



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



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PRIEST ON CALL

This Sunday Fr Tony Mullins is on duty for emergency calls.
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Mass intentions This weekend

6.30pm Kitty Fitzgerald, The Railway Anniv.
 Lisa Doran, Luton Anniv.
 John O'Connell, Kilconlea Upper Anniv.
 Teresa & Michael Devine and deceased family members
 Thomas & Jerry O'Connor Knockbrack, Knocknagoshel

10am Margaret, Sean & Lukeen Scannell The Hill
 Jack Joe Foley, Mossie Foley & Danny Harnett The Hill

12noon Betty Harnett, Dromtrasna O'Brien
 Months Mind
 Sr Margaret Mary Morrissey, Fr Eddie Morrissey and
 Rachel Morrissey anniversaries at this time.

Mon 7pm

Tues 10am Pro Populo

Wed 10am

St Patrick Vigil Mass

Thurs 6.30pm Peter Healy, The Hill 10th Anniv.

Fri St Patrick's Day 10am 12noon

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Ned & Peg Leahy, The Millstream and their son
 Emmet and daughter Ita
 Patrick (Sonny) O'Sullivan The Hill Anniv.

10am

12noon Tom Scanlon, Athea Anniv.

Pope Francis

This weekend we join in prayerful thanksgiving for the ministry of Pope Francis who approaches the tenth anniversary on 13 March of his election as Pope. We are grateful for his pastoral leadership of the Universal Church. We remember his inspiring visit to the 9th World Meeting of Families in Ireland in August 2018. The writings of Pope Francis - such as his 2013 apostolic exhortation on the proclamation of the Gospel in today's world, *Evangelii Gaudium*; his 2015 encyclical letter on care for our planet, *Laudato Si'*; and his 2016 apostolic exhortation on love in the family, *Amoris Laetitia* - have all been popular and bestsellers in Ireland. We keep Pope Francis in our prayers this week.

"Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig dhuit!"

Archbishop Michael Lenihan.

We send our congratulations to Bishop Michael Lenihan, originally from Cragg, Abbeyfeale, who on Saturday 11th of March was installed as Archbishop of San Pedro Sula archdiocese, Honduras. Archbishop Michael has served as bishop of the diocese of La Ceiba in Honduras, since 2012. He is the first archbishop of the new diocese. We wish Archbishop Michael every success in his new role. We assure him of our prayers and we look forward to welcoming him home in the near future.

We congratulate his family and friends in Abbeyfeale, Mountcollins and Athea.

St Patrick's Day Masses

Vigil Mass on Thursday 16th at 6.30pm. Mass on Friday 17th at 10.00am and 12noon. At the 12noon Mass we will mark the retirement of Dee Denison, senior choir director for over forty years. This will be a special celebration and all are welcome to attend.

Bishops encourage prayers for peace on Saint Patrick's Day

At their Spring General Meeting in Maynooth, the bishops expressed support for the many prayer initiatives for peace in recent days. Given the importance of the national feast of Saint Patrick, they invited parishes to reach out on that day in a special way to the Ukrainian people living in Ireland and around the world, sending greetings of prayer and solidarity to them in this time of anguish. At the 'sign of peace' at Mass on that day, and for the remainder of Lent, bishops ask priests to call for peace in the world and especially in Ukraine and, after a moment of silence, to invite everyone to offer a gesture or greeting of peace (without the handshake), holding in prayer all who are caught up in this conflict:

Stations of the Cross

Parishioners are welcome to make the Way of the Cross every Friday morning during Lent beginning at 9.30am

Confessions: Confession will be heard on Saturday evening from 6.00pm to 6.20pm.

Also, on Thursday mornings for the remainder of Lent after the 10.00am Mass.

A Prayer for our Irish Emigrants

As we approach the Feast of St Patrick we remember all those who have emigrated from Ireland to seek a new life abroad. This week we remember and pray for them. Lord, some may know the bleakness of life, its capacity to disappoint, the waning of energy or health. Yet they have a place in the soul which time cannot touch, a wisdom and beauty from lives deeply inhabited.

May all of them know the warmth of their soul, the natural shelter around their lives. In dignity and freedom, may they return home to themselves. Amen. Anon

A collection in support of emigrant support services will be held at all Masses on St Patrick's Day.

Prayer for the People of Ukraine

Loving God,
 We pray for the people of Ukraine,
 For all those suffering or afraid,
 that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
 for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
 We pray for the world; that in this moment of crisis,
 we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.
 May we walk in your ways
 so that peace and justice
 become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen

*Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!
 Our Lady of Kyiv, pray for us!*

Confirmation

On Friday 10th March, Bishop Brendan Leahy celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for the girls and boys of 6th class. We congratulate all who were confirmed. We thank all who ensured that it was a meaningful ceremony for everyone who attended.

A special word of thanks to the teachers of all our schools who put in a great deal of time and work to make it a very special ceremony. Thanks to Anne O'Mara and all of her voluntary team who put in a great deal of work to have the church and the church grounds looking so well.

Trócaire marks 50 years of fighting injustice

On the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in 1973, the Irish Bishops wrote to the Christian people of Ireland establishing Trócaire. As we mark 50 years of Trócaire, we mark 50 years of perseverance, courage, participation, accountability and solidarity. From supporting human rights defenders in Central America, to leading the relief effort in Vietnam following the war, to providing essential emergency assistance in the midst of crisis, Trócaire has been proud to work on behalf of the people of the island of Ireland in fighting injustice across the world. We thank God for our supporters and partners who empower us to do this vital work. We pray that the next fifty years will see all the people of the world working together for a more just world, and that the fruits of this work will be clear to see.

Novena to St Joseph takes place from the 11th to 19th March

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2023 22nd – 27th June. For booking details contact Karen at 061-350000 or email at lourdesyouthpilgrimage@limerickdiocese.org

Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023.

Led by Bishop Brendan Leahy. 22th – 27th June. Direct return flights from Shannon to Lourdes. For booking contact Joe Walsh Tours, Telephone 01-2410800 or email lourdesdirector@limerickdiocese.org €879 per person, full board, all taxes included. Full religious programme.

"TEARING AND DRAGGING" : Abbeyside Players present a comedy by John Hank Regan at the Glorach Theatre on Thursday, March 9, Friday, March 10, Sunday, March 12, Thursday, March 16, Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 March. Booking 0871282930.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN ABBEYFEALE: Family Fun Day with face painting, prizes for best dressed, Busking, Craft Market and Parade at 4pm. Come and enjoy a great day out with your neighbours and friends.

Please take the leaflet home with you or return it to the basket at the doors. Thanks.