



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



**17th Sept 2023    www.abbeyfealeparish.ie    email fealechurch@eircom.net    Church Sacristy 068 - 51915    Parish Office 068 - 31133    086/8661651 Anne**

**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 Michael Noonan, Ardagh, is on call this Sunday. He can be contacted on 087-6796217***

**Intentions for weekend**

**6.30pm** Jack & Nonie Kelly, Knocknasna and deceased family members.  
Margaret Lane, Ballaugh Anniv.

**10am** Kate Naughton, St Ita's Road  
Denis Naughton Mountcollins Anniv.  
Julia Ann McCarthy, Collins Park  
Monicia & Michael Collins, Maureen Higgins and deceased members of the Collins & McCarthy Family

**12noon** Frank Collins, Banard Anniv.  
Mossie & Joe O'Flaherty, Mountmahon Anniv.  
William & Bill Harnett Anniv.  
Hannah Mai Scannell, St Ita's Terrace. Anniv.

**Intentions for the week**

**Mon 7pm** Mary & Joe Moloney, Church Street / Knocknasna

**Tues 10am** Pro Populo

**Wed 10am** Birthday remembrance Shelia O'Connell

**Thurs 10am** Special intention

**Fri 10am**

**Intentions for next weekend**

**6.30pm** Noreen Daly, Ballybehy Anniv.  
Terry Morrissey and his grandparents David & Nora  
Veronica Doyle, Glenashrone 3rd Anniv.  
Katie Dolan, Achill Co Mayo 1st Anniv.

**10am** Eileen Cahill, Dromtrasna Collins 1st Anniv.

**12noon** Dan Hartigan NCW /Colbert Terrace and deceased family members.  
Connie, Eilish & Bridget Harnett, Kilconlea Upper  
Patrick Moriarty, London & Caherlane  
Joe O'Flaherty, Mountmahon

***Season of Creation A Word from Pope Francis***

**'Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another' Pope Francis**

**Popular radio host swaps microphone for priesthood**

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, Shaun Doherty was ordained into the priesthood at St Eugene's Cathedral in Derry. For almost three decades, Fr Doherty had hosted a chat show on the County Donegal-based Highland Radio. Six years ago he stood down to begin a journey into the priesthood. Speaking to journalists after his ordination Fr Doherty said, "I look forward to being involved in the lives of people,". "I particularly feel that I would like to be with people on the margins. There are so many issues and problems today, so many feeling hopeless. "Hopefully, my story will be a source of encouragement for people that there is always hope because of the goodness of God. His love and generosity is boundless and never ends."

The Bishop of Derry, Donal McKeown - who officiated at the ordination - said Fr Doherty was joining the priesthood at a challenging time for the Catholic Church. "You're being presented for priestly ordination at a time when there's so much discussion about the future of the Church in Ireland. Is it dying? Is it dead? Is it past its best?" Bishop McKeown said. Bishop McKeown continued

"Shaun, as you step forward today for ordination with lots of people round you, some may say you're crazy. I'd agree with them - you are. You could have chosen a much easier path for the next chapter of your life. "But you're crazy enough to believe that God has chosen you for this ministry at this time in this place."

**Forgiveness - Healing**

Forgiveness doesn't mean forgetting or excusing the harm done to you. It also doesn't necessarily mean making up with the person who caused the harm. Forgiveness brings a kind of peace that allows you to focus on yourself and helps you get on with life.

What are the benefits of forgiving someone?

Letting go of grudges and bitterness can make way for improved health and peace of mind. Forgiveness can lead to:

- Healthier relationships
- Improved mental health
- Less anxiety, stress and hostility
- Fewer symptoms of depression
- Lower blood pressure
- A stronger immune system
- Improved heart health
- Improved self-esteem

**Deaths**

We offer our sympathy to the family of James Doody, Kilconlea Upper whose funeral took place on Friday

To the family of Eamonn Scannell, Mountmahon / Dublin whose funeral took place on Friday. May they rest in peace.

To the family of Jim Coffey, Clash Road who has died.

His funeral arrangement will be announced at the weekend.

*Collection for the Webcam will take place on the weekend of the 30th /1st Oct*

**The Season of Creation 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> of October (Feast of St Francis of Assisi)**

**celebrating the gift and beauty of God's creation**

***The Dance of Creation: Brian Grogan SJ, Creation Walk 90-91***

We may imagine heaven, not as an endless choir practice on a wet Sunday afternoon, but as the unrestricted and all-inclusive joy of dancing in a transfigured universe. Even an initial awareness of the infinite imagination and power of God who plays in creation shows that ours is already a dancing universe.

We are part of the unfathomable weave of the universe, immersed in its deep mystery. Its dance has already begun: it has always been in process. Each of us has a role in it. Jesus and his Father are working (John 4:34) for the good of all creation and we can tune in to their signals and do likewise. Thomas Merton says that every moment and every event in every person's life, plants seeds of spiritual vitality in their hearts. This is the divine at work on Earth: this is grace, and grace is everywhere. All is sacred, and so are we. We must not desecrate our Common Home. We belong to the great Creation Story, to a whole that is infinitely greater than ourselves. We are called even now to share with all of creation 'in the freedom of the children of God' (Romans 8:21). So, let's put on our dancing shoes and learn the steps of the cosmic dance!

**Diocesan Assembly:** A meeting of all 15 Parish Pastoral Unit Councils of the diocese, will take place in Rathkeale House Hotel, on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, from 10.00am to 3.00pm. The meeting will include a review of the Parish Pastoral Units Team Ministry and sharing of practical experiences from parishes. A Diocesan Report on the diocese will be launched by Bishop Leahy and those attending will receive an update on the upcoming Synod in Rome.

All Pastoral Unit Council members are asked to attend.

**St Ita's Hall Renovation Works:** O'Callaghan Contractors have begun work in St Ita's Hall. They were awarded the contract following a Public Procurement Process. All works are scheduled to be finished by the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

**Racing:** Best of luck to all who are going to the Harvest Racing Festival in Listowel

**Dromtrasna Challenge:** Kids Run 2k,4k, Walk, 5k and 10k Chip timed runs. Online Registration has opened on [www.dromtrasnachallenge.com/events](http://www.dromtrasnachallenge.com/events)

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