



# ABBNEYFEALE PARISH NEWS



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### Intentions for this weekend

**9.30am** Kathleen Glesson, Kilconlea Lower Anniv.  
 Josie Doherty, Tournafulla Anniv.  
**12noon** Dick O'Mahony, New Street Anniv.  
 Mary O'Connor, Bridge Street Anniv.

### Intentions for the week.

**Mon 7pm** Jerry Collins, Clash Road Anniv.  
**Tues 10am** Michael Foley Anniv  
**Wed 10am**  
**Thurs 10am**  
**Fri 10am** Josephine Lyons Anniv.  
 No 8.15 Mass this week

### Mass intentions for next weekend

**7pm** Julia Chris Fealy Anniv.  
 Bessie Meehan, Kilmorna Anniv.  
 Michael O'Hanlon, Collins Park  
 Johnny Nash, Upper Knocknasna Anniv.  
**9.30am** Will Joe, Mary Collins and their son  
 Billy the Hill Anniv.  
 Denis & Ellen Collins and deceased members  
 of the Geary family.  
 Adrian Doyle Anniv  
**12noon** Richard Tobin, Convent Street Anniv.  
 Andrea Costelloe, Mountmahon Anniv.  
 Tom Collins (vet) Convent Street Anniv.



### Easter Joy

A key word for Easter is joy. Jesus has said that he came so that we would have joy to the full. It's worth asking what sort of joy this is. The joy of success? The joy of love? The joy of recovery? There are many sorts of joy in our lives: the joy of Jesus at Easter is the lasting joy. After pain, violence, and death he knows now he has overcome it all.

There is no darkness in life which his joy cannot touch. He gives hope in every situation of life: when we feel rejection, in bereavement, in sickness, failure and in death itself. This Easter day we rejoice in the resurrection and the hope it gives us in the darker moments of our lives. In the words of the Easter Exultet sung at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night,

*"The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy; it casts out hatred, brings us peace and humbles earthly pride"* (Easter Exultet). May the Joy of this day remain with us for ever.

I wish you a very Blessed and Joyous Easter Weekend.

### Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of Liam Flynn, Convent Road whose funeral took place on Wednesday. May he rest in peace.

**Easter Dues** for the support of the clergy may be handed in a all Masses this weekend. Thank You.

**LAY LED LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Bishop Brendan Leahy has asked that every parish offer a lay led Liturgy of the Word on Tuesday, April 25th @ 10am.

### Divine Mercy Novena

There will be special ceremonies here in Abbeyfeale on next Sunday  
**Mercy Sunday 23rd April @ 3pm.**

Devotions to the Divine Mercy including Mass, Blessing of the sick, confession and Veneration of the Divine Mercy Picture.  
 Confessions @ 2.30pm.  
 Jesus told St Faustina "The soul that will go to confession receive Holy Communion on that day shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment".



Candles will be on sale at the doors. All are welcome.  
*Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*

### Divine Mercy Novena began of Good Friday and ends on Mercy Sunday.

**As God is a circle, whose center is everywhere.**  
 St Augustine (354- 430C.E.)



**Adoration** will resume after Easter on Tuesday April 25th after the 10 o'clock Mass and continue until 10p.m.  
 It will continue then as usual every Tuesday and Friday . New adorers are always very welcome. We thank you all for making our Perpetual Adoration such a success. Because of your commitment to an hour per week we are able to continue this wonderful gift we have in our Parish.  
**Knock Pilgrimage Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration** Travel to Knock on Sunday 30th April Bus leaves church @ 7.30am  
 Contact 087/7758503 or 087/6542685

**YOUTH SURVEY:** The Big April Ask is a national survey prepared by Youth Leaders throughout Ireland. It needs to be completed by the end of April 2017. The Diocesan Youth Ministry team (Fr Chris and Aoife), recently invited young people to participate in a survey with questions from Pope Francis for young people. This new national survey has now also been created and we are inviting young people to complete this too - As Chris says: 'it will take you 2 minutes to complete and the answers will be seen by Pope Francis himself because he wants to know what you think'. If you are aged between 16 and 29 then please take two minutes to complete the survey by visiting the website: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/bigaprilask](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/bigaprilask)

**Trocaire Boxes** can be handed in at all Masses this weekend. Please place them in the bins provided at the doors. Trocaire thanks you most sincerely for your generosity this Lent. By giving as you have in this parish, you have helped bring new life and new hope to those in our world who are most in need of our care and compassion.



**Blessing of the Easter Baskets** – Easter Saturday is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions. Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday.  
 This blessing took place here on Saturday at 12noon.

### Holy Week Liturgies

Sincere thanks to all our parishioners who assisted in the preparation and celebration of our Holy Week Ceremonies. We thank our Parish Clerk, Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Choirs, Organists, Altar Servers, Flower Arrangers, Church cleaners. All our children and young people who were involved and all who helped out in any way.  
**Invitation:** I want to extend an open invitation to all parishioners, particularly young people to share their God given talents with the community. We are always in need of Musicians, Singers, Readers of the Word, Altar Servers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Flower arrangers, Collectors and Stewards. You may have IT skills which we need to help us use social media in bringing God's message to parishioners. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated

### A Word from Pope Francis

"What was a simple act, done surely out of love – going to the tomb – has now turned into an event, a truly life-changing event. Nothing remains as it was before, not only in the lives of those women, but also in our own lives and in the history of mankind. Jesus is not dead, he has risen, he is alive! He does not simply return to life; rather, he is life itself, because he is the Son of God, the living God. And this is a message meant for me and for you dear sister, for you dear brother. How often does Love have to tell us: Why do you look for the living among the dead? Our daily problems and worries can wrap us up in ourselves, in sadness and bitterness... and that is where death is. That is not the place to look for the One who is alive! Let the risen Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life! If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk: you won't be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid, trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do". (Homily, Easter Vigil, March 30, 2013)

**Lenten Walk** - A word of thanks to all who participated at the walk to the Well last Sunday. A special word of thanks to the Cotter family for all the preparations they undertook to make the day such a success. To all who catered the refreshments and helped in any way Thanks .

**DARKNESS INTO LIGHT:** This year's walk/run takes place in Newcastle West on Saturday, May 6 at 4 am, starting at The Desmond Complex  
 For further information contact Breda [087 7715734](tel:0877715734)



### Parish newsletter notice:

Faithcast is the new weekly podcast from [catholicnews.ie](http://catholicnews.ie), the news source for the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. Presented by Brenda Drumm, Faithcast is a mixture of interviews and news snippets from the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is published every Monday and is available on [catholicnews.ie](http://catholicnews.ie).

**Easter Monday bilingual walk at 2pm from Barnagh ( N21 Layby) to Devon Road Station along the Great Southern Trail Greenway.** This walk of over 4 miles is being organised by Templeglantine Glór na nGael to mark the 140th year since this section of the old railway began to be constructed. It will be a leisurely walk with chat as Béarla agus Gaeilge. Beidh fáilte roimh gach éinne.

### Smile

We all have something Special that never goes out of style it does not cost us anything It's simply called a Smile It can cheer the saddest person whenever they feel blue. It makes us all feel good inside and isn't hard to do. So whenever you can spare one from your ever endless supply give one to the folk you meet whenever they pass by.  
**Happy Easter**

**Minister for April 23rd Team C,A,B Readers for April 23rd Team 4**



**Smile!**