



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



**11th September 2022**

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Church Sacristy 068 - 51915

**God always seek out the lost and abandoned.  
 As we share in the Eucharist may we grow in  
 care for all who feel lost in our world.**

**Priest on Call**

A priest from one of the local parishes is always available to take emergency calls on Sunday.  
 Rev J Keating, Killeedy Parish is on call this Sunday  
 He can be contacted on 087/6322212

**Mass intentions for this weekend**

**6.30pm**

Jack & Nonie Kelly and deceased family members Knocknasna  
 Jack O'Grady, Dromtrasna South Anniv.  
 Noria Kennedy, Convent Street Anniv.  
 Eileen Lynch Anniv.

**10am** Monica & Michael Collins and Mrs Maureen Higgins and deceased members of the Collins & McCarthy family  
 Juliann McCarthy, Collins Park Anniv.  
 Kate Naughton, St Ita's Road & Denis Naughton Mountcollins

**12noon** Mossie Flaherty, Mountmahon

**Intentions for next week**

**Mon 7pm**

**Tues 10am** Pro Populo

**Wed 10am**

**Thurs 10am** Shelia O'Connell ( Birthday remembrance)

**Fri 10am**

**Mass Intentions for next weekend 17th /18th Sept**  
**6.30pm**

**10am** Willie & Ciss Curtin Anniv.

**12noon** Frank Collins, Barnard Anniv.  
 Margaret Lane, Ballaugh Anniv.  
 Hannah Mai Scannell, St Ita's Terrace Anniv.

**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.

**Mass Bookings**

To book a Mass intention in the church contact the sacristy  
 Mon—Fri 9.30am 10.30am at 068/51915.

**Parish office** 11am to 1pm 068/31133 or 086/8661651

**Adopt the pace of nature; her secret is patience.**

*Céad Mile Fáilte to Fr Willie Russell.*

This weekend the parishioners of the Pastoral Area extend a warm welcome to Fr Willie Russell who takes up his new appointment as Co-Parish Priest in the Pastoral Area of Abbeyfeale, Athea, Templeglantine, Tournafulla/Mountcollins. Fr Russell is a native of Meelick Co. Clare and has ministered in the parish of Rathkeale for the past twenty-three years. He was ordained in 1995. Fr Russell is looking forward to getting to know the people of the Pastoral Area and he is most welcome to this part of the diocese. We wish him many happy years among us, and we pray God's blessing on his pastoral work into the future. Fr Russell will reside in Abbeyfeale, but his pastoral ministry will extend to all of the five churches in the area. Fr Tony Mullins and Fr Denis Mullane are delighted to have him on the Pastoral Area Team and look forward to working with him.

**March for Life Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September.**

Parishioners are invited to attend the *March for Life* in Dublin on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm. It is a particularly important event as it coincides with the Government's Three-Year Review of the abortion law nearing its end. The organisers are asking supporters of all ages to attend the march where all supporters can unite with Pro Life Oireachtas members to demand from Government proper representation for the Pro-Life viewpoint at the decision-making table. For more information on the march and on the Pro-Life movement link on to [www.marchforlife.ie](http://www.marchforlife.ie)

**Donate through the Parish Website [www.abbeyfealparish.ie](http://www.abbeyfealparish.ie)**

You can now make a donation to the parish, through the parish website. Click on to the parish website at [www.abbeyfealeparish.ie](http://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.

**Prayer for Ukraine**

The President of the European Council of Bishops' Conferences has requested Prayer in the form of Silent Eucharistic Adoration throughout Europe for Ukraine on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of September. In responding to this request there will be silent Adoration of the Eucharist in the main church on Wednesday next 14<sup>th</sup> of September, *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross* from after the 10.00am Mass until 12noon. All parishioners are asked to join in this moment of prayer for the Ukraine and its people.

“Every human being comes from the hand of God and we all know how much God loves us. Whatever our belief, we must learn to forgive if we want to truly love” Mother Teresa

**New Parish Structures – Pastoral Area**

Under the new Pastoral Area structure in the Diocese of Limerick, Fr Denis Mullane and Fr Tony Mullins along with Fr Willie Russell will be looking after the pastoral needs of the people of the Pastoral Area. The local Pastoral Area of parishes includes the parishes of Abbeyfeale, Athea, Tournafulla, Mountcollins and Templeglantine. The Priests in the Pastoral Area work as a team and are no longer Parish Priests of individual parishes but are now *Co-Parish Priests* of the Area, that is, we will no longer have one single Parish Priest per parish but several priests working in all of the parishes that are linked together in the Pastoral Area. The 60 parishes in the diocese have been divided into 16 Pastoral Areas.

The priests of the Pastoral Area are assisted in the overall running of the five churches in the Pastoral Area by the Pastoral Area Council. The Pastoral Area Council is comprised of representative of the five churches in the area along with the priests of the area. Each parish will continue to have its own smaller working group (a parish pastoral co-ordinating group).

The priests of the area are supported in their work by many voluntary lay people who assist in a variety of ministries in the church and in the parish community. Fr Tony, Fr Willie and Fr Denis welcome the involvement of parishioners in the faith life of the parish and encourage more parishioners to get involved in different aspects of parish life. Working together we can help to maintain a vibrant faith community in this area of our diocese. We wish Fr Russell every blessing and success as he begins his ministry in this Pastoral Area.

**Readers for next weekend** Sept 11th Team 2 18th Sept Team 3

**Ministers of the Eucharist** Sept 11th Teams A,B,C 18th Sept Teams C, A, B

**We welcome new members to these ministries.**  
**If you are interested in either being a Reader of the Word or an Eucharist Minister contact Fr Tony Mullins or the sacristy.**  
**We also need a few new collectors for the offertory collection at the weekend.**

AGM: The AGM of Abbeyfeale Community Council will take place at Leens Hotel on **Thursday, September 8** at 7pm. Have your voice heard. New members welcome.

WEST LIMERICK MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION AGM: The AGM of the association will take place in Maple Lodge, Gortboy, NCW on **Tuesday, September 13** at 8pm. New members are all welcome..

**ABBEYFEALE WRITERS GROUP.**

The above group returns for classes after summer break on Friday 9th Sept in St Ita's Hall 11am to 1pm. Contact Madeline 087/9707989

**Yoga with Aishling** - a 6 week yoga programme for Abbeyfeale Parent and Toddler Group will start on **September 13<sup>th</sup>** at 11.30 to 12.30pm. The group runs every **Tuesday** from 11am, this is a time for Parents to come and enjoy a cup of tea while your child learns to socialise and play. New parents are especially welcome. The Yoga will be half an hour for parents and half an hour with children and babies. Parents, Childminders and Grandparents are welcome to come along, booking is essential call Mary on **0879382883**.  
 The classes are free and supported by the Family Support Project WLR.

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