



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



17th March 2024 www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@eircom.net Church Sacristy 068 - 51915 Parish Office 068/31133 11am to 1pm

Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Area

Fr Denis Mullane 087/2621911
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Fr Dan Lane (Retired) 087/2533030
Fr James Ambrose (Retired) Tel 087/7740753

Priest on Call

Fr Frank Duhig, Newcastle West Parish is on call this Sunday for Emergency calls only. He can be contacted on **087-6380299**

Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Peter Healy, The Hill Anniv
 Ned & Peg Leahy, The Milstream and their
 son Emmet and their daughter Ita
 Jeremiah McCarthy, Riverview Knockbrack 2nd Anniv.

10am Tom Scanlon, Athea Anniv.

12noon Norma Healy Dromtrasna South Months Mind.

Intentions for the week

Mon 7pm John, James & Niamh O'Donoghue Anniv
 Jimmy & Mary Maher Valentia Island Anniv.
 Betty Galvin, Hillary Close Months Mind

Tues 10am Pro Populo

Wed 10am Mary Griffin Reens Pike Ardagh died recently
 Anne Flynn nee McCarthy died recently

Thurs 10am Myles Kehoe

Fri 10am Stephen Siva Birthday remembrance

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Suzanne Hayes, Western Inn 1st Anniv.
 Paddy & Kit Donovan and deceased family members
 John Brennan and John Brennan Junior Killarney Road
 Patrick (Sonny) O'Sullivan, The Hill Anniv.
 Patsy Aeria Anniv

10am Bridie Quirke, Convent Road 1st Anniv.
 Ita O'Connell, Kilmanihan, Brosna Anniv.
 Mary Healy Caherlane Month Mind

12noon Paddy & Maryann Walsh and their son Michael
 Dromtrasna North Anniv

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of Mary Ita Barry, Clash Road whose funeral took place during the week.
 Ar dheis Dé raibh a anam.

St Patrick's Day - World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2024

We often forget that Patrick was an immigrant – in modern terms we might call him an undocumented migrant or a slave. In his Confession he described himself as a refugee: *'I am first of all a simple country person, a refugee and unlearned. I do not know how to provide for the future.'* But through the grace of God, Patrick's fortunes were turned around and he embarked on a mission in his adopted homeland that would earn him the title *'Apostle of Ireland'*.

Today we remember all migrants. In his message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees Pope Francis said: *'Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age.'* May St Patrick guide us to be true disciples, with the courage to welcome every stranger as Christ in our midst.

St Patrick's Day 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.



Lenten Scripture Reflection – A journey through the Bible
 Wednesday March 20th & 27th.

Venue –Athea Library 7.30pm – 8.30pm followed by a cuppa and a chat. All are welcome.
 For further details, contact Pat Higgins on 087-2034626 or Sean O' Mocháin on 087-2321375

“Companions on the Journey”;

Desert Day in preparation for Holy Week.

Silent Retreat with Eucharist & Reconciliation, Saturday 23rd March 2024; 10.30am to 5pm in Limerick Diocesan Centre. Facilitated by Phyllis Moynihan RSM and Ann Mulcahy. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea/Coffee/Snacks provided. Donation: €20.
 Booking is essential, contact Phyllis at 087 963 6893 or email: moynihanphyllis525@gmail.com to register your place.

Volunteers Needed. The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (Thursday 20th to Tuesday 25th June 2024) is back in its full capacity for 2024, bringing a full team of workers and assisted pilgrims. If you would like to be a volunteer helper on the pilgrimage, please contact the organisers of the pilgrimage at the Limerick Diocesan Office on 061-350000.

A Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Some of us become overwhelmed by life's contradictions. The pain and injustice that they see on every side causes them to lose all faith in God and in life. That could have happened to Jesus. If ever there was a person who had the right to doubt God, and to despair of the human race, and to become cynical about life, that person was Jesus. But through all of His injustice and all of the pain, His faith did not fail. He kept on believing in God, unlike many of us, He kept on believing in people, He kept believing in life. At Calvary, faith won.

St Patrick's Day Parade at 4.00pm Family fund

Join the fun in Abbeyfeale for the annual St Patrick's Day parade on Sunday 17th March. The theme is "Fleadh lé chéile, Manaistir Na Féile ". In the year that sees the town celebrate 30 years of the Fleadh by the Feale, the focus is on our community coming together. ☐☐☐ Afternoon entertainment include Dog competitions, Music, Puppet Show, Drumming circle, facepainting, balloon twisting a photo booth, Crepes, Candy Floss and much more. Join the fun and support local this St Patrick's Day.

Information and Support for Birth Mothers - whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at www.birthinfo.ie or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818 445 500

Chrism Mass 2024 – St. John's Cathedral

You are warmly invited to attend this year's Chrism Mass which will be celebrated in St. John's Cathedral on Wednesday 27th March at 7.30 pm. It is a wonderful Diocesan occasion when the Bishop concelebrates with all the Priests in the Diocese in the presence of many lay people who come from various parishes, congregations and orders, associations, movements and groups in the diocese. During the Mass the Bishop consecrates the sacred Chrism and blesses the other oils, that will then be used throughout the year in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Anointing of the Sick. During the Chrism Mass, the Priests renew their priestly promises. You are most welcome to join in this lovely occasion.

Eucharistic Adoration - Pilgrimage to Knock

Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in Limerick Diocese. The National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 14th April (weekend after Divine Mercy). Please ring this number 086-0401789 / 087-6497382 to enquire or book a seat. The full bus details are on www.eucharisticadoration.ie

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Church each weekday during Lent beginning after the 10.00am Mass and continuing until **8pm**. If you would like to give some of your time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, we encourage you to write your name on the timetable which is located at the side of the altar in the main church. Make a promise to the Lord that you will do your best to be faithful to the commitment you make.