



16th July 2017

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Mass Times in the Pastoral Area over the summer**  
**Abbeyfeale** Saturday evening @ 7pm  
Sunday at 9.30am & 12noon  
**Athea** Saturday evening @ 7.30pm Sunday @ 11am  
**Templeglantine** Saturday evening @ 6pm  
Sunday Morning @ 10.30am  
**Tournafulla** Sunday morning 11am  
**Mountcollins** Saturday evening @ 7.30pm

**Intentions for this weekend**

**7pm** Nora & Danny O'Connor, Grogeen  
**9.30am** Patrick O'Connor, Mountmahon Anniv.  
Maureen McCarthy, Caherhayes Anniv.  
**12noon** Mary Lane, Meenkilly Anniv.

**Mass Intentions for during the week**

**Mon 7pm** Tommy & Margaret Leahy New St. & Cratloe West & Helen & Noranne & Mai Leahy  
**Tues 10am** Denis Casey Caherlane Anniv.  
**Wed. 10am** Liz & Mick Mulcahy, Late of Killarney Rd. & daughter Kathleen  
**Thurs. 10am** Nell & Francie Healy & Deceased family members  
**Fri. 10am** Christy Hartnett, The Hill Anniv.

**Mass Intentions for next weekend**

**Sat 7pm** Mathew O'Connor, Dromtrasna Anniv.  
**9.30am** Larry Collins, Killarney Rd. Anniv  
Fionnuala O'Donnell, 5th Anniv.  
Jim & Nora Fealy, Ballybehy Anniv.  
**12pm** Jeremiah Healy Knocknasna & John Broderick Adelaide & Knocknasna

**Ministers for July 23rd B C A**  
**Readers for July 23rd Team 3**

**Death**

We offer our sympathy to the family of Anne Moore, Kilconlea Lower whose funeral took place during the week. May she rest in peace.

**The Parish office will be closed next week.**

**Reilig Ide Naofa Graveyard Mass** will take place on Thursday 17th Aug @ 7.30pm

**ST. ITA'S FAITH CAMP.**

Registration for Faith Camp is taking place in St Mary's Boys School on **Tuesday 18 July 7-8pm** AND on **Wed. 19 July 8-9pm** Contact Martina 087-2788834 or Lorraine 086-3765751  
Camp dates are : **Tue Aug 1<sup>st</sup> - Fri Aug 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Abbeyfeale boxing club** are holding their second annual tournament at their club on Colbert's terrace on Sunday 23rd July.  
Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

**Here I am Lord**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them  
Whom shall I send?

**Sow generously ...**

[This Sunday's Gospel](#) sees Jesus share the parable of the Sower and seeds with the people, and try to explain it a little to the apostles. I am always fascinated by the deliberate sowing of some crops like potatoes and the wild scatter of grain and seed. While some things require careful planting, there is much that can be shared with ease - and indeed that produces great harvest, in ways we do not expect. Here, when he is trying to teach 'many things' to the large crowd gathered; Jesus uses the image of scattering seed. The apostles are a little irritated - why throw out your teaching in these stories - these parables - to people who don't get it. So Jesus explains a little to them of the importance of generous sharing, and of allowing people to find themselves in the stories - to chose to grow in faith, where they are planted right now; rather than making faith available only to those who are planted where we think they should be!

**Conference on the family**

In April 2016 Pope Francis published the findings of the most recent Synod in Rome on the family. The title of the publication is Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love). It brings a rich reflection on the mission of the family and on how the Church can equip couples to embrace God's vision for marriage and can offer healing for families who are struggling. At a conference on Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) held in Mary Immaculate College, Limerick on Thursday last Cardinal Christoph Schoenburn of Vienna said that.....

*"Ireland is synonymous with family, a country that traditionally has had family at its core ...But like most western nations, in particular, family in Ireland has complexities that it didn't have heretofore. Second unions, divorce, same-sex unions; these are all part of a new narrative around the family in Ireland. So there is a lot of change and the Church must show mercy in the context of that change; it must be willing to meet families where they are today. "Ultimately, and this is certainly the case with Ireland, for all the crises in the institution of marriage, as Amoris Laetitia states, the desire to marry and form a family remains vibrant, especially among young people. ... While it (Amoris Laetitia) does not herald doctrinal change, it most definitely encourages greater discernment on the part of the Church when it comes to sensitivities around family today. That means we as ministers must listen like perhaps we haven't before and listen to all. To people in both regular and 'so-called' irregular relationships."*

Rose O'Connor, Our Lady Help of Christians, Milford, Limerick: who attended the conference said "I was really inspired by the talk this afternoon. The thing I was left with was a great sense of hope for people that maybe are feeling a distance from the Church, feeling estranged because of their particular situations. What I took from it is that there is an ideal that we all strive to but most of us, with the best will in the world, will fall short of that and what they are saying is there is compassion in the Church for those people."

**A national Church collection will be held on the weekend of 22/23rd July to fund life-saving aid for people currently affected by the devastating hunger crisis in East Africa**



**"When did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?" (Mt 25:37)**

The money raised will go directly to Trócaire's emergency response, which is helping to deliver food, water, healthcare and other life-saving aid to people affected. Severe drought, driven by climate change, is currently affecting Kenya, South Sudan, Somalia and Ethiopia and this has resulted in failed harvests and the widespread death of livestock. Approximately 25 million people have been left facing severe food shortages. Conflict has exacerbated the effects in South Sudan and Somalia, with areas in both countries now on the verge of famine. Announcing the collection, Archbishop Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, said the situation is critical and urged support for the collection from parishioners. "With the failure of successive rains and a prolonged drought having taken hold of the region, just surviving has now become the main challenge facing people in large parts of east Africa," he said. "Millions of people in the region are facing starvation. The crops have failed and animals are dying because of a lack of grazing and water. The large number of people affected may shock us, but we must realise that behind these stark numbers are real people: mothers and fathers unable to provide for their hungry children.

*Bishop William Crean said "I am acutely aware that Abbeyfeale Parish has already been more than generous towards Trocaire in your recent Lenten returns. I thank you sincerely for this and assure you that we are skilfully and resourcefully using these funds so that they can have the widest reach, the greatest effect and the best results for those suffering most in our world through various forms of injustices. As well as those affected by the emergency appeal, I also ask that you keep the staff and partners of Trocaire on the front line responding to this humanitarian crisis in your prayers at this time. Their selflessness and courage is reaching out to those in need on behalf of the Irish church give me great hope in the midst of what can often seem an insurmountable and overwhelming task. Once again, I thank you wholeheartedly for your valued support."*

*Yours in Christ Bishop William Crean*

You may use the spare envelope at the back of you box of envelopes or any envelope and mark you name or number on it if you wish.  
Your Lenten Trocaire this year amounted to €9709

**Community garden produce sale in aid of Trocaire.**

We will sell whatever is ready to harvest as well as jams, cakes, breads and scones on Sunday, July 30 outside the church after the 9.30am and 12 noon Masses and donate the proceeds to Trocaire  
**Episode 22 of Faithcast**, the weekly podcast from catholicnews.ie, features an interview with Eoin Wrenn of Trócaire about the emergency situation in east-Africa

