



# ABBAYFEALE PARISH



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The Ascension of the Lord

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## Mass intentions for this weekend

- 6.30pm** Moss & Lily Colbert, New St. Anniv.  
**9.15am** Louis MC Enery, Dromtrasna Anniv.  
 James Collins, Dromtrasna Anniv.  
 Rhona Danaher, Church Street & Shanbally  
**12noon** James & Mary Keane and deceased family members  
**Mon 14th** James Collins, Dromtrasna Anniv.  
 Billy O'Brien, Bridge St. Month mind.  
**Tues 10am** Confirmation Cermony  
**Wed 10am** Henry McGill & Kate & Tom Regan  
**Thurs 10am** Bill Stemp, Cedarville Anniv.  
**Friday 10am** Francie & Nell Healy and deceased family members  
**Sat 11am** Shelia & Timothy Murphy Anniv.

## Intention for next weekend

- 6.30pm** Dick Fitzgerald Dromtrasna Anniv.  
 John E O'Connell & Mary Jo O'Connell ,  
 Fealeview Road Anniv. (John's 10th)  
**9.15am** Denis Barry, Clash Road Anniv.  
**12noon** Jack Scannell, St Ita's Terrace Anniv.  
 Nora Moloney, Knocknasna Anniv  
 Michael(Mick) Kelliher & Margaret  
 Kelliher Ballaugh Anniv.

**Mon 7pm** Mary & James Scully Anniv.

**Ministers for next weekend May 20th D E F**

**Readers for next weekend May 20th Team 4**

**Counselling services collection** will take place this weekend at all Masses. 13/14th May

**Used stamps collected for Peru can be handed in to the basket behind the Altar.**

## Fr Padraig Keogh RIP

We pray for Fr Padraig Keogh RIP, who died on Tuesday 8th. Fr Padraig was the retired parish priest of Milford Co. Cork. A native of Rockchapel he was a regular visitor to members of his family here in Abbeyfeale. His sudden illness and death has come as a great shock to all who knew him. We offer our sympathy and prayers to all his relatives here in the parish. May Fr Padraig rest in peace.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

On Tuesday of this week, Bishop Brendan Leahy will visit the parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is a very special day for the children who will be confirmed. They are saying yes to the promises that were made by their parents and God parents on the day of their baptism. We congratulate their parents, their teachers, and all who have played such an important role in preparing the children for the Sacrament. The Mass will begin at 11.00a.m. Parishioners are very welcome to attend. Parents and Sponsors are asked to attend a preparation rehearsal for the ceremony in the church on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30p.m.

**Parish Clerks Collection** will take place next weekend 19th & 20th May.

## Queen of the May

Bring flowers of the rarest, bring blossoms the fairest,

From garden and woodland and hillside and dale:  
 Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling  
 The praise of the loveliest flower on the vale.

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today  
 Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May  
 O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today  
 Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

Their lady they name thee, their mistress proclaim thee.

Oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true,  
 As long as the bowers are radiant with flowers,  
 As long as the azure shall keep it's bright hue.

## 'Most Important Social Justice Issue of our time'

This referendum on the right to life of the unborn child will challenge us as a society to look at our basic moral vision and to examine our attitude towards the value of every human life. Defending the right to life of the unborn child in the womb is the most important social justice issue of our time. The coming weeks will shape the kind of Ireland we live in for years to come. As a society, we proclaim our belief in equality as one of our fundamental values. So how can we reconcile that value with removing the equal right to life of the unborn child from our Constitution? Advances in science have made it clear to us for some time now that the unborn child is undeniably one of us. Unborn children are not potential human beings but are human beings with potential. We can no longer talk about the unborn child as a 'bunch of cells'. Often, before a woman even knows that she is pregnant there is a beating heart and a rapidly developing baby, a little boy or a little girl. The right to life is the first and most fundamental of all human rights, without which there can be no others. We cannot exercise any other human right if we are not allowed to exercise the right to live.

We cannot say this often enough. Without being allowed to be born, one can have no civil rights, no free speech, no right to bodily integrity. Removing this constitutional protection will result in a very inconsistent version of equality being granted to those who can make their voices heard – but denied to those who cannot. This is the first time in Irish history that a constitutional right may be taken away. At every stage of development, life is sacred. Commitment to our beliefs takes remarkable courage, no more so than at this time." *Finola Bruton Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council of Dunboyne and Kilbride Parish, Co Meath.*

**24 hours of Adoration** here in the parish over the next 3 Fridays of Prayer for the Protection of the Unborn.

## Holy hour each day from 3-4pm

Join us every day in the blessed sacrament Chapel from 3-4pm. We will have an hour of prayer for the protection of the 8th Amendment. Including the rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and time for quiet prayer. We encourage anyone who can, to come and pray for the continued protection of the unborn in our country. Stay for the whole hour or drop in for as long as you are able.

## Jubilee Celebration

A part of our Church Jubilee celebrations an exhibition of Parish and Church memorabilia from the mid 1960's will be put on display on the weekend of the 8th,9th & 10th June. We are now looking for items that would bring us back to that era. The Church foundation stone was laid in 1967 and the new Church building was opened on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1968. We are looking for photographs, publications, recordings, newspaper articles, religious objects. All items will be labelled and returned to the owner at the end of the exhibition.

**A Desert Day** will take place in Westbourne Convent, Ashbourne Avenue, Limerick on **Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> from 10.30 to 5.15**. The day will give you an opportunity to take a break from your busy schedule to prepare for the great feast of Pentecost in a calm and peaceful environment. There will be time for quiet prayer and reflection and the day will conclude with the Eucharist. Booking is essential as places are limited. For information contact: Sr. Phyllis Moynihan at 0879636893 or email: phymoy@yahoo.co.uk

**Parking Notice** The church yard will be locked on Monday evening both sides to provide parking for the Confirmation ceremony on Tuesday @ 11am .

## Walk to Killeenagh Holy Well

The annual walk to Killeenagh Holy Well, will take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> of May. The visit to Killeenagh Well in Dromtrasna has a special link with the celebration of Confirmation in the parish. A few weeks ago the children who are receiving Confirmation this year, took part in what is called The 'Abbeyfeale Initiative'. This is a programme on healthy life choices, run by the Catholic Church for Confirmation students with the help of Transition Year students, who are trained to deliver the programme to the children in sixth class. It has been up and running very successfully in the parish for ten years.

The programme concludes with the annual walk to Killeenagh Holy Well, where the young people from the Confirmation Class make a commitment to abstain from alcohol and drugs during their teenage years. As an acknowledgment of their participation in the programme, the children receive wrist bands which are very popular with them, and the visit to the Well concludes with a barbecue on the Cotter farm yard.

This year the walk to the well will be video recorded. It is planned that a short video clip featuring the Confirmation preparation programme will be part of a presentation made at the World Meeting of Families gathering in Dublin. It will also be presented in the Phoenix Park prior to the Mass with Pope Francis, along with a number of other initiatives from parishes around the country. It is a very successful project, one that the parish can be proud of.

Put Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> of May in your diary and join us for the Walk to the Well in this special Jubilee Year in the parish, as we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening and blessing of our Parish Church.

## Killeenagh Well. Mary's Month

May is the month dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. We invite you to honour her by joining us in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for recitation of the Rosary each night at 7.30pm Mon-Fri and before the vigil Mass on Saturday.

## Rosary at Killeenagh

Rosary will be recited at the Holy Well in Killeenagh each Friday evening during May. Walk to the Well will take place on 27th May.

**The Remembering Zoë Charity Cycle** in association with Abbeyfeale Cycling Club takes place on Sunday May 13th, starting in Abbeyfeale at 9am from Fr. Casey's GAA Club. For safety reasons the **Gardai will close the road** from the GAA Club and New Street to Buckley's cross on the Athea road from 09.00 to 09.20 approximately. All cyclists will turn left at Buckley's cross and follow the Kilmorna road to Shanacool cross. In the afternoon the Cycle will pass through Main Street, New Street and also the townlands of Ballaugh, Ballybehy and Knockbrack.

**A clothes collection** will take place from Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> of May to the 4<sup>th</sup> of June inclusive to raise funds for Fr. Casey's Under 14 football team who represent Limerick in the Feile Peil Na N'og in Trim Co. Meath at the end of June. If you wish to donate REUSABLE items of clothing, paired shoes, belts, Handbags, Bed linen, towels and curtains please drop bags to **The Railway Bar**, Athea Road, Abbeyfeale at anytime during the dates above.

**Ardagh Chalice 150<sup>th</sup> Festival.** They are celebrating the 150th anniversary of the finding of the Ardagh Chalice here in Ardagh in Co Limerick.