



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



12th Dec 2021    [www.abbeyfealeparish.ie](http://www.abbeyfealeparish.ie)    email [fealechurch@eircom.net](mailto:fealechurch@eircom.net)    Church Sacristy 068 - 51915    Parish Office 068 - 31133

**Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Area**  
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**Fr Dan Lane (Retired) 087/2533030**

**Sunday Duty**

Fr Michael Noonan, Ardagh Parish is on call this *Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December* for all emergency calls in the area. Fr Noonan can be contacted on **087-6796217**.

**Mass intentions for this weekend**

**6.30pm** Bridget Healy, Lower Knocknasna and deceased family members  
 Ramey Leahy, New Street Anniv.  
 Abbeyfeale ICA Deceased members  
 Frank Foley, St Ita's Road Anniv.  
 Hugh & Mary Masterson Anniv.  
 Mary Morrissey Nee Gleeson Ballaugh Anniv.  
 Paddy G O'Connor, Caher Anniv.

**10am** Hannah Mai Scannell, Dromtrasna Collins  
 Paddy, Eily Mai & Michael Barry Caherlane

**12noon** Betty & Patie Lane, Kilconlea Anniv.  
 Mary Keating Fitzgerald Clash Anniv.

**Mass intentions for the week**

**Mon 7pm** Finton Morris  
 Thomas O'Connell, New Street and deceased family members

**Tues 10am** Pro Populo

**Wed 10am** Joe Hennessy Died last week

**Thurs 10am      Fri 10am**

**Intentions for next weekend.**

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

**10am** Mick Scanlon Athea Anniv  
 John & Mary Collins and son John and daughter Margaret and deceased family members  
 John Ruane 26 Cryle View Close 5th Anniv.

**12noon** Jim O'Connell, 4 St Ita's Road Anniv.  
 John Murphy, Ballaugh Anniv.  
 Mike Barry Caherlane Anniv.  
 Phyl O'Kelly, Killarney Road Anniv  
 Eileen Cahill and Paddy Cahill, Hannah O'Neill and Dano O'Neill and deceased family members  
 Jim Lane, New Street Anni.

**Advent Season of Hope and Reconciliation**

**Christmas Masses**

Unfortunately, again this year it is not possible to accommodate all who wish to attend Christmas Mass. According to the public health rules for the hosting of indoor events, the capacity of a venue is reduced to 50%. Two metres socially distancing of people is still required. While this enables us to accommodate more people than attended Mass last Christmas, we still have only 50% capacity. Each individual person who comes into the church, must be counted individually. In other words, a family cannot be counted as one, each member of the family must be counted separately. This situation needs to be managed to ensure the safety of all who wish to attend. So again, this year we will operate a ticket system. This year Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Eve at 5.00pm and 7.30pm. Mass on Christmas day will be at 8.00am, 10.00am and 12noon. Tickets for all Masses will be distributed in the church next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December between 2.00pm and 4.00 pm. Tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. This year St Stephen's Day 26<sup>th</sup> of December falls on Sunday and there will be the usual two Masses on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am and 12noon. You may decide to attend Mass for Christmas on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Searching for Peace**

Now that we are heading towards Christmas, it is a time to prepare well in every way, so we are all encouraged to take this time of grace to make a good confession. During the past eighteen months it has been difficult for parishioners to celebrate the sacrament of penance. Next Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December Fr Tony and Fr Dan will be available to hear confessions from 11.00am to 1.00pm and again on Saturday afternoon from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

When we reflect on our lives we see the need to forgive others and to seek forgiveness for ourselves. It's an aspect of our lives that we find difficult to face. Reconciliation is always a challenge for us. Yet it is something that we all desire, to be at peace with God, to be at peace with the people we love and to be at peace with our neighbours. We need God's help in our lives to achieve this inner contentment. The sacrament of confession will help us a long way towards the peace we all desire.

To maintain safety and to ensure safe distancing, confessions will be heard in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. A screen will be in place to give people anonymity or if people prefer, they can celebrate the sacrament face to face, while sitting on a chair in front of the priest. People wishing to go to confession are asked to enter the Blessed Sacrament Church through the main church and to wait in the side aisle. We look forward to welcoming you on Saturday next. Confessions from 11.00am to 1.00pm and again on Saturday afternoon from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

**Holy Communion Call**

If any parishioner who has been unable to come to Mass for one reason or another would like to receive Holy Communion for Christmas please contact the sacristy on 068 51915 any morning at 10.30am

**Advent Prayer**

Hail and Blessed be the hour and moment in which the son of God was born of the pure Virgin Mary, at mid-night in a stable in Bethlehem in the piercing cold. At the same hour vouch safe. Amen.

**St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Christmas Appeal** is taking place this weekend at all Masses. If you would like to support this appeal and was unable to do so this weekend you can do so next weekend. Just put your donation into an envelope, write *Vincent de Paul Collection* on the front of the envelope and put it into the collection boxes at the entrance of the church next weekend.

**Trócaire Gift of Love**

If you want to make the world a better place this Christmas, if you want to give a gift that shows how much you care, then please, give a *Trócaire Gift of Love*. Together we can help people improve their lives, escape poverty and look forward to a brighter, better future. You can buy these Christmas gifts by logging on to [www.trócaire.org/gifts](http://www.trócaire.org/gifts) or by phone 1850 408 408. There is a special *Trócaire Gift of Love* brochure available at the door as you leave after Mass. We encourage you to take one with you.

**Advent Wreath Lighting the Third Advent Candle**

This weekend we light the third candle of the Advent Wreath, the candle of JOY. (The Pink Candle). As the coming of Jesus, our Savior, draws nearer, our joy builds with our anticipation of his birth. From the Book of Isaiah, we read the words: "Be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight." Isaiah 65:18



**Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent.**

As we prepare for our Christmas celebrations we light the third candle of our Advent wreath, as a sign that we are prepared to be the light of Christ, bringing his JOY to the world.

**Prayer:** Light the third candle and pray -  
*We joyfully praise you, O Lord, for the fulfillment of your promise of a Savior and what that means in our lives. Thank you for the gift of salvation through the birth of your son, Jesus. Create us anew as we wait and help us to see your glory as you fill our lives with your Holy Spirit. Amen.*  
*(Say 1 Our Father and 3 Hail Mary's and pray for that our parish community will be filled with the JOY of the Lord this Christmas).*

**Come and See Inspirations**

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