



# ABBAYFEALE PARISH NEWS



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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## Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Jim Ahern, Shanbally Anniv.

9.15am Mary & John Shannon, Main Street  
Bridie Ward, Killarney Road Anniv.

12noon Norrie Curtin, Kilconlea Lower

## Intentions for the week

Mon 11am Funeral Mass John O'Brien

Mon 7pm Eily O'Connell, Meenkilly Anniv

Tues 10am

Wed 10am Pro Populo

Thurs 10am Fri 10am

Sat 11am Maurice Regan, Meenkilly Anniv.

## Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Jimmy McCarthy Anniv.  
Peg Doody, St Ita's Housing Month Mind

9.15am Robert Browne, church Street Anniv.

12noon Mrs Mary Foley, St Ita's Road Anniv.

Readers list will be available in the sacristy over the weekend.

## Deaths

We offer our Sympathy to the family of Richard O'Brien, Clash Road whose funeral took place on Wednesday

To the family of John O'Brien, 24 Paric Luachra whose funeral will take place on Moday at 11am requiem Mass. May they rest in peace. Amen

Milford Care Centre & Anam Cara the organisation that supports bereaved parents will be holding a bereavement Information evening on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7:00pm in Milford Care Centre, Limerick. We'd be very grateful if you could place the following notice in your church newsletter, and perhaps consider mentioning it to any bereaved parents in your parish.

## Save the Dates - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

This year during Lent the Unit of Parishes (Abbeyfeale, Athea, Tournafulla/Mountcollins, Templeglantine) have organised two evenings of reflection to be held in Templeglantine on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of March and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of March. We are privileged to have a woman who has made a remarkable journey in terms of Geography and Faith. She started life in South Africa as a Reformed Presbyterian "with a Baptist mother" and lead by the providence of God, human curiosity and a deep desire to be faithful, she came to work and live in Ireland, and then, followed three of her family into the Catholic Church.

Dr Jessie Rogers lectures in Scripture at St Patrick's College, Maynooth.

She has a wonderful, unstuffy way of talking about the wonders of God, and presenting a challenging prophet vision for our time. Deeply knowledgeable, she carries it lightly, and in listening to her you have the privilege of encountering a soul seeking to know, love and serve the Lord and Mankind.

Speaking in Dublin lately she challenged listeners to ask not: 'is God on my side?' but "am I on God's?" "It is when we reach out beyond our comfort zone, when we work side by side, joining in God's work in the world, that we are drawn closer together," she said.

Dr Rogers came to Ireland with her family 10 years ago to work in Mary Immaculate College in Limerick. At the time they were all dedicated Baptists. Her youngest daughter was first to want to become a Catholic when her class in the local primary school were getting ready for First Holy Communion.

"My eldest daughter, who was 15 at the time, said 'I'd like to be Catholic as well'. A fellow professor, Fr Eamonn Conway from Mary Immaculate College, received the girls, and gave them Holy Communion and confirmed the elder daughter. "He did a wonderful service for us," recalled Dr Rogers. "Then a few years later my husband decided, and I followed 18 months ago."

At that time, she was working at Maynooth. "I had a sense that was what the Lord was inviting me to do. I think if I had felt any pressure, there's enough of a Protestant in me but as it was I felt very welcomed, I had a sense of belonging." "You can't pray with somebody and not discover those bonds that join you together as part of the body of Christ."

The two evenings of reflection in Templeglantine are open to all parishioners, so save the dates and make this opportunity for reflection part of your Lenten commitment. For further information contact Fr Tony

## The Duties and Responsibilities of a Confirmation Sponsor

The duties and responsibilities of a Confirmation sponsor are not just for the occasion itself, but for life. It should not be undertaken lightly and the role should be fully understood before it is accepted.

If asked to be a Confirmation sponsor, take some time to think about it before accepting. You are not just agreeing to take a role at the Confirmation ceremony itself, you are agreeing to a lifetime

commitment. You need to be sure that you'll be a good role model for the candidate, not just now, but in the future. You are required to maintain a relationship with the candidate once they are Confirmed and be there to offer spiritual guidance when it is needed.

Sponsors have to be at least 16 years of age and need to be practicing church members themselves. They must also have been Confirmed in order to sponsor another at Confirmation.

The role of a Confirmation sponsor during the ceremony is easy. You simply place your hand on the shoulder of your candidate. The main role you provide is of a supportive presence.

The duties and responsibilities of a Confirmation sponsor continue after the Confirmation ceremony. You should carry on praying for, and mentoring, your confirmed candidate. Invite them to religious occasions and establish as close a bond as you can with them. Even if you live far away, modern

technology makes keeping in touch relatively simple. You should maintain a worthwhile correspondence, at least, so that the Confirmed candidate knows that they can seek your spiritual guidance whenever necessary.

## Community notices

**MARRIAGE OF CONNIVANCE:** Abbeyfeale Drama Group take the stage with 'Marriage of Connivance' from February 16/17/19/21/23/24

**THE LONESOME WEST:** Athea Players take to the stage with 'The Lonesome West' on Feb 16, and 17. Suitable for over 12's. Admission €10. Tel. 087 2743189. Doors open 7.30pm.

**THE CHASTITUTE:** Rockchapel on SatFeb16 and in Tournafulla Sat Feb 23. Seats to be booked in Rockchapel on 087 6818113/069 81156 or in Tournafulla on 087 6496463.

"Communicare Healthcare are looking for Healthcare Assistants in the Abbeyfeale area. Flexible working hours with excellent rates of pay. Contact Communicare today on 094 9259100, email [maria.dixon@communicare.ie](mailto:maria.dixon@communicare.ie) or check out our website [www.communicare.ie](http://www.communicare.ie)."

A/C systems are holding a demonstration and talk on accounts for farmers at the Longcourt hotel NCW on Tuesday 19th @ 7.30pm. All are welcome

## Duagh's Unique Generation!

On Friday April 5th next, Duagh Sports and Leisure Complex Committee will hold a novelty fund raising event. See local papers for details. This will entail the showing of the popular film Despicable Me 3 in the sports hall - but with a twist!

**Ard Chúram Day Care Centre,** Listowel is operating a Post Stroke Day Service with Physio and Nursing supports on Monday's. This is a 8 to 12 week course which includes physiotherapy programme, nursing support, physical and mental stimulation programme. Morning tea and mid day meal provided. Cost €10.00. information Tel.Louise Harnett (Nurse Co-Ordinator) on 068 22986.