



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



19th March 2023 www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@eircom.net Church Sacristy 068 - 51915 Parish Office 068 - 31133

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PRIEST ON CALL

This Sunday Fr Frank O'Dea is on duty for emergency calls. He can be contact on 087/2443106

Mass intentions This weekend

6.30pm Ned & Peg Leahy, The Millstream and their son Emmet and daughter Ita
 Patrick (Sonny) O'Sullivan The Hill Anniv.
10am Kathleen Griffin died recently
12noon Tom Scanlon, Athea Anniv.
Mon 7pm Jimmy & Mary Maher Carlow
Tues 10am Pro Populo
Wed 10am Myles Kehoe
Thurs 10am
Fri 10am Michael Enright St Ita's Road
 Eva White, Killarney Road Anniv.

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm John Brennan Sr & Jr Killarney Road and late of Tipperary
 Paddy & Kit Donovan and family members, Dromtrasna Harnett
10am Ita O'Connell, Killmanihan Anniv.
12noon Bridie O'Halloran, Gortroe NCW 5th Anniv.
 Patrick & Nora Collins daughter betty and son Hugh

Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,
 May the wind be at your back
 may the sunshine warm upon your face
 May the rain fall softly on your fields,
 And may you keep safe in the gentle,
 Loving arms of God
Irish blessing

Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023.

Led by Bishop Brendan Leahy. 22th – 27th June. Direct return flights from Shannon to Lourdes. For booking contact Joe Walsh Tours, Telephone 01-2410800 or email lourdesdiretor@limerickdiocese.org €879 per person, full board, all taxes included. Full religious programme.

Bearers of Light

In the first reading Samuel was amazed that God would choose the youngest of Jesse's sons, David, to be God's messenger, the bearer of God's light. We are being reminded that God's light can come to us through unexpected people. Indeed, each one of us is called by the Lord to be a bearer of his light to others. In the words of the second reading for today's Mass, this is what the Lord wants of us. We are always being called to be the bearer of the light of the Lord's loving presence to one another, to shepherd one another, reviving each other's drooping spirit.

Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a special day. Each year we pause to think about our mothers and those who have shaped our lives. We give thanks to God and share memories as we think about our mothers who have gone before us. We give thanks to God and reach out in love to our mothers who are in our lives today. We give thanks to God and celebrate those, who like mothers, have shaped us. Lord bless all mothers today. Help us to appreciate them 365 days a year not just today. Give them strength and courage in their family life. Every Blessing on mother's day.

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old. We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy. We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways. We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away. We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

Tribute to mother

If I were hanged on the highest hill,
 I know whose love would follow me still.
 Mother of mine. Mother of mine.
 If I were drowned in the deepest sea,
 I know whose tears would come down to me.
 Mother of mine, Mother of mine.
 If I were damned by body and soul,
 I know whose prayers would make me whole.
 Mother of mine, mother of mine

Rudyard Kipling

Confessions: Confession will be heard on Saturday evening from 6.00pm to 6.20pm. Also, on Thursday mornings for the remainder of Lent after the 10.00am Mass.

Adoration continues each week on Wed Thurs and Friday after 10am Mass until 8pm. Spend an hour in peace and quiet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

The Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross is a traditional way of praying during Lent. We follow the Way of the Cross to be with Jesus Christ, who walked this journey, carrying the cross, out of love for and commitment to us. We pray it also, because we wish to become close to Jesus, who loves each of us so deeply. We walk this journey to get a glimpse at the heart and mind of Jesus Christ, who is alive today and experiencing the Journey of the Cross wherever our sisters and brothers are suffering throughout the world. We give thanks as we walk this journey. The Way of the Cross has brought hope and the possibility of new life into the dark places of our lives. Journeying with Jesus Christ allows us to become aware of where God is walking with us in our lives, and where we are called to be with others on their journey. As we enter into the final three weeks of Lent we encourage you to make the Way of Cross by yourself or if it suits you to join with parishioners here in the church every Friday morning during Lent beginning at 9.30am

During Lent we are called to share our resources with the poor.

'Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity, it is an act of justice. Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings. Sometimes it falls on a generation to be great. You can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom.' (Nelson Mandela)



We can help create a more just world by supporting the Trócaire Lenten Campaign.

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2023 22nd – 27th June. For booking details contact Karen at 061-350000 or email at lourdesyouthpilgrimage@limerickdiocese.org

"TEARING AND DRAGGING" : Abbeyside Players present a comedy by John Hank Regan at the Glorach Theatre on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 March. Booking 0871282930.

"Spring term of Drama Classes by Therese will be kicking off in The Glorach Theatre, Abbeyfeale on **April 1st**. Ages 7-12. For more information contact Therese on [0861944852](tel:0861944852)

The Ladies' football season is now recommencing and over the coming days, Fr Casey's Ladies Football Club will be inviting the girls of Abbeyfeale to return to their teams and to don the blue, white and pink jersey once again and represent their town, their community, their club. Registration is now taking place online (Foireann.ie - select Fr Casey's Ladies football). Please contact Mike on 087 2279922 if you have any queries. Looking forward to a great season ahead!

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