



ABBHEYFEALE PARISH NEWS



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Intentions for this weekend#

7pm Joan E Leahy, Ballybehy South Anniv.
 Danny Leahy Chicago
 Nora O'Keeffe, Graigue Anniv.
 Jack Riordan, Main Street Anniv.

9.30am . Jim Gardiner, Upper Purt Anniv.
 Breda Daly, Church Street Anniv.

12noon Catherine Murphy, Clash Road Anniv.
 Tim Spillane & Eileen Spillane Anniv.

Intention for the week

7pm Mon Tom & Mary Ann Moloney, The Hill

Tues 10am Noel Downey, New Street Anniv.

Wed 10am Maurice O'Connor &

Nora O'Connor, Knocknasna Anniv.

Thus 10am Deceased Members of the

Harnett family Inch

Leah Harnett The Belfry Heights Anniv.

Fri 10am Deceased members of the

Leahy Family Banard

Sat 11am Paddy Walsh, Dromtrasna Anniv.

Mass intentions for next weekend

7pm Tom & Mary ann Moloney, The Hill Anniv.
 Mary Edward, Bridget & John Fitzgerald Anniv.
 Kathleen Harnett, Mountmahon. Anniv.

9.30am Lily O'Keeffe St Ita's Road Anniv.
 Mame Harnett, Knockbrack Anniv.

12noon Pat Moloney, St Ita's Ter. Month Mind.
 Peggy O'Riordan & Eileen Twomey Anniv.

Schools Collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend 28th & 29th Jan

“The one sows courtesy reaps friendship, and the one who plants kindness gathers love .”

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family Margaret Lane, The Hill whose funeral took place on Saturday May she rest in peace.

Pastoral Area Meeting will take place on Wednesday 18th @ 7.30pm in St Ita's Hall.

Do this in Memory co-ordinators meeting will take place on Monday @ 7.30pm in the Sacristy. In preparation for the “Do this in memory Mass” @ 9.30am on Sunday 22nd Jan.

A meeting of St.Ita's Reading Group will meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Monday January 16th @2p.m. New members welcome.

A meeting of the Adoration Committee will meet in the sacristy on Monday January 16th @ 7.30p.m.

Catholic Schools Week 2017 is from January 29, 2017 – February 4, 2017 This is a great opportunity for parish to show its support of our catholic schools

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is marked between the 18th and 25th of January every year. (The 18th and 25th, are the Feast Days of St Peter and St Paul).

“Come and See” Vocations Event being held in the Pallottine House, Thurles on 17th and 18th February 2017. Thinking about the priesthood . This event is for men aged 18– 40 to “ come and see” advance booking is required **Contact:**

Fr Leslie McNamara. Vocations Director, Diocese of Limerick at lesliemcnamara@eircom.net 061/414624

Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.

Jan 15th Feast of St Ita, Patroness of Limerick Diocese

St. Ita used to say that the Lord loves three things in a Christian most of all: faith in God with a pure heart, a spiritual Christian life with simplicity, and generous love; but the Lord especially dislikes in us the following things: a gloomy face (according to another variant: hatred in our hearts), persistence in sin and excessive reliance on money.

This Sunday is 103rd World Day for Migrants and Refugees

World Day for Refugees and Migrants 2017

Prayer for Refugees & Victims of War

Lord God, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness, watch over refugees and victims of war, those separated from their loved ones, young people who are lost, and those who have left home or who have run away from home. Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and to all in need

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for those away from Home

Loving God, we pray for those whom we love, but who are absent from us. Keep them safe from all harm, evil and danger.

Bless them with peace, laughter, wisdom, love and joy.

Grant that we may be reunited in the fullness of love; in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

From prayer of our hearts by Vienna Cobb Anderson

Pastoral Council Meeting will take place in the sacristy on Wednesday 25th @ 7.30pm. All members are asked to attend.

Ara Ne Feile Active Retirement Social Club AGM will take place next Wednesday 18th @ 2pm. New members welcome. Why not give come and see for one meeting.

'Family Carers Ireland are proving the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Support Award in your area based on demand in February 2017. One Day Workshops on Falls Management, Stress Management & Nutrition also available .For more info contact 0579322920.



Irish Blood Transfusion Service

Our mobile unit will be holding a Blood Donor Clinic in Colaiste Ide agus Iosef on Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th January from 6-9pm each evening. 3000 units of blood are required every week. 1000 people receive blood or a blood product every week. 1:4 of our population require blood at some point in their life 3% only of our population give blood Why not begin the new year by giving blood if you are healthy and available to donate.

Community notices

Play at the Glórach

The scene is set for the staging of the classic John B Keane play, *The Highest House on the Mountain* at the Glórach Theatre. This powerful play opens on Thursday January 12th, with further shows on the 14th, 15th, 17th, 20th, 21st and 22nd. Curtains up at 8 pm and tickets for this in-house production can be booked at 0871383940.

Are you clearing out your wardrobes over Christmas???

St. Mary's Boys' School are having a clothes collection during the month of January. Bags of unwanted clothes can be dropped into the school during school hours. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

A DATE FOR THE DIARY: Abbeyfeale Drama Group are rehearsing at present for their production of Michael J Ginnelly Play **A Wake in the West** It will be staged at Fr. Casey's on February 14th Valentine Night, Thursday 16th, Saturday 18th, Sunday 19th, Tuesday 21st, Thursday 23rd, Saturday 25th, and Sunday 26th. So mark it down in your diary.

A New Level 5 Childcare Course is starting Jan 2017.

Art Classes starting on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning. Computer Classes starting on Wednesday morning. Contact 068 31198

Minor Migrants, vulnerable and voiceless

It is important that we come together to remember and pray for the tens of thousands of children who migrate alone, unaccompanied, to escape poverty and violence. Children are the most vulnerable and hardest hit among the world's migrants and require special protection, Pope Francis in his message called for greater protection and integration of immigrants and refugees who are minors, especially those who are unaccompanied. Minors are especially fragile, vulnerable and often invisible and voiceless—unable to claim or unaware of their rights and needs. Visit the website www.catholicbishops.ie/ immigrants to read full text

Prayer for Unaccompanied Migrant Children

For Children Immigrating Alone

Mary, you travelled alone

To reach the loving embrace of your beloved family member.

Elizabeth welcomed you with Open arms and an open heart.

Be with those children Who are travelling across borders .

To seek solace with family. Protect them from exploitation And from traumatising experiences.

Teach us by The example of the Visitation.

Grant us open arms And open hearts To receive your children

Trying to find the way To a new, life –giving home.

Mary, Mother of the human family

Help us end the misery of children separated from family

By man-made borders But not by love.

May they arrive, as you did, To joy and to the benediction

Of a loving embrace. Amen

Sister of Mercy