



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



17th Dec 2023 www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@eircom.net Church Sacristy 068 - 51915 Parish Office 089/2646772 Anne 11am to 1pm

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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Mary Enright, Caherlane 10th Anniv.
 John D & Mary Ita Collins and son John and
 deceased family members
 Thomas O'Brien Collins Park 8th Anniv.

10am John D & Noreen Murphy, Ballaugh Anniv.
 William & Julia Madden Dually Anniv.

12noon Jim O'Connell 4 St Itas Road Anniv.
 Rickie Loughnane Anniv.
 Eileen & Paddy Cahill and Hannah & Dan O'Neill Anniv.
 Michael Barry Caherlane Anniv.
 Phyl O'Kelly, Killarney Road Anniv.

Intentions for the week

Mon 18th Penitential Service and Mass
 Ann Lyons the Square Anniv.

Tues 10am Pro Populo

Wed 10am Shelia & Timothy Murphy, Knocknagoshel Anniv.

Thurs 10am & Fri 10am

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Edward & Kate Reilly and deceased family members
 Philly & Donie Cusack, Cratloe Anniv.
 Pat Collins Clash
 Paddy Flaherty 1st Anniv.
 Patie & Betty Lane, Kilconlea Anniv.
 Geraldine Kavanagh, Cratloe Anniv.

10am Jim O'Connor, Rathorna 1st Anniv.
 Nora Morrisroe, Killarney Road Anniv.
 Ellen & Myles Kehoe & Cathy Kehoe
 Codyre & Quinn families

12noon Jim Lane, New Street Anniv.
 Teresa & D M O'Connor, Caherhayes Anniv.

Bambinelli Sunday Family Mass

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass At 8pm
Carols singing at 7.30pm

10am & 12noon on Christmas Day.

Forgiveness the Light of Life

Forgiveness isn't easy, it's a struggle. It is sometimes said, 'I can forgive, but I cannot forget.' But that can be another way of saying, 'I am really struggling to forgive and let go.' The gift of forgiveness heals our memory so that we can of course remember the event or incident, or the word spoken, but the wounded memory is healed, it is no longer raw or painful. Healing takes time, there is no quick fix. But with the help of God, we can take the first steps on the pathway to forgiveness and full healing of our hurts and wounds.

When we take hold of how much God has forgiven us, how lavish his mercy and generous his grace, we in turn can begin to reach out and forgive others. Knowing we are forgiven, and having received mercy, fills our heart with gratitude and thanks to God, the Father of mercy. 'It is the light of life'.

Catholics celebrate the 'Light of Life' in the sacrament of Confession. In the sacrament we experience at first hand, the lavish mercy of God, which in turn will help transform our pain, our hurts, our brokenness. As we make our final preparations for Christmas, we encourage you to open your life to the 'Light of God's love', in Confession. It could be a moment of transformation for you, don't miss the opportunity.

We invite you to a celebration of Confession and reconciliation on Monday next, 18th December at 7.00pm. Preparation for the celebration of reconciliation will take place during the 7.00pm Mass. A number of priests will be available afterwards for the celebration of the Sacrament. Everyone is welcome.

Bambinelli Sunday (Christmas Eve at 12noon)

Bambinelli Sunday is an Italian tradition where children and parents bring the figure of the infant Jesus from the family crib to Mass, so that the little figure of the baby Jesus can be blessed and then brought home after Mass and placed in the crib at home. All families in the parish are invited to come to the 12noon Mass next Sunday 24th (Christmas Eve) for this special blessing.

Christmas Dues

The Christmas Dues collection in support of the priests of the parish will be collected at all Masses next weekend. We depend on your generosity for this the principal collection of the year, and we thank you for your support and generosity during the past year. We request that no church gate collection take place on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day

Masses next weekend

Sat 23rd Vigil Mass at 6.30pm
 Sun 24th Moring Mass at 10.00am & 12noon
 Christmas Eve Mass at 8.00pm
 Christmas Day Mass at 10.00am & 12noon.
 St Stephen's Day Mass at 11.00am.

Confessions

Monday 18th at 7.00pm.
 Special Pastoral Unit Celebration in Preparation for Christmas
 Sat 23rd 11.00am to 1.00pm
 Sat 23rd 6.00pm to 6.25pm and again after the Vigil Mass.
 Sun 24th after 10.00am and 12 noon Mass.

The Christmas Ribbon Ceremony in Reilig Ide Naofa Graveyard will take place on Sunday 17th at 1pm.

Celtic Brothers Concert

Thanks to all who supported the event and to all who sold tickets for the concert. We are grateful too to all who helped on Friday night. It was a team effort. Sincere thanks to all who helped with sponsorship and those who donated prizes for the raffle. All funds raised will go to the St Ita's Hall building project. We will let you know next week how much funds were raised by the event.

Divine Mercy Meetings will not take until Monday 8th January.

Mass in Athea Church

Christmas Eve at 5.00pm & 8.00pm
 Christmas Day at 11.00am

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of Patrick O'Brien London / Abbeyfeale whose funeral took place on Friday. May he rest in peace.

St Vincent De Paul: Sincere thanks to all who supported the church gate collection last weekend. If you missed the collection last weekend and would like to make a donation, just put your donation into an envelope and write St Vincent De Paul on the envelope and drop it into the offertory basket at the offertory collection. Any support you can give will be greatly appreciated

The Christmas Lights committee would like to thank the ARA group for hosting a great coffee morning, sponsored by Leens Hotel. A word of thanks also to the businesses in town for donating the spot prizes. The support is much appreciated by the lights committee.

Baptisms in Abbeyfeale will be celebrated on the **first Saturday** of each month at 5.00pm. Also, on the **second Sunday** of the month after the 12noon Mass. Contact the Sacristy 068/51915 during Mass Times.

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