



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



11th Dec 2022

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Church Sacristy 068 - 51915

Priest on Call

A priest from one of the local parishes is always available to take emergency calls on Sunday.

Rev Dan Lane

He can be contacted on 087/2533030

Mass intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Paddy & Mary O'Connor Caherhayes
 Jeremiah Healy, Knocknasna Month Mind
 Ann Lyons, The Square Anniv.
 Bridget Healy and deceased members of the Saunders family Lower Knocknasna
 Betty & Patie Lane, Kilconlea Anniv.
 Ramey Leahy New Street Anniv.
 John & Mary Ita Collins and son John and deceased family members

10am Hannah Mai Scannell, Dromtrasna Collins Anniv.
 Paddy, Eily Mai and Michael Barry Anniv.

12noon Tom Dillane Kilconlea Anniv.
 Frank Foley, St Ita's Road Anniv.
 Mary Gleeson Morrissey, Ballaugh Anniv.

Mon 7pm Thomas J O'Connell and deceased family members
 Bill Lane Ballaugh Anniv.

Tues 10am Christina Harnett, Dromtrasna 1st Anniv.

Wed 10am Finton Morris
 Person having tests

Thurs 10am

Thurs 7pm Cantata Scoil Mháthair Dé

Fri 10am Mass for the sick of the parish

Mass Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Ricky Loughane
 Edward & Kate Reilly and deceased family members
 Philly & Donie Cusack Cratloe Anniv.
 Mary Enright Caherlane Anniv.
 Geraldine Woulfe, Cratloe Anniv.

Readers of The Word Team 2

Tess Lane Julie O'Brien Susan O'Mahony

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St Ita's Hall

Santa Claus came early to Abbeyfeale this week with the announcement by The Department of Rural and Community Development that St Ita's Hall is to receive a €300,000 grant towards major renovation works planned for the hall. St Ita's Hall is one of 278 Community Centres nationwide to benefit from the Community Centres Investment Fund. The announcement came following several months of collaboration between a small group of representatives from Abbeyfeale Parish, Abbeyfeale Community Council, West Limerick Resources and Foróige West Limerick, in preparing for, and submitting the application. Since the announcement on Thursday morning, this collective community approach to the application has been commended by many parishioners. The local community is delighted with the grant aid. It will ensure that the refurbishment work planned for the hall will be carried out on time for the centenary of the opening of the hall in 2028.

History of St Ita's Hall

The Hall has been a community space for almost 100 years. St. Ita's Hall was originally known as the Parochial Hall. It was officially opened on New Year's Night 1928. Fund-raising for the Hall was organised by Canon Jeremiah Murphy, who was appointed P.P. of Abbeyfeale in April 1924. The building of the Hall was a co-operative effort, all involved giving their services free. This new Hall replaced the Temperance Hall, which was burned by The Black & Tans.

It was called after St Ita, the patron Saint of Kileedy, where she founded a small community of nuns and resided for the remainder of her life, in community with other consecrated women. Fr. Murphy had served some years in the parish of Kileedy and had a devotion to her and brought that connection to Abbeyfeale.

Today that spirit of community that St. Ita fostered and believed in, is very evident in the parish of Abbeyfeale and St Ita's Hall acts as a beacon for the community. It is the only true multipurpose building in the town, available to a diverse range of activities, groups and services.

Christmas Arrangements 2022

Monday 19th Dec.

Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 7pm

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve

Confessions from 10.30am to 12 Noon

Vigil Mass of Christmas 7.30pm **make a note the time**

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

Masses at 10am and 12noon

No evening Mass on Christmas Day

Monday 26th December

Mass at 11am

Morn ing Mass for the rest of the week at 11am

Sat 31st New Year eve Mass at 6.30pm

Sunday 1st New Year day Mass at 10am and 12noon

Jan 5th Evening Mass at 7pm

6th Jan 10am & 7pm

We welcome you and your family to all of our Christmas liturgies

Get into the Christmas Spirit with Celtic Brothers

Parishioners are looking forward to the Celtic Brothers Christmas Concert which will take place in the parish church this Sunday 11th of December at 7.30pm. Church doors open at 6.30pm. The concert will include all our Christmas favourite songs and carols. From 'White Christmas' to 'O Holy Night'. There are still some tickets available and can be purchased after Mass this weekend and are also available Siopa Milseán, Batt Harnett's, Kathleen's Food Store, Moss Harnett's Gala Shop, O'Donoghue's Spar Shop, Marguerites Cake Shop, Twohig's and Super Value. Tickets are also on sale at Buckley's Shop, Devon Road, Templeglantine Post Office, Tournafulla Community Shop and at Watsons in Duagh. Tickets can also be purchased by calling 089- 4314765. Tickets will also be on sale at the door.

All funds raised from the concert will go towards the planned renovation works in St Ita's Hall.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: Scoil Mháthair Dé will perform their Christmas Cantata, "Nativity Story" in the Church of the Assumption on Thursday, December 15 at 7.00 p.m. All Welcome.

Abbeyfeale on Film and In Context

Our thanks to John Nelligan and the Glórach Theatre Board for putting this amazing film together. We thank them for their generosity to Abbeyfeale and surrounding parish. Final screening of the film take place this Saturday night at 8.00pm.

Confirmation Preparation Mass: This weekend we welcome all the children who have requested to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. During the Vigil Mass the children will participate in the enrolment ceremony where they will make public their commitment to preparing for Confirmation within the parish community by making a commitment to personal prayer, to community prayer by attending Mass regularly, to take seriously all the preparation for Confirmation at school, in the parish and at home and finally to do their best to be the kind of person Jesus would want them to be.



Confirmation

Eucharistic Adoration: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Wednesday and Friday in the Blessed Sacrament Church from after the 10.00am morning Mass until 7. 00p.m If you are willing to give some of your time to this devotional prayer, we ask you to sign the schedule which is located on a table at the rear of the sanctuary area in the main church.



Adoration

We will continue with the Adoration on Wednesday until Christmas.

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

ABBEYFEALE FOR AFRICA: The annual Christmas cake sale will take place in St. Ita's Hall on Sunday, December 11th from 10am – 1pm.

We look forward to your continued support today.

Christmas Part St Ita's Day Centre: The annual Christmas party takes place on Tuesday, December 13th. The day starts from 10 -11.30 with tea and scones, followed by a game of bingo from 12noon with Christmas Lunch served at 1pm and followed by Christmas Carols with the ACA Choir, music, song, dancing and for those who like a game of cards –there's a quiet corner.

The charge is €15, you must book in advance on 068 51850 and everyone is welcome.



Christmas joy warms the heart

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