

ASH WEDNESDAY
 God of ashes, through our blackened foreheads and broken hearts proclaim to the world that we are not alone. Make us witnesses of grieving well. Open our hands and hearts to hold one another's brokenness until we are ready to turn it over to you, for healing and new life. Amen.

ABBEYFEALE PARISH



Happy Valentine's Day

11th Feb 2018

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Intentions for this weekend
Sat 6.30pm Peter Scannell Clash Rd. Anniv.
 Jim Ahern Shanbally Anniv.
 Madeline Murphy New Street /
 Leens Hotel Month Mind

Sun. 9.15am Betty Breen Anniv.
 Nell O' Mahony Collins Park Anniv.
 Mary Mann Church St. Anniv.

12 noon Blessing of the sick during Mass
Intentions during the week

Mon. 7pm Joe Murphy Clash Anniv.
Tues. 10am Special Intention
Wed. 10am Peggy Kennedy nee Murphy
Ash Wednesday Mass 10am and 7pm.
Ashes will be distributed during Mass
Thurs. 10am Special Intention
Fri. 10am Eily O'Connell & Dinny O' Connell
Sat 11am Dan O Connor Knocknagoshel Anniv.

Intentions for next weekend
Sat. 6.30pm Teresa Hartnett Dromtrasna Hartnett
 Month Mind.

Sun 9.15am
12 noon Garret & Hannah Stack &
 Michael & John Stack Anniv.
 Ita Lewis Month's Mind
 Bob Browne Church St. Anniv.

Mon 7pm Betty Lane, Kilconlea Upper Month Mind
Parish Safeguarding Audit
 The diocesan director of safeguarding Mr Gerard Crowley will be visiting the parish on Thursday 15th of February to review all our safeguarding procedures. He will also visit all parish properties that are currently used by organisations who offer services to young people (parishioners under the age of 18 years) and also any facilities catering for vulnerable adults.

Garda Notice The Gardai have asked us to inform parishioners that parking is prohibited on the road leading into Cedarville. Parking is not allowed where there are double yellow lines. Parking while at Mass on this roadway is causing traffic congestion. Recently an ambulance had difficulty in getting through. Your cooperation would be very much appreciated.



World Day of Prayer for the Sick – Special Celebration the feast of our lady of Lourdes
 February 11th is World Day of the Sick, a celebration started by the late Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pope John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The Pope himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson's a year before, in 1991, and it is considered that his own illness was impetus for his designation of the day. As this year's World Day of the Sick falls on Sunday 11th of February a special Mass which includes the celebration of the Sacrament of the sick will be celebrated in Abbeyfeale parish at 12noon. People who are sick, under doctors' care or advanced in years are welcome to celebrate the sacrament of the anointing. The ceremony will also include a special blessing for doctors, nurses, carers, home helpers and family members who care for sick relatives. Parishioners who wish to receive the anointing are asked to sit on the front seats of the centre isle of the church.

Trocaire Boxes
 We ask our usual Distributors to collect their Trocaire boxes at the Church this weekend to be distributed for Lent. We appreciate you help with this ministry.

Pioneer Lenten Challenge!
 Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by visiting www.pioneerassociation.ie and joining online or by contacting your local Pioneer centre representative. Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. Go for it and make a difference to someone's life!

Lectio
 Will take place for the six week during Lent Each Tuesday morning at approx. 10.20 after the 10am Mass. Reading and meditation on the gospel for the following Sunday with the aim of making the gospel a reality in our lives. All are welcome.

Stations of the Cross will take place after 10am mass each Friday during Lent.

Pope Francis Invites you to celebrate St. Valentine's Day.
 In his document on the Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia) Pope Francis refers directly to Saint Valentine's Day as an opportunity to make the most of traditional religious practices, invite couples to grow in love and help their children to prepare for their future married life. This is why, as part of the preparations for World Meeting of Families in Ireland in August 2018, we invite you to mark the St. Valentine's Day in a special way.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 In Eucharistic adoration, we draw close to the Lord, and we draw from the wellspring of Grace. In that special time of Adoration we find a place to bear our soul to the Lord, a place where we can unburden ourselves, a place where we take time out from our busy lives to find peace, and refreshment for our lives. During Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait", we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist ... By worshiping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! The Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us. As a faith community we are grateful for the many blessings that have been bestowed on the people of the parish through devotion and time spent in prayer and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. This weekend we invite you to consider giving some of your time each week to the Lord. Why not take it on as a commitment for Lent which begins next Wednesday. (Ash Wednesday). You are encouraged to sign the roster that is located behind the tabernacle in the church. We need at least two people for each hour and especially during the night hours. Commenting on Eucharistic Adoration recently, Pope Francis said that "immersing oneself in silent Eucharistic adoration is the secret to knowing the Lord". He said that "One cannot know the Lord without being in the habit of adoring, of adoring in silence," yet, he lamented, "I believe, if I am not mistaken, that this prayer of adoration is the least known among us; it is the one we engage in the least."

Ash Wednesday Fast & Abstinence: Next Wednesday 14th of February is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. It is a day of fast and abstinence for all Catholics. Lent is a forty day journey made by the Christian community to help each member re-invigorate their longing for God. Originally associated with the preparation for Baptism, today the focus is on our preparation for the celebration of the greatest feast in the Christian calendar – Easter – where every Christian renews their baptismal commitment. Lent is an annual retreat for the members of the Christian community. It is an opportunity to revisit or uncover the core truths of the Christian life and the individual's longing for God. We encourage you to take on the three spiritual exercise of Lent. Prayer: Give a little more of your time to pray. Fast: Give up something that will make you less self-centred. Almsgiving: Be generous with what you have and help those who are in need. Support the Trocaire campaign.

Bishop Brendan requests that in so far as possible all members of Pastoral Councils and Finance Committees to attend a meeting on 21st Feb. The focus of this meeting will be on furthering the Synod proposals in the Pastoral Plan on Team Ministry. **Ide Naofa & Our Lady's Pastoral Area** 21st Feb. Desmond Centre, NCW Time: 7.30 pm

Baptismal Meeting
 The next baptismal meeting is the 13th February @ 8pm in Abbeyfeale Sacristy.



The Senior Choir will be resuming practise next Wednesday night, 14th February at the usual 8 pm. New Members welcome.

Abbeyfeale drama group will be on Stage in Fr Casey's GAA Clubhouse on Feb 13th for the first night of **NOBODY'S TALKING TO ME** by Tommy Marren
 This is a hilarious play based on a couple that are 50 years married but haven't spoken for the past 10 years !!
 the story unfolds with a few twists and ends happily ever after. Do not miss this play it runs for 8 nights only. **First night proceeds to the Lourdes Invalid fund in Abbeyfeale.**
Eve of Valentine's day
 Starting on Tuesday 13th, 15th, 17th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 24th, 25th Feb in the GAA Clubhouse. Mark these dates in your diary.



Wishing you all a happy Valentine's day. Treats for all on the first night of the play. Feb 13th 8pm. Raffle on the night. Lots of prizes to be won.

Jubilee Concert: What a great start to our Jubilee Year celebrations. It was a team effort. Thanks to the members of the Pastoral Council and all who helped organise the event. We thank all who sold tickets and who donated prizes for the raffle. Your support is very much appreciated. Thanks to all our stewards, all who supervised the car parking, sold raffle tickets, prepared the church and provided the catering. Sincere thanks to all parishioners who attended the concert. It was a memorable night and we look forward to other events in the coming months.

The Transition Year in Colaiste Ide agus Iosef are proud to present this year's musical "Back in the Habit" a comedy based on the hit musical Sister Act. This not to be missed musical will take place in Colaiste Ide agus Iosef on Thursday March 1st & Friday March 2nd. Doors open at 7pm and the curtains will be drawn at 7.30 pm sharp. Tickets are only €10 and can be booked at reception during school hours or by calling (068) 30631. Don't miss this Holy show or you'll be nun the wiser

The Christmas Lights Committee have placed a copy of the financial report for viewing at the Library and Pia Scannells window on Church Street. Everyone is welcome to read it and, if needed, to contact the committee."



Reflection for Lent.
 Lent is a time to change! How?
 I can grow a Personal Garden.
 First we look at the weeds: Weed out the gossip
 Weed out the laziness,
 Weed out indifference Weed our pride..
 Plant five rows of Lettuce: Let us be faithful,
 Let us be loyal,
 Let us be unselfish, Let us be truthful, Let us be grateful.
 Plant five rows of Peas:
 Preparedness, Promptness, Perseverance, Politeness, Prayer.
 Then the reliable Turnips:
 Turn up to hear God's WORD. Turn up with a smile
 Turn up with a new idea. Turn up with new determination.



.....So when shall I begin??.....