wish to thank you for your generosity towards their collection last weekend

Community notices

Social Services collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend 9th& 10th Jan.
St Vincent De Paul
 SVP wish to thank you for your generous help and contributions to their recent fundraising. Also a huge thanks to the students in Colaiste Ide agus Iosef for organising hampers and their help with the SVP during the Christmas.

Connie Harnett Memorial Swim. The Harnett Family wish to thank all involved in the New Year Day swim in Ballybunnon. A great day was enjoyed by all. So far over €2,000 has been raised and will be divided between the Sagart Lourdes Fund, Nano Nagle Listowel and St Joseph's Unit Listowel community hospital. Mile Buiochas.

Missing someone in Heaven, maybe you could write to them?
 Grief and losing a loved one is a very hard and isolating experience and maybe writing a letter to that loved one might lift you just a little. A callout is being made for people to write a letter to someone they miss in Heaven and submit it for consideration to be included in a book.

You might want to tell someone that you miss them or maybe express how much your life has changed without them. Poetry and short written pieces on the theme of losing a loved one to Heaven are also being accepted. Submissions to be no more than 300 words in length.
 To submit a letter or for more information please email postforheaven@gmail.com or contact Louise on 0877794318
 Please send a photo if you wish along with your letter.
 All inclusions will be made on an editorial basis.

SENIOR HELP LINE: Do you need someone to talk to? Senior Help Line is a confidential listening service for older people by older



Baptismal Meeting will take place in Templeglantine on Tues 12th Jan @ 8pm in the Sacristy.
 Parents from the Pastoral area intending to baptize their child in the next month are encouraged to attend this gathering of just one hour.

*When each of us is baptised,
 God renews with us his everlasting Covenant*

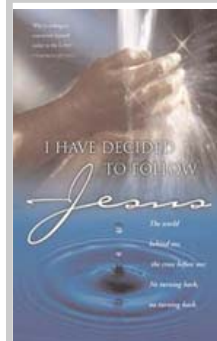
Today is a nice day to celebrate Baptism - contact your god children, remind someone of their Baptism, give thanks!

Sponsors for Baptism

Whenever a person is baptised, as an infant, as a child or as an adult, there should be at least one person present who will act as sponsor for the one being baptised. The sponsor, commonly referred to as one's godmother or godfather, accepts the responsibility of helping the person grow in the Catholic faith. One who acts as a sponsor for an infant or child agrees to help the parents teach their child about the faith and how to live as a practising Catholic. One who acts as sponsor for an adult agrees to encourage and support the person, pray with and for the person and offer whatever help, information or support is needed while the person is preparing to enter the Church and then is living out the rest of his for her life as a practising Catholic.

For a person to act as a sponsor for Baptism, he or she must be (1) at least sixteen years old, (2) must have already received all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist), (3) and must be living in a way the demonstrates that one's faith is strong enough to be able to fulfil the responsibilities involved with being a sponsor. (4) A sponsor who is married must be married in accord with the laws of the church (cf. CIC,can 874 (Catechism for Adults)

ADAPT: Support is available in Newcastle West each week and there is a new survivors group called 'Let's Talk' which is open to women. A 24



The Baptism of the Lord - You are my beloved!

There's something supremely beautiful about how a small child loves you, isn't there? Knowing that pure honest love is offered to you can brighten even the most cynical soul! We all need to know we are loved, to experience pure love - it nourishes the soul.

After Jesus was baptised in the Jordan by John, the Father spoke - *This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him.* What a beautiful affirmation of Jesus as he began his public ministry.

Imagine what the world would be like if everyone truly believed that they are loved and worth loving. imagine what our parish would look like if everyone truly believed that they are welcome and a valued member of the community.

As we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord, lets honour Jesus by actions as well as words: In our prayers and in our welcome for all the baptised; In how we live our lives as his followers.

May the love between Father and Son encourage us to love unconditionally, to encourage and to bless all we meet with kindness, mercy and love. For God is love, and we are Beloved.

Most wonderful God,

foolish and flawed though we are, we too delight in your beloved Son. As in his name we gather in the house of many praises, may the heavens be opened for us, that we may catch a glimpse of that Light and Love that transforms.

Intentions for this weekend

Sat 7pm Padraig O'Connor, Main Street Anniv.
 Joan E Leahy, Ballybehy Anniv.
 Kathleen Harnett, Mountmahon Anniv.
Sun 9.30am Michael & Dan McCarthy, Purt
 Bridie Moriarty, The Hill Anniv.
12noon James Smith, Collins Park. Anniv.
 Timmy Spillane & Ellen Spillane and deceased family members Mountcollins

Intentions for the week

Mon 7pm Nell Lenihan Cragg Anniv.
Tues 8.15am Special Intention
Tues 10am Noel Downey, Church St Anniv.
Wed 8.15am Special Intention
Wed 10am
Thurs 8.15am
Thurs 10am Christine Morgan
Fri 8.15am
Fri 10am M Curtin
Sat 11am Paddy Walsh, Dromtrasna Anniv.
Sat 7pm Nora O'Keeffe, Graigue Anniv.
 Maurice & Nora O'Connor, Knocknasna Anniv.
9.30am James Gardiner, Purt Anniv.
 Mary Foley, St Ita's Rd. 6th Anniv.
12noon John O'Connor, Knocknagoshel
 Tom O'Brien, Collins Park Months Mind

Ministers for 17th Jan Team CAB
Readers 10th Jan Team 4
 Celine McNally
 Mary Behan Mary Bowden Smith

"Eternal rest grant unto them Lord."
May they rest in peace.

Yesterday is History.

New Year's Prayer

We remember;
 For all that has been
 We give thanks
 We look forward
 For all that will be
 We say yes
 All time is God's time.
 We let go of the past and
 We welcome what is to come
 And all the time we pray
 in the name of Jesus,
 Who is the same yesterday,
 today and forever

Best Wishes for 2016

Here I am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky
 I have heard my people cry
 All who dwell in dark and sin
 My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night
 I will make their darkness bright
 Who will bear my light to them
 Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord
 Is it I Lord?
 I have heard You calling in the night
 I will go, Lord,
 If You lead me.
 I will hold Your people in my heart.