



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

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World Day of the Poor

This Sunday 14 November 2021 is the fifth World Day of the Poor, initiated by Pope Francis in 2017. In his message for this World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis reflects on Jesus' words at the anointing in Bethany, "the poor you will always have with you" (Mk 14:7). This he says 'is a summons never to lose sight of every opportunity to do good.'

In our society, we have people who experience the poverty of isolation and loneliness, homelessness, modern day slavery, trafficking, relational poverty, the experience of being abused or the victim of violence. These circumstances are often drivers of material poverty, or the result of material poverty. The Gospel calls us to a conversion of heart and this conversion, as Pope Francis says in this year's message for the World Day of the Poor, "consists primarily in opening our hearts to recognizing the many different forms of poverty all around us". On this day we are invited to offer friendship, solidarity and welcome to the poorest of our sisters and brothers. As we reach out with love and support, let us hold all members of our global family in our prayers.

A prayer from an ecumenical conference in Brazil, calling for an end to poverty as the first step on the path to peace through justice.

O Lord, God of life,
 who cares for all creation, give us your peace.
 May our security not come from arms, but from respect,
 May our force not be of violence, but of love.
 May our wealth not be in money, but in sharing.
 May our path not be of ambition, but of justice.
 May our victory not be from vengeance, but in forgiveness.
 Open and confident, we want to defend the dignity of all creation,
 sharing, today and forever, the bread of solidarity and peace.
 In the name of Jesus, your holy son, our brother,
 who, as victim of our violence, even from the heights of the cross

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of Henry(Harry) O'Shea, Convent Road whose funeral took place on Thursday. May he rest in peace.

Mass for those who died in 2020

Last year due to the lockdown it was not possible to have relatives of all those who died in 2020 attend the annual Mass for the bereaved, so the Mass was livestreamed on the internet. We would like to offer an opportunity for all those who were bereaved from Nov 2019 to Nov 2020 to attend Mass for their loved ones who died during this period. We will offer Mass for these families and their deceased loved ones on **Friday next 19th November at 7.00pm.** During the ceremony of light, a relative of the deceased will be invited to bring a candle to the altar in memory of their loved ones. The necessary social distancing will be in place for these celebrations.

Plenary Indulgence during month of November

The Vatican has extended to this year the additional indulgences granted in Pope Francis' special mandate of 2020. A plenary indulgence can be obtained by anyone who visits a cemetery, church or oratory even if only mentally, on any day in November and prays for the faithful departed. The indulgence is gained by celebrating the sacrament of Confession, receiving Holy Communion along with the recitation of the Our Father, Hail Mary, the Creed and a prayer for the Holy Father's intentions. For anyone who cannot leave their home for various reasons, they too can obtain the plenary indulgence by "uniting themselves spiritually to other members of the faithful". The directive suggests that such prayer take place before an image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary. Among the various prayers that are recommended are prayers for the deceased, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, *meditating on various Gospel passages proposed for funeral Masses.*

A Time for giving Thanks

Have you taken time in recent months, or even years, to sit down and write down and pray over all the many things for which you have to be thankful? We take much for granted, we are focused on material and temporal things, and we don't take time to give God thanks and praise in all things. We are challenged in this month and Thanksgiving season, to take time to list the many ways in which God has blessed us - even when we are dealing with challenges.

Pastoral Council Meeting

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place in the Church on Tuesday 16th November at 7.30pm. All members are asked to attend. The council will review the current Covid-19 situation and the plan ahead for Christmas.

Weekly Collection: We are grateful to all who continue to contribute to the weekly offertory collection. Since March 2020 collection boxes are provided at the doors of the church. Most contributors use the weekly envelope to make their donation. Parishioners who do not use the weekly envelopes are encouraged to make a weekly donation and place their offering into the collection boxes provided.

All weekly donations go towards the ongoing maintenance of the church.

Donate through the Parish Website www.abbeyfealparish.ie

Trócaire: Thanks to all who contributed to the Trócaire appeal last weekend to address the humanitarian crisis in East Africa. Your generosity is greatly appreciated €2720 so far. Missions collection on Mission Sunday €2640

World day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims 2021

The Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims was first held in 1993. It was created to give recognition to victims of road traffic crashes and for their loved ones and to acknowledge all who work in our emergency services. A remembrance Mass to mark *World day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims 2021* will be celebrated here in Abbeyfeale Church next Saturday 20th November at 6.30pm.

Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Patrick & David O'Connor, Caherhayes Anniv.
 Jack & Mary McKenna, Knockbrack Anniv.
 Donal & Nell & Patrick Fitzgerald Anniv.
 Kathleen O'Connor, Knocknasna Anniv.

10am Kathy Scanlon, Athea Anniv.
 Johnny & Mary Flynn, Banard

12noon Shelia O'Connell, Kilconlea Lower Anniv.
 Dan Francis & Nell O'Connor, Main street
 Eamon Daly, Main Street /Castleknock
 Nora Canty, Fealesbridge Anniv.

Intention for the week

Mon 7pm Delia & Tommy Nelligan, Bridge Street.
 Mary Nelligan Collins Park Anniv.
 Peg & Hector Browne

Tues 10am Pro Populo

Wed 10am Special Intention

Thurs 10am Deceased members of Brouder and
 Mullins family

Fri 10am Lizzie Morris
 Deceased members of the Active retirement
 Association

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Connie Harnett, Collins Park Anniv.
 Mary Kelly, Knocknaboul & Co Down
 Nina Farrell nee Healy Anniv.

10am Michael Scully, Mountmahon & London
 Michael O'Connell, Kilconlea Anniv.
 Dick Danaher, Church Street/ Shanbally

12noon Michael Reidy, Meenkilly
 Eileen O'Connor, Dublin, late of Main street
 Fintan Hoare, Knockbrack Anniv.

*" Our dead are never dead to us,
 until we have forgotten them." George Elliot*

*" Though a door may have closed between us.
 May we be able to view our past friends with eyes wise with
 calming grace" John O'Donoghue.*

OUTDOOR MARKET AT THE BARNAGH HUB:

There will be an evening Market at the Barnagh Hub on the weekend beginning Friday, December 3 – Sunday, December 5 inclusive and the following Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The final market will be on the weekend of Friday, December 18 -19 inclusive. To book a free pitch contact Eileen from 9-2pm on 085 2552890.

ARA NA FEILE COFFEE MORNING FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: The Active Retirement Club are hosting a Coffee Morning in Leens Hotel on Wednesday, November 16 from 11-1pm with all proceeds going to lighting up Abbeyfeale this Christmas. Your support will be appreciated.

Christmas lights group are busy decorating the town for Santa's visit on Friday Nov 26th. More new lights have been purchased this year. Please support " Buy a bow" for our tree and enter the raffle. Lines available in all shops in town.

CRAFT FAIR: A Christmas Craft Fair will be held in the Duagh Sports Complex on Sunday, November 21 from 12-4pm. All crafters welcome. To book a table contact Geraldine on 087 2684540.