



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



14th April 2024

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Church Sacristy 068 - 51915

Parish Office 068/31133 11am to 1pm

**Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Area**

- Fr Denis Mullane 087/2621911**
- Fr Tony Mullins 087/2600414**
- Fr Willie Russell 087/2272825**
- Fr Dan Lane (Retired) 087/2533030**
- Fr James Ambrose (Retired) Tel 087/7740753**

**Priest on Call:** Fr Willie Russell, Abbeyfeale parish is on call for the area this Sunday. He can be contacted on 087-2272825.

**Intentions for this weekend**

- 6.30pm** Bridie Mai Horgan 1st Anniv Duagh  
Michael Horgan 4th Anniv. Duagh  
Patrick Lane Grogeen and deceased family members  
Bridie & Joe Ftizgerald and deceased family members Clash  
and Kathleen Kelly Letterkenny 3rd Anniv.
- 10am** Lawrence Cree Birthday remembrance
- 12noon** Maureen & John Canty, Brosna Anniv.  
Willie & Ciss Curtin, Meenheala Anniv.  
Eddie O'Connor, Clash Road Anniv.  
Larry Harnett, Dromtrasna Harnett and  
deceased family members  
Joan O'Keeffe, Ballymacjordan Anniv.

**Intentions for the week**

- Mon 7pm**
- Tues 10am** Pro Populo
- Wed 10am** Special Intention
- Thurs 10am** Fri 10am

**Intentions for next weekend**

- 6.30pm** Mary O'Connor, Bridge Street Anniv.  
Barbara McGill, The Hill Months mind  
Sean & Diane O'Mahony, Caherhayes Anniv.  
Bessie Meehan, Kilmorna Anniv.
- 10am** Michael O'Hanlon, Collins Park Anniv.  
Kathleen Gleeson, Kilconlea Lower Anniv.  
Gerry O'Connor Anniv.  
Kitty Cotter Main street Months Mind
- 12noon** Will Joe & Mary Collins and their sons  
Billy & Tom the Hill Anniv.  
Padraig & Patsy Cleary, Killarney Road Anniv.
- Mon 7pm** Richard Tobin and deceased family members

**Death**

We offer our sympathy to the family of Emmet Colbert, whose funeral took place on Wednesday. May he rest in peace

**Major Reorganisation of Diocese in the West of Ireland**

On Wednesday Pope Francis announced a number of significant changes to six of the Catholic Diocese in the West of Ireland. Announcing the changes, the Papal Nuncio to Ireland, Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, said *"We know from personal experience that life is a process of adaptation to changing circumstances. Although we seek to preserve at all times our essential identity, we adopt measures to meet new challenges as they arise. That is true also of the life of the Church and it is reflected in what we are doing today. To meet the evolving needs of the Catholic Church in the west of Ireland, it is necessary to envisage a gradual process of reorganisation of six dioceses, which will, it is hoped, give added impetus and vitality to the communities concerned. In due time, and following careful assessment and consultation, the present Dioceses of Tuam and Killala on the one hand, and Elphin and Achonry on the other, may be governed by one Bishop in each case, just as the Dioceses of Galway and Clonfert are today governed by one Bishop. If this process evolves still further, the associated Dioceses may then merge fully under their Bishop, and, in this way, the six Dioceses in the Province of Tuam will eventually become three. They say "in union there is strength". Thus, with pooled resources and combined endeavours, and trusting strongly in the grace of God, we can look to the future with hope and confidence."*

**First Penance and First Communion:** Keep in your prayers the children of the parish who will receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and First Penance in the coming weeks. This is a very special time for the families of our parish who have children presenting for Holy Communion and First Penance. It marks yet another milestone on their journey of faith. Let us keep them in our prayers so that they may have an experience of God's presence in their lives that inspires them to join this faith community in prayer and in acts of loving service of their neighbour. As a Community of Faith we support them by our welcome and our prayers for them at this special time in their faith journeys.

**Easter Dues:** Sincere thanks to all who supported the Easter Dues Collection in support of the clergy of the parish and Pastoral Unit. They appreciate your generosity and support.

**Trocaire: Collection Boxes** – can be placed in the baskets at the door or hand them in to the sacristy during any Mass.

**St Josepha Young Priest's Society**

An hours adoration of the Blessed sacrament will take place after evening Mass on Saturday 20th April, to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**Baptisms in Abbeyfeale** will be celebrated on the **first Saturday** of each month at 5.00pm. Also, on the **second Sunday** of the month after the 12noon Mass. Contact the Sacristy 068/51915 during Mass Times.

**SeniorLine:** Would like someone to talk to? SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91. Callers may feel isolated, alone, wish to discuss a problem in confidence, or for company during their day. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options and to refer caller to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone if sharing a problem would help. Phone SeniorLine 1800 80 45 91, open every day of the year 10am-10pm

**March for Life Ireland 2024:** Shining a spotlight on Ireland's abortion law and calling for compassionate support systems for expectant mothers. The *March for Life* is more than just a demonstration; it's a collective voice demanding change, unity, and empowerment for women facing challenging choices. Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May, 2:00pm, 2024 Marching in Dublin from St. Stephen's Green to Leinster House. All support welcome.

**Bóthar:** Limerick based Irish charity Bóthar are dedicating their Easter Appeal to humanitarian aid for Palestine. Cheques or Postal Orders may be sent to Bóthar, Regus Castletroy, Business Reply, Limerick, V94 Y6FD. Donations by phone on 1800 26 84 63 or online at Bóthar.ie.

**Thank you:** Sincere thanks to the members of the *Lost Souls Singing Group* who recently donated just over €1,000 to the St Ita's Hall building fund. The funds were the proceeds from a concert the group held recently. The works in the hall are now complete and we are awaiting the final sign off on all works. Once all the works are approved the centre will reopen to the community.

**All Ireland Rosary Rally:** Knock - June 1<sup>st</sup> The All Ireland Rosary Rally is back this year on Saturday, June 1st in Knock. The day begins with a Marian Conference at 9.30 am in St John's Centre.

**Fleadh by The Feale:** This year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Fleadh by the Feale. It promises to be a great weekend of music, song and dance. Some important dates for your diary. On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May Celtic Steps, the world celebrated dance show will be staged in Coláiste Íde agus Iosef. On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May the internationally renowned Mulcahy Family, will be playing in the Glórach Theatre. Tickets are available online at Eventbrite and at Siopa Milseáin.

**Lough Derg Pilgrimages 2024:**

A pilgrimage to Lough Derg is all about letting go, a time to see one's daily life as it truly is. The Three Day Pilgrimage provides a kind of breathing space in which people can calmly explore and reflect on where they find themselves in their lives at that moment in time.

The Three Day Pilgrimage will commence on Thursday 1st June and continue until 15th August (Sunday 13th August is the final day for pilgrims to begin the Three Day Pilgrimage for 2023). Admission €80 | Booking advised | Concessions available for students, seniors and groups. If you have any questions or queries regarding booking, please contact Lough Derg by email: info@loughderg.org or telephone: +353 (0)71 9861518

**Friends of St Ita's Hospital Church gate collection** will take place at the church gate on Saturday & Sunday 20th & 21st April. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.