

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

17th Oct 2021 www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@eircom.net Church Sacristy 068 - 51915 Parish Office 068 - 31133

Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Ray Stryker, Kilmanihan Anniv.
Maureen and Tim O'Connor, The Western Inn

10am Teresa Fitzgerald, Dromtrasna Anniv.
Sr Anne O'Sullivan, The Hill
Tom & Mary Ann Moloney, The Hill and
deceased families members
Fr Bill Lane & Sr de Pazzi New Street

12noon James O'Sullivan and parents Anniv.
Intention for the week

Mon 7pm Special Intention Sick Person

Tues 10am Pro-Populo

Wed 10am Betty Power Anniv.

Thurs 10am Timmy & Mary Broderick and deceased
family members Main Street.

Fri 10am Willie Maurice Harnett, Knockbrack Anniv.

Fri 7pm D P Woulfe

Intentions for next week

6.30pm Margaret & William Meehan and their daughter
Catherine Main Street

Richie Roche, Ballybehy 1st Anniv.
Baby Tommy Moran
Patrick Nash Knocknasna
Tom Lou Ahern Shanbally Anniv.

10am Eileen & Patrick Roche, Killarney Road Anniv

12noon Connie Healy, The Hill Anniv.

November

All Souls Day is on Tuesday 2nd of November.

Parishioners will find purgatorial lists in their weekly box of envelopes. These lists should be brought to the church on the weekend of the 30th/31st of October.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the main church every Friday after the 10.00am Mass until 6.00p.m.

Why not consider spending a little time with the Lord. Entrance through the front door of the church.

Quit Smoking

Stop Smoking for 28 days and you're 5 times more likely to stop for good. Quit Mid-West is a free service for providing tips, tools and support to help you stop smoking. For further information contact 065-6865841.

A counselling service to support parishioners who wish to stop smoking is now available at St Ita's Hall, Abbeyfeale.

For an appointment contact 065-6865841

OPENING OF THE UNIVERSAL SYNOD

In these days, the Catholic Church throughout the world and in Ireland is beginning a series of conversations about what God wants of his people at this time. These conversations are often referred to as a Synod. "Synod" comes from a Greek word which roughly means "walking together". On Sunday 17th October we mark the opening of the Universal Synod entitled, *For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission*. This Universal Synod coincides with the start of the two-year Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland which will lead, in time, to a National Synodal Assembly in Ireland.

We pray that the next two years will be a time of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a nationwide consultative conversation on this theme. This will allow all people - both within the Church and in Irish society at large, to share their insights into the Church in Ireland - past, present and future - so that we can prepare for a National Synodal Assembly in the coming years.

For further information go to www.catholicbishops.ie/synod - to learn more about the Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland and www.synod.va - to learn more about the Universal Synod. We invite parishioners to keep the ongoing work of the Synod in your prayers.

The Prayer of the Synod: (Adsumus Sancte Spiritus)

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Points to Ponder from the Gospel reading

1. Jesus had spent much time teaching his followers that discipleship was a life of service, a life of giving oneself for others. In spite of that James and John were thinking of what they could get out of it. For Jesus, for the apostles, and for each one of us, the glory of God is revealed when we allow God to work through us as we give ourselves for others. When have you found that you reach a fuller life, and others benefit, when you act in this spirit of service?

2. One of the great problems in a community, a parish, or an organisation, is when you have some people jockeying for status and positions of power. The good of the group and the people it serves take second place to personal prestige. You have probably seen this happen. Perhaps you have also witnessed people with a spirit of service that allowed them to value the good of the group over personal rewards. Recall them and give thanks for their witness.

3. Jesus himself is the great model of this spirit of service. Think of the aspects of Jesus' life and ministry that have inspired you to imitate his giving of his life for others.

World Mission Sunday

Pope Francis urges us to immerse ourselves in the joy of the Gospel. Sharing this message of Faith and hope to our modern world is our Christian duty, as is assisting financially the growth of our young churches in the developing world. Next Sunday you are invited to offer whatever support you can through the Mission Sunday Collection which will be collected at all Masses. Donation envelopes for Mission Sunday are in your weekly box of envelopes. Mission Sunday Collection envelopes are also available at the doors of the church. Please return them next weekend and put them into the collection boxes in the church.

For further information and or to make a donation please visit www.wmi.ie

Confirmation

On Saturday we concluded the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in the parish with the former 6th class pupils of Meekilly, Knocknasna and Dromtrasna schools. Over the past two weekends in four ceremonies 80 young people have been confirmed. We acknowledge the work of all our primary school teachers involved in preparing the pupils for the sacraments. This weekend we acknowledge and thank Ms. Kelley Ni Airtneada, Meenkilly N.S., Ms. Ann Marie Downes and Ms. Aileen O'Connor, Dromtrasna N.S., and Mr. Billy Quirke, Knocknasna N.S. We congratulate all the children who were confirmed. We thank the parents for their cooperation and support over recent weeks. We also acknowledge the assistance of the staff in Coláiste Íde agus Iosef, especially Ms. McCarthy, School Chaplain, who did so much in recent weeks in helping the students make the final preparations for the celebration of the Sacrament. Thanks to Ann, Bride and Trish who helped with the preparation and distribution of the confirmation gowns and in preparing the church for the ceremonies. Thanks to Fr Dan Lane who helped lighten the burden of work. After the school mid-term break we will begin the parish sacramental preparation programme with the children and parents who are preparing for First Communion and Confirmation in 2022.

Covid-19

The latest high figures of those contracting the Covid-19 virus would indicate that the virus is still very active and transmittable in Ireland. We all need to remind ourselves not to become complacent as we try to return to life with fewer restrictions.

Parishioners attending Mass are still asked to wear face masks as we are in an enclosed area and all visitors to the church should continue to sanitize their hands. As we proceed into the winter months parishioners are urged to wrap up well as windows have to remain open for ventilation purposes. Thanks to everyone for your continued support and understanding.

Limerick Mental Health Association

Please call 061 446786 and we would be happy to chat to you. We are available from Mon - Thurs 11am-4pm. Email info@limerickmentalhealth.ie

- 1. CONNECT - Talk, listen, reach out and chat...
- 2. BE ACTIVE - Walk, cycle, run, garden...
- 3. TAKE NOTICE - Be mindful and live each day
- 4. KEEP LEARNING - Grow your mind...
- 5. GIVE - Volunteer & help someone else...

Call the Samaritans on Free phone: 116 123 Email: jo@samaritans.ie

AWARE (Depression & Anxiety) Free phone: 1800 80 48 48 Mon - Sun 10am - 10pm

Local History Course Monday evenings from 7pm-9pm Starting 18th October 2021
Venue: Further Education and Training Centre, Abbeyfeale Campus, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick.

The aim of this programme is multipurpose. The course will explore the history of the West Limerick area and areas of specific note from ancient times right through to the present. The course will also trace the impacts of different societies on the development of the West Limerick area.

The knowledge, skills and competencies acquired on this programme are relevant to personal development and participation in society, community and employment and provides a basis for further progression. The programme covers the acquirement of basic knowledge, skills and competencies in a narrow range of fields of learning.

Coffee Morning

A big thank you to everyone who supported the coffee day on 30th Sept, and subsequently but sending in donations. To date I've made €1,562 with a few more donations promised. The plan is to do a cheque presentation next Thursday to Milford Hospice and Friday to Recovery Haven. In the meantime, if anyone wishes to make a donation, it can be left at Kathleen's Foodstore or an Siopa Milseán. Many thanks. Mary