



PARISH PASTORAL UNIT

ABBEYFEALE, ATHEA, TEMPLEGLANTINE, TOURNAFULLA, MOUNTCOLLINS

A ring found in the church last weekend
A small black shoulder bag left a few weeks ago.

19th Nov 2023 www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@eircom.net Church Sacristy 068 - 51915 Parish Office 089/2646772 Anne 11am to 1pm

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
Fr James Ambrose (Retired) Tel 087/7740753

Priest On Call

This Sunday Fr David Casey, Dromcollogher is on duty for emergency calls only. He can be contacted on **087-2272791**

Intentions for the week

- 6.30pm** Connie Harnett, Collins Park Anniv.
 Mary & Jack McKenna, Knockbrack Anniv.
 Donal, Nell & Patrick Fitzgerald Knockbrack Anniv.
 Mary Kelly, Co Down Anniv.
- 10am** Eileen & Patrick Roche, Killarney Road Anniv.
 Michael Reidy & Josephine Reidy Shanbally and their daughter Margaret
 Tommy & Delia Nelligan, Bridge Street
 Mary Nelligan Collins Park
- 12noon** Michael Reidy Meenkilly 10th Anniv.
 Shelia O'Connell, Kilconlea Lower
 Peggy & Dan O'Riordan Anniv.
 Michael O'Shea, Coolaneelig Anniv.
 Raj Anandi late of UK
 Danfrancis & Eileen O'Connor Main Street Anniv.
 Justin John McCarthy Moynsha
- Mon 7pm** John & Kitty O'Rourke
 Mary & John Joe O'Donoghue and their daughter Mary Beamount
 Lizzie Morris Longford Anniv.
 Frank Collins Holland and late of Bogmount
- Tues 10am** Pro Populo
- Wed 10am** Cornelius O'Rourke and Lucy O'Rourke
 Special Intention (Operation)
- Thurs 10am** Michael Scully London and late of Mountmahon
 Moss Lane formerly Kilconlea & Newbridge
- Fri 10am For the Sick of the Parish**
- Intentions for next weekend**
- 6.30pm** Séan Enright, Purt/Caher Anniv.
 Vincent McNally Anniv.
 Tom Doody Kilconlea Upper and Deceased members of the Doody family
 Mary Wallace Coolewest Athea Month's mind
- 10am** Eileen Casey, Knocknasna Anniv.
- 12noon** Nick & Eleanor Cotter Upper Purt Anniv.
 Deceased members of the ARA

Conversations with Bishop Leahy

Bishop Leahy has begun his round of "conversation" gatherings across the Diocese, beginning in Kilmallock last Monday night and in Limerick City on Wednesday night. The meeting for our Pastoral Unit will be held in the Longcourt Hotel, Newcastle West, on Wednesday night next the 22nd of November at 7.30p.m. These meetings are to offer people a chance to open up questions and issues regarding the future of our faith community, its mission arrangements and structures. It is an occasion to present to people some of the data about our parishes and the diocese and to enter into an informal conversation. In announcing these gatherings, Bishop Leahy said, *"We won't make big decisions immediately but we'll be moving along the pathway of community discernment. I would ask you to spread the word about these meetings, everyone is welcome to attend."* All who are concerned about the future of our faith community in this area of the diocese are encouraged to attend. For further information, contact any of the priests in the area. Contact numbers are printed in this newsletter.

Limerick Diocese Overview Report

Additional copies of the Diocesan Overview Report are available this weekend. We encourage you to take one home and share it with family and friends. Bishop Leahy asks people to take copies of it not just for themselves but perhaps also for sons or daughters not coming regularly to Church but nevertheless still in some way in contact through baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies. The Overview is a snapshot of the life of our Diocese. In reading the Overview you'll find statistics of where things are at today, giving a greater understanding of the profile of clergy, financial arrangements and the challenges facing us in the Diocese.

Altar Servers

Our Parish here in Abbeyfeale has always had a great tradition of children being involved in the Ministry of Altar Serving. During Covid this Ministry stopped. At this stage we would like to get the Ministry back and would like to invite boys and girls from the Parish who have made their First Holy Communion to consider becoming Altar Servers.

Time Commitment

You would be asked to serve at Mass at weekends on one of the following times. Saturday evening at 6.30pm or on Sunday at 10.00am or 12noon. You will be invited to come for some training before you would serve at Mass.

Wish to volunteer for this Ministry?

If you are interested in your child becoming an Altar Server, you can ask for a form in the Sacristy. At all times our Child Protection Guidelines will be followed for the safety of our young people. If you would like any further information, please contact Anne in the sacristy. Tel 068-51915 or email the parish office at fealechurch@eircom.net

Thank you.

Our thanks to all who helped make the celebration of Mass for all who died in the past twelve months a very special liturgy. We pray it will bring comfort and healing to all the bereaved in our community.

Death We offer our sympathy to the family of Eugene Pascal O'Rourke, Mountmahon whose funeral took place on Saturday. May he rest in peace.

Adoration for Peace during November

There will be Adoration every Tuesday after the 10am Mass until 12noon in the Main Church to Pray for peace in our world. Tues 21st and 28th of Nov. All are welcome.

Christmas Concert – Friday 15th December

Popular singing group Celtic Brothers, formally known as the Willoughby Brothers are returning to Our Lady of the Assumption Church Abbeyfeale, on Friday 15th of December for what promises to be a feast of festive music and song. The brothers from County Wicklow, made their first visit to Abbeyfeale last Christmas and gave a memorable performance of Irish Ballads, popular classics, contemporary songs and Christmas favourites. Their passion for singing and performing, combined with a genuine closeness, stems from a childhood filled with music and singing, a love they have carried with them throughout the years and into their adulthood. The funds raised from the concert in Abbeyfeale will go towards the St Ita's Hall (Hall Ide Naofa), Renovation Fund. The work on the hall began in the second week of September 2023 and it is hope to have it completed by early Spring 2023. The project is being funded by grant aid from the Community Centre Investment Fund, provided by the Department of Rural and Community Development and by funds raised locally. €100,000 needs to be raised locally towards the project and we are almost half way towards achieving that goal. Tickets for our Christmas Concert go on sale this weekend and are available in the sacristy and at various shops and outlets in Abbeyfeale and throughout West Limerick.

For further information on ticket sales contact 089-2646772.

Appeal for Sponsorship

If any business or individual would like to help with the costs of staging the Christmas Concert, sponsorship will be very welcome. For more information, contact Fr Tony on 087-2600414 or Fr Willie on 087-2272825. All support will be gratefully received.

Scoil Mháthair Dé Primary School, Abbyfeale are holding a clothes collection in the school on **November 23rd**. DROP OFF your unwanted clothes any day this week or next week between 8.30 am and 3 pm

ABBEYFEALE FOR AFRICA: Our annual cake sale in aid of the late Fr. Tim Galvin's Mission in South Sudan will be held in St. Ita's Day Care Centre on **Sunday, November 26** from 10-1pm. Tea/Coffee and freshly baked scones will be available on the day. We're sending out a call to our bakers and those who would like to donate home baking to drop their offerings to Batt in the Square before **Saturday, November 25** or directly to the Day Care Centre. The account for Abbeyfeale for Africa remains open at the Credit Union.

Fr. **Casey's Ladies Football Club AGM** is being held in Fr. Casey's clubhouse, Abbeyfeale on 23rd November 2023 at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. These meetings provide us with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the past season; to signal a need to take a little break and to gently cast our thoughts forward to the 2024 season. We are very grateful to the coaches, mentors, players and committee members of Fr. Casey's Ladies Football Club. Our players are the future of the town; the future of the community; the future of the club. We have much to celebrate and much to plan for - looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, 23rd November at 7.30pm. Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine.

Christmas Lights

18/19 Nov Church Gate Collection 24th Nov Santa and Mrs Claus arrival
 1st and 2nd December Bag Pack at Twohigs 1st December Pub quiz at The Winners Circle
 8th December Coffee morning at Leens Hotel from 10.30 until 12pm