



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



**18th Dec 2022**

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Church Sacristy 068 - 51915

**Priest on Call**

Fr John Mockler, Newcastle West Parish is on call this Sunday 18th December for all emergency calls in the area. Fr Mockler can be contacted on 086 2342242

**Mass intentions for this weekend**

**6.30pm** Ricky Loughane  
 Edward & Kate Reilly and deceased family members  
 Philly & Donie Cusack Cratloe Anniv.  
 Mary Enright Caherlane Anniv.  
 Geraldine Woulfe, Cratloe Anniv.  
 Michael O'Flaherty Hillview Drive Birthday remembrance  
 Mary & John O'Brien Anniv.

**10am** John D Murphy, Ballaugh Anniv.  
 Codyre & Quinn deceased family members  
 William & Julia Madden  
 John Ruane 26 Cryle view , Ballina Co Mayo

**12noon** Patrick Lane and Bill Lane Ballaugh Anniv.  
 Michael Barry, Caherlane Anniv.  
 Jim O'Connell, St Ita's Road Anniv.  
 Nora Morrisroe, Killarney Road Anniv.  
 Paddy & Mary Walsh and their son Michael Anniv.  
 Jim Lane New Street Anniv.  
 Eileen Cahill 5th Anniv. her husband Paddy and son Pat and deceased members of the O'Neill family.  
 Phyl O'Kelly, Killarney Road Anniv

**Mon 7pm** Reconciliation Service  
**Mon 8pm** Christmas Cantata "Nativity story."  
**Tues 10am** Pro Populo  
**Wed 10am**  
**Thurs 10am** Sheila & Timothy Murphy Anniv.  
**Fri 10am** Myles & Ellen Keohoe  
**Saturday** Confession from 10.30am to 12noon

**Christmas Vigil 7.30pm and Christmas Day Pro-Populo**

**11am 26th Dec** Joan Aherne, Ballaugh Anniv.  
 No evening Mass on the 26th Dec.  
**11am 27th** Mary O'Connor, Caherhayes 1st Anniv.  
 Noreen O'Rourke, Clash Road 3rd Anniv.

**Tel Contact Numbers for the Pastoral Area**

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**Beannachtai na Nollag.**

Fr Tony, Fr Willie and Fr Dan wish all parishioners a peaceful and blessed Christmas. We welcome all who are visiting the parish for the Christmas celebrations. We pray that the joy of Christmas will raise the spirits of the bereaved, the sick and the housebound. May all in our community be enriched by the hope that this holy season brings.

**Christmas Masses and Confessions**

We extend an invitation to all parishioners and all who are visiting Abbeyfeale for Christmas to join us for the celebration of Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Mass on Christmas Eve will be celebrated 7.30pm. Music for the Mass will be led by our parish cantors and musicians. Carol singing will begin at 6.50pm. Masses on Christmas Day will be celebrated at 10.00am and 12noon. Music at the 10.00am Mass will be led by members of The Lost Souls Group. The Senior Church Choir will lead the music at the 12noon Mass. There will be a warm welcome for everyone. Now that we are leaving the Covid restrictions behind us, this Christmas is an opportunity to reconnect with Church and community. We look forward to welcoming you. Come early to ensure easy parking in the church car park. We ask parishioners not to block empty car park spaces, so to allow the maximum use of the car park and to facilitate as many parishioners as possible.

**Christmas Confessions**

The priests of the area will be available to hear confessions after morning Mass on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. They will also be available on Christmas Eve from 10.30am to 1.30pm. On Monday the 19th of December there will be a special Reconciliation Service beginning at 7.00pm. This Prayer Service will begin with a short period of prayer and reflection, followed by an opportunity for individual confession.

**Christmas Dues**

The Christmas Dues in support of our priests will be collected at all Masses this weekend, on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. We thank you for your generosity and your financial support during the past year.

**Christmas Newsletter**

A special Christmas Newsletter will be available on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

**Holy Communion Call**

If any parishioner who is unable to come to Mass for one reason or another would like to receive Holy Communion for Christmas, please contact the sacristy on 068 51915 any morning at 10.30am.

**St Vincent de Paul**

The members of the Abbeyfeale St. Vincent de Paul group would like to thank everyone who contributed to the annual Christmas appeal last weekend. Your generosity will be of enormous benefit to those in need in our community this Christmas and in the New Year.

**Readers of The Word Dec 18th Team 3 Dec 25th Team 4**  
**Ministers of the Eucharist Dec 18th Teams F D E**  
**Dec 25th Teams E F D**

**Advent Christmas Pastoral Letter from Bishop Leahy.**

Bishop Leahy has written an Advent Christmas Pastoral Letter entitled "Lift up Our Hearts". The focus of the Letter is Hope. Bishop Leahy says that we can put hope into practice through the small acts of our love, paying attention to the "Little Details" to which Jesus was attentive to during His earthly life. Copies of the letter will be available during the week, and we will make copies available at Masses over Christmas.

**"One goal for each day: to convey the tenderness of Christ to those who are most in need"**  
**Pope Francis**

**Christmas Cantata:** Scoil Mháthair Dé will put on a Christmas Cantata in the church on Monday evening at 8.15pm. This will be a beautiful celebration of Music, Song and Story. All parishioners are welcome to attend

**Celtic Brothers Concert:** Our sincere thanks to all who braved the very cold weather last Sunday evening to attend the Celtic Brothers Christmas Concert. It was a great success, and we thank all who bought tickets and who sponsored the raffle prizes. Our thanks to the members of the Pastoral Council and to all who helped out on the night. We are grateful to all the shops and businesses in the parish and around West Limerick who facilitated the sale of the tickets. The brothers enjoyed their visit to Abbeyfeale and are looking forward to their next concert here. Thanks to everyone for your support.

**Advent Wreath - Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent.**

In this Fourth Week of Advent, our final days of preparation before Christmas, we ask Christ to forgive us for our sins and, through His grace, to create us anew when He comes.

*Prayer: Light the fourth candle and pray* – Lord Jesus, we approach that holy moment when Your coming as man is renewed in our hearts. Give us peace and allow us to celebrate Your presence with joy, that we may someday share Your glory. We ask this of You, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, as One God, now and forever.

**ABBEYFEALE FOR AFRICA ANNUAL CAKE SALE**

A huge thank you to all our bakers and all who supported our annual cake sale **last Sunday**. It was a great success despite the inclement weather ( at 9am you'd wonder would anyone chance out but ye didn't let us down). We raised approx. €1500 with further donations being made to the Abbeyfeale for Africa a/c in the Credit Union which remains open all year round. Thank you too to the Credit Union for their sponsorship.

Thanks a million on behalf of the committee and Fr. Tim.

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA:** Scoil Mháthair Dé will perform their Christmas Cantata, "Nativity Story" in the Church of the Assumption on Thursday, Dec. 19th at 8.00 p.m. All Welcome.

**Candles and Ribbons Ceremony at Reilig Ide Naofa Graveyard this Sunday 18th at 1pm.**



**The Parish Clerks collection will be taken up on the weekend of the 1st Jan 2023. Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. Anne & Maurice.**

**Donate through the Parish Website [www.abbeyfealparish.ie](http://www.abbeyfealparish.ie)**

You can now make a donation to the parish, through the parish website. Click on to the parish website at [www.abbeyfealeparish.ie](http://www.abbeyfealeparish.ie) and you will see a Donate button on the right-hand side on the front page of the website. Just follow the instructions and you will be able to make a donation to the parish.

We thanks all of you who use this system throughout the year .



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