



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



19th Feb 2023    [www.abbeyfealeparish.ie](http://www.abbeyfealeparish.ie)    email [fealechurch@eircom.net](mailto:fealechurch@eircom.net)    Church Sacristy 068 - 51915    Parish Office 068 - 31133

**Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Area**

**Fr Denis Mullane 087/2621911**  
**Fr Tony Mullins 087/2600414**  
**Fr Willie Russell 087/2272825**  
**Fr Dan Lane (Retired) 087/2533030**

**Mass intentions This weekend**

**6.30pm** Jimmy Ahern, Shanbally Anniv.  
 Margaret O'Connor, Knockbrack 1st Anniv.  
**10am** Bob Browne, Church Street Anniv.  
 Denis & Joan Collins and deceased family members  
 Mary & John Shannon Main Street Anniv.  
**12noon** Ellen O'Mahony( Nell) Collins Park

**Mon 7pm** Dan O'Donoghue, Convent Street Anniv.

**Tues 10am** **Pro Populo**  
**Wed 10am** Ash Wednesday  
**Wed 7pm** Ash Wednesday

**Thurs 10am**  
**Fri 10am** **For the Sick**

**Intentions for next weekend**

**6.30pm** Denis Murphy, The Hill Anniv.  
**10am**  
**12noon** Tom & Mary Flynn and deceased family members

**Fr Tim Galvin's Memorial Mass**

Thanks to everyone who attended and assisted at the memorial Mass for Fr Tim Galvin RIP. It was a wonderful celebration of faith and of Fr Tim's life and missionary work. Fr Tim leaves us all an inspiring legacy of service and a powerful example of how we can bring the 'Good News of the Gospel' message to one another. May Tim rest in peace. Ar dheis Dé raibh a anam.

**PRIEST ON CALL**

This Sunday Rev J Mockler is on duty for emergency calls. He can be contact on 086/2342242

Season of Lent Desert Day - Time Apart with God  
[Saturday 25th February 2023](#), 10.30am – 5pm  
 Venue: Limerick Diocesan Centre, St. Munchin's, Corbally, V94 9250. Donation: €20  
 Booking is essential as places are limited.  
 Contact Phyllis at: [087 963 6893](tel:0879636893)

**Trócaire 2023**

This year, the focus of the Trócaire Lenten campaign is on Somalia in East Africa and highlights how climate change, drought and conflict are severely affecting families and communities there. An unprecedented humanitarian crisis is unfolding, and almost 8.3 million people are facing unbearable hunger. Trócaire has been working with our partners in Somalia for 30 years and so is in a unique position to offer support to those affected. Trócaire Boxes are available at the entrance to the church. We encourage you to take one home and to bring one to a neighbour.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Next Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of February is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. Over the years there has been a great tradition and spiritual practice in Abbeyfeale parish of parishioners giving an hour of their time during Lent in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This weekend we are inviting people to take up the challenge of giving 1 hour a week of their time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. The Adoration will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Church on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week during Lent beginning after the 10.00am Mass and continuing until 8.00pm. In the Gospel of St. Matthew, Jesus asks his disciples to sit with him while he prays, but they fall asleep. He asks them "Can you not sit with me one hour?" This is where the concept of a "holy hour" comes from. Jesus asks us if we can sit one hour with him. During that hour, you can sit with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament praying, meditating, sitting in silence, reading, etc. If you would like to take on this challenge for Lent, and you are interested in spending some time in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, you are encouraged to select a time on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, a time that is practical for you. Write your name on the timetable.

Make a promise to the Lord that you will do your best to be faithful to your hour of prayer.

**Adorations begins on Ash Wednesday Feb 22nd**

**Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a 40-day season marked by repentance, fasting, Prayer and almsgiving. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks Christians to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

**Stations of the Cross**

Beginning next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of February, there will reflections on the Stations of the Cross every Friday morning at 9.30am.

**Annual Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of abuse**

The annual Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of abuse will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The Day of Prayer has been marked in Irish dioceses and parishes since 2017.

**Atonement Prayer**

Lord, forgive us our many sins.  
 We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable.  
 We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.  
 Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word.  
 May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church. Amen.

**The Candle**

Lord, kneeling here before you I see a candle lit upon the altar. It reminds me Lord of many things: Its light, so pure and gentle - like Mary, your mother; Its flame, going up, sometimes flickering – like my prayers Lord, intended for you but sometimes blown off course by my distractions; Its heat, so constant, radiating out like Your goodness which embraces us all; Its very size, all the time growing small as it burns away – like my life Lord, daily growing shorter. And then I'm reminded of the candles we use:

For our baptism, when someone holds a candle on our behalf, showing how we depend on other all through life; At Easter when the Paschal Candle is lit to remind us of your Resurrection, Lord; At a marriage, when it lights the way forward; For those following you, Lord, to remind them that their lives are being offered up to you; At our daily Mass, when the two candles remind us of your Crucifixion Lord, with two thieves at the side of your Cross at Calvary; For someone dead, Lord, to show us that You will lighten our darkness in the next life. Well, Lord, I'm not much good at praying. Often my mind wanders, or I can't think what to say to you – so now, when I'm before you, I'll look at a candle and let it remind me of all these things, and especially of You Lord, who are the Light of the World.

**Tea Dance on Sunday** 19th February in aid of Kerry Hospice. Dancing from 3 - 6pm in Fr. Casey's GAA club. Music by Paddy Quilligan. Admission €10. If anyone would like to make a donation please contact Mary on 087 6377310. Proceeds from this event will be made to representatives of The Kerry Hospice on the day. A great afternoon is guaranteed and you'll be supporting a very worthy cause.

**ATHEA DRAMA:** This year's production "The Anniversary" on [February 18th & 19th of February](#). Athea Community Centre. Booking 087 6926746. Text or What app 087 6926746.

**MANY YOUNG MEN OF TWENTY**  
[Saturday 18](#), [Sunday 19](#), [Tuesday 21](#), [Thurs.23](#), [Saturday 25](#) and [Sunday 26](#).  
 Doors open 7.15pm. Tickets €10. Raffle on the night.  
 Booking 087 1383940.  
 The play will run for 8 nights only so book early to be sure of a seat. A great night's entertainment awaits you.

**Please take the leaflet home with you or return it to the basket at the doors. Thanks.**

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