



## Golden Jubilee Celebrations



### *'Let us Rejoice and be Glad'*

'This day was made by the Lord let us rejoice and be glad' is a line taken from the Psalms. It could well sum up the celebration taking place within our parish this weekend. We celebrate the Golden Jubilee of our beautiful church building.

It is indeed a noble structure with its many outstanding features. It is a truly fitting place of worship and this weekend we celebrate and honour the people who funded and built it. Equally we celebrate the gift of faith. Since the foundation of the Cistercian Monastery by the banks of the Feale in 1185, people in this part of County Limerick have prayed and worshiped together. Christian Faith is the foundation that our community is built on. Faith enhances our lives, gives meaning and offer us hope in the face of the many challenges we face each day.

As we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of our parish Church, we give thanks and praise to God for the gift of our Faith.

On this weekend of celebration I would like to remember all the priests who have ministered in this parish over the years, and the priests and religious who have left here to share the Christian message with other people at home and abroad.

I would also like to acknowledge the many parishioners who give of their time so generously each week in a variety of ministries in the celebration of the liturgy and in the many groups and parish committees who through their work and ministry help to sustain our faith community.

On this Jubilee celebration weekend, I welcome all who have travelled home to join in our celebrations. I thank all who are helping to make it a happy and positive occasion for everyone. I pray that God will pour down many blessings on us and on our parish as we give thanks for the past, celebrate the present and pray for the future.

'This day was made by the Lord let us rejoice and be glad.' Psalm 117:V24/

Tony Mullins P.P.

### Mass @ 7.30pm Jubilee Mass

9.15am Margaret & Tom Finucane St Ita's Terrace and Michael & Margaret Finucane New York.

12noon Hauleen Foley, Ballaugh 2nd Anniv.

Mon 7pm. Tues, Wed, Fri 10am Sat 11am

Thurs 10am Eileen & Con Harnett Cragg

### Intention for next weekend

6.30pm John Leahy, The corner house  
Dan & Madge Cusack and deceased family members  
Michael & Joe Dore and sister  
Maureen Smith Dore

9.15am Bridget & Maurice Harnett, Dromtrasna  
Michael Scannell, Dromtrasna Collins  
Richard Gleeson, Kilconlea Lower  
Mary Begley, Killarney Road

12noon Brian McAleer, Meenahela/Birmingham

### *A Word from Pope Francis*

"The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach. We must admit, though, that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mis-oriented".

(Evangelii Gaudium, from paragraph 28)

### Jubilee Exhibition.

The exhibition marking the fiftieth anniversary of the opening and blessing of the church was very well supported by parishioners. It brought us back fifty years and more. Sincere thanks to all who were involved in setting up the displays and to all who loaned exhibits. Special thank you to all who supervised the exhibition over the weekend and ensured that all went smoothly. Who knows that in the future a permanent home might be found for many of the exhibits.

### **A JOY FOR ALL THE EARTH** *A Reflection on Love* (OFFICIAL HYMN FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES Dublin 2018)

Love bears all things, endures all things  
Love longs for all things good, love never ends

Love is patient, and love is kind.  
Love is not resentful; it is not rude.  
Love is not arrogant, nor boastful, nor jealous,  
but love rejoices, rejoices in the truth

### *Refrain*

The joy of love, a joy for all God's family,  
The joy of love transcending time and space.  
Our Love for each other mirrors God the Father's love.  
The joy of love: a joy for all the earth.

Here in God's family all find their home.  
All can find salvation troubled souls find peace.  
Here is found tenderness, compassion and justice  
Here God reaches down to us and touches us with grace.

### *Refrain*

Love is our origin, our constant calling.  
Love is our fulfilment, in God's dwelling place.  
Love is the mystery of Father, Son and Spirit,  
Love is communion of blessed Trinity.

### *Refrain*

This is what God asks of us, to act with justice,  
to love with tenderness, to walk humbly with God,  
to give our lives in service to others.  
The joy of the Gospel is the joyful love of Christ!  
*Refrain*  
Love bears all things, endures all things  
love longs for all things good, love never ends.  
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### Recent death's

**We offer our sympathy to the family of Mary Ita Leahy Meenahela whose funeral took place on Wednesday. May she rest in peace**

We offer sincere sympathy to the families of the following who have died recently: Mrs. Joan McCarthy, Jim Heffernan, Mary Ita Leahy and Jim Vaughan. May they rest in peace.

**Ministers for next weekend June 24th B C A**  
**Readers for next weekend June 24th Team 2**

### Father's Day:

**We wish all our Father's a very happy Father Day.**

### **'MOLADH GO DEO LE DIA'**

Last weekend we launched our parish Jubilee Publication 'MOLADH GO DEO LE DIA' (Praise be God forever). The publication of this book marks the passage of fifty years since the opening and consecration of our parish church on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1968. It is a colourful and well-designed publication. We are indebted to the editorial committee for their time, their commitment and their interest. The book is on sale this weekend and it is available here in the church and also at Ann Lyons the square, O'Donoghues convent street, Moss Harnett Spar shop Killarney road, Margarettes Bakery  
Buy now and do not be disappointed.

**ANNUAL DOG SHOW:** This fundraiser for Abbeyfeale's Town Park takes place on Sunday, June 17 from 2pm. There will be trophies for the winners of all classes.

**Adult Sign Language Class** will resume on Sept 18th at LCETB College (old Teck) Mt Mahon. Its funded by LCETB so its free to all. Beginners will be on Tue night, level 1 on Wed night. Anyone interested please contact Breda 087 7715734.

Focus Ireland will hold a church gate collection in Abbeyfeale on the weekend 16th and 17th June.

Mental Health and Addiction workshop with Dr. Gabor Maté called: Health and Healing with Mind-Body Unity, Saturday, June 30th to Sunday, July 1st, 2018, UCC, Cork.

Dr. Maté is a World Leading Expert on Mental Health, Addiction, Health, Pa renting  
ADHD, Trauma & Childhood Development. More info: [www.bookwhen.com/gabormate](http://www.bookwhen.com/gabormate) or 0861719311

LOURDES: Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Direct from Shannon Airport, staying at the Solitude Hotel, from September 22-27. Full Pilgrimage Programme. Booking forms available from Fr Tony Mullins. Fr John O'Shea & Fr Willie Fitzmaurice.

PARISH OFFICE HOSTS MEETINGS: Narcotics Anonymous meet every Monday night @ 8pm in the parish Office. Al-anon meet on Tuesday evening @ 8pm. A.A. Meet every Wednesday afternoon @ 3pm, Friday night @ 8pm and Sunday mornings @ 10am. These organisations are a great voluntary support to many people and we are happy to host their meetings in our parish office.

YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING: Contact Aoife Walsh on [awalsh@ldpc.ie](mailto:awalsh@ldpc.ie) if you would like to participate in the new round of training with the diocese beginning in September.

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