



ABBEYFEALE PARISH

Christmas is....
New grace to light our
pilgrim way



17th Dec 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

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Intentions for this weekend

7pm John Hayes Fealesbridge
Peggy Woulfe Ballaugh
John D & Mary Ita Collins their son John &
daughter Margaret Enright Bogmount. Anniv.
Ricky Loughnane Dromtrasna Anniv.

9.30am Patrick Flynn, Convent Road 1st Anniv.
Phyl O'Kelly Killarney Rd. Anniv

12 noon Jim (Power) O' Connell 4 St. Ita's Rd.
Theresa DM O'Connor Anniv.
Mary Keating/Fitzgerald & John Fitzgerald

Mass intentions for the week

Mon 7pm Johnny Collins, Church St Anniv
Tues. 10am Shelia & Timothy Murphy Anniv.
Wed 10am Ellen Keogh
Thurs 10am Christmas Mass Intentions
Fri. 10am John Ruane 26 Cryle View
Sat 11am John Murphy Ballaugh/ Grogeen

Intentions for next weekend

7pm Edward & Kate Reilly and deceased
family members
Philly & Donie Cusack, Cratloe
John Ruane 26 Cryle view / Mayo
Mary Enright, Caherlane

9.30am Codye & Quinn Family
John Walshe
Geraldine Woulfe

12noon Jim Lane New Street Anniv.
Joe Cotter, Upper Purt 2nd Anniv.
John Riordan Upper purt Anniv.

Christmas Vigil Mass @ 9pm

Readers for Dec 24th Team 6
Readers for Christmas vigil /Day Team 7

READERS Missals are available in the Sacristy.

Let Christmas come into our world and bring us warmth and cheer,
Bring us faith in place of doubt and strength in place of fear,
Bring us hope and bring us love to guide our hearts forever...
Let Christmas come into our world and bring us all together.

Confessions for Christmas

Confessions will take place after Morning Mass on Thursday, Friday & Saturday morning. There will be **NO** confessions on Christmas Eve as it is a Sunday.

Mass Times

Christmas day Monday 25th Vigil Mass @ 9pm with Carols at 8.30pm.
Christmas Day Mass @ 9.30am & 12noon.

Adoration will finish on Friday 22nd at 10pm and resume on Tuesday 2nd Jan 2018 @ 8am.

Christmas Dues can be handed in at all Masses during Christmas.

Lection Divina on Tuesday after the 10am Mass in the sacristy. All are welcome.

Weddings Bells Congratulations to Lisa O'Grady and Tony O'Mahony who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage here in Abbeyfeale on Friday 15th Dec.

We wish them every happiness in their married life together.



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

'The Gospel of Family' as we look forward to the visit of Pope Francis and families from all over the world in August. Limerick diocese invites you to visit the Gospel of families Icon which will be in the Immaculate Conception Newcastle West on Sunday Dec. 17th to Tuesday December Dec.19th. All are welcome

Congratulations to Scoil Mháthair Dé on the wonderful performance on Thursday evening at the Cantata. Thanks to the teachers and staff and parents council for their commitment and dedication to the children. A wonderful evening of music and song was enjoyed by all.

Change of Mass times

Dear Parishioners,

At a recent meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council I proposed a change of time for the Weekend Mass times. This is for several reasons: Over the past few years the number of priests serving in the parish and in the surrounding parishes has decreased significantly. 10 years ago there were 7 priests ministering in the Pastoral Area (Abbeyfeale, Athea, Tournafulla-Mountcollins & Templeglantine). Now there are just 3 priests with no resident priest in Tournafulla – Mountcollins. When I was appointed parish priest of Abbeyfeale I was also appointed as parish priest of Athea.

Fr Brendan Duggan is resident in Athea and works in the parish there. I am grateful for his presence and all the work that he undertakes. The new Mass schedule will allow Fr Brendan and I to cover weekend Masses in the event of one of us having to be away from the parish. This will happen at holiday time, or if one of us takes ill, or as in my case having to attend meetings in the diocese or elsewhere in my role as Vicar General of the diocese. The new Mass schedule will see the Saturday evening Vigil Mass in Abbeyfeale move from 7.00p.m to 6.30pm. and the Sunday morning 9.30a.m. Mass move to 9.15a.m. The 12 noon Mass is unchanged. In Athea the Sunday morning 11.00a.m. Mass will move to 10.30a.m. The Pastoral Council are supportive of the proposal and I thank them for their advice and guidance. The new Mass schedule will begin on the first weekend of January. All Mass intentions booked for the 7.00p.m. and the 9.30a.m will transfer to the new Mass times. Mass times in both parishes will be reviewed annually.

Baptism: Because of the change of time for the Saturday evening Mass to 6.30p.m Baptisms on Saturday evenings will now be celebrated at 5.30p.m. We recommend that families come to the church at 5p.m so that all photographs can be complete before the baptism ceremony begins. This new arrangement for baptism will also begin on the first week of January.

Tony Mullins P.P.

Saturday Vigil - 6:30 pm
Sunday Morning - 9:15 am & 12noon.
Baptism 5.30p.m

Christmas Ribbon Ceremony

Prayers and a remembrance service will be held at Reilig Ide Naofa graveyard @ 2pm on Sunday 17th Dec.
Ribbons and Candles will be available.

GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FAMILY

Lighthouse Catholic CD's are available at main door. There are 18 NEW titles, listen and learn NEW ways to "Prepare the way of Advent, True Meaning of Christmas, Nothing is impossible to God". IDEAL gifts for all the family. ONLY €2.....There are 1000 CD@s SOLD so far.

Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us." (Matthew 1:23)

Have you got your tickets
Tickets for sale at the usual outlets in town

Contact

089/4356981 leave a message

Contact:

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Also in Annette's Boutique in Adare
An ideal Christmas Present

Knocknasna NS. will be hosting a morning filled with drama, music, poetry and song along with some festive carols to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Scoil Naomh Pádraig. A book containing lots of memorabilia of past and present students will be available to purchase on the day. The invitation is open to everyone and spread the word!! Thursday 21st December 9:30 am

Christmas Craft Fair

Scoil Mháthair Dé are holding a Christmas Craft Fair in the school on Wednesday 20th December starting at 11.00 a.m. On the day there will be a cake sale and refreshments will also be served. All proceeds will go to the Simon Community (Homeless). All Welcome.

Parish Clerks Collection will be taken up on the weekend of 6th & 7 Jan 2018

The fourth Connie Harnett swin will take place on New Year 's day at 1pm in Ballybunnion. tel 086/3151447. all monies raised goes to Charity.

Cake Sale thanks

Abbeyfeale for Africa wish to thanks all those who baked and supported our cake sale last Sunday. Especially those who helped out on the day The money is lodged into our account for Fr. Tim in the credit union and this account is open for any private donations .

Early Care and Education Practice Childcare Level 5 (Full Award) Course starting in January 2018. Further Education & Training Centre, Mountmahon, Abbeyfeale. Inquires 06831198

