



ABBEEFEALE PARISH NEWS



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Third Sunday of Lent

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Intentions for this weekend

- 7pm** Paddy and Kit Donovan their Daughters Catherine and Stacia & son in law John Brennan and Grandson John
- 9.30** John C (Jackie) & Bridget Daly Anniv Richard Mustafa 48th Birthday remembrance.
- 12noon** Pro Populo
- Mon 7pm** Tadgh Harnett, New Street & Sr Mary Charles
- Tues 10am** James & Ellen Hennessy and their two sons Mosie & Seamus
- Wed 10am** Peg Cunningham nee Riordan Late of Ballybehy Anniv.
- Thurs 8.15am** Private Intention
- Fri 10am** Eva White, Killarney Road
- Sat 11am** Neiley Sheehan 4th Anniv and his mother Madge Sheehan 12th Anniv.1
- Mass intentions for next weekend**
- 7pm** Peggy Moloney, Knocknasna 2nd Anniv. Kitty & Sonny Doody, New Street Anniv. Jim & Nora Harnett, The Hill anniv.
- 9.30am** Fintan & Mary anne Collins, Knocknasna Ita O'Connell, Killmanihan Anniv. Gretta O'Rourke & Maura O'Leary Anniv.
- 12noon** Patrick & Mary O'Grady and family members and Brian McAleer Anniv.

Communion Programme will take place at the 9.30am Mass Sunday March 19th

Minister for March 26th D E F
Readers for March 26th Team 6

A Word from Pope Francis

"Every day we must learn how to be better than the day before. Avoiding evil and learning to do good: this is the rule of conversion. Because being converted doesn't happen with a magic wand, No! It is a journey"

The
Season
of
Lent



Perpetual Adoration continues on Monday @ 10am

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017

The Lourdes office as usual is now open in the Social Service Centre, Henry St All details concerning the Pilgrimage Tel 061/314111. June 21st to 26th See notice boards at the front of the church.

Lourdes Invalid Collection will take place next weekend 25th & 26th March. Any sick person who may wish to travel with the pilgrimage should contact the Diocesan Office as soon as possible.

PASTORAL VISITS: If there is a family member or any parishioner whom you know who would welcome a pastoral visit in hospital, at home or in a nursing home please contact Fr. Joe or Fr Tony.

Dóchas Linn Naomh Pádraig

Dóchas Linn naomh Pádraig, aspal mór na hEireann, Ainm oirdhearc gléigeal, solas mór an tsaol é. 'Se do chloigh na draoithe croithe dura gan aon mhaith, D'isligh dream an diomais tre neart De ar dTrean-Fhlaith

Sléibhte, gleannta, maighe'a bailte mór'na hEireann Glan séiad go deo dúinn, míle glóir dár naomh dhil, Iarr'mid ort, a Phadraig, guí orainn na Gaela, Dia linn lá'gus oíche's Pádraig aspal Éireann.

Hail Glorious Saint Patrick

Hail, glorious Saint Patrick, dear saint of our Isle, On us thy poor children bestow a sweet smile; And now thou art high in the mansions above, On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.

On Erin's green valleys, on Erin's green valleys, On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.

Ever bless and defend the sweet land of our birth, Where the shamrock still blooms as when thou wert on earth, And our hearts shall yet burn, wherever we roam, For God and Saint Patrick, and our native home.

I thirst ... [This Sunday's scripture](#) begins with the story of Moses drawing water from the rock for the people, and the Gospel recounts the story of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well.

It has been a challenging few weeks for Catholics here in Ireland, we are surely in need of living water. So this Gospel is for us - for all who thirst:

[We've come to worship God, who makes streams flow from rock,](#)

who turns the parched earth into springs of water,

who sends the rain from heaven

and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.

As the deer thirsts for flowing streams, so we thirst for You, O God.

Come, let's worship our life-giving God,

who pours out living water on all who thirst.

The woman at the well was not there by accident, she had come at a quiet time to avoid the gossip or judgement of others. Perhaps we are hurting alone, or worrying about what others think. Perhaps we are lonely or struggling. Then this Gospel is for us

[God: meet us at the wells](#)

where we are lonely

where we are forgotten

where we are hurt by others

and give us to drink of the grace that brings life again

God: speak to us in the trusting places where the sinners gather

where the prejudices are made known

where our histories are broadcast



The Parents' Council of St. Mary's Boys' School are holding a fundraising table quiz in Jim Lane's Bar on Friday 24th March at 9.00 pm, Quizmaster Paddy Quille, super raffle prizes, Drinks Hamper, Gift Vouchers. Your support would be appreciated.



Building Rural Communities: Lessons from the World of Sport, is an Evening Conference taking place in MIC, Thurles, on Wednesday 29 March, which will look at the issue of regenerating rural Ireland.

Speakers include Kerry football legend, **Pat Spillane**; Managing Director of the National Ploughing Championships, **Anna May McHugh**; Tipperary's All-Ireland winning manager **Michael Ryan** and rugby legend **John Hayes**.

The Conference begins at 7p.m. in MIC St Patrick's Campus (formerly St Patrick's College) and tickets, costing €10 must be pre-booked through the College at 0504-21201.

Workshop on Epilepsy in the West Limerick Resources Family and Community Hub in Further Education and Training Centre on Wednesday April 5th 2017. from 7pm to 9pm. The workshop is free to those living and working with children in the West Limerick Area. The workshop is suitable for Parents, Creche and Pre-school Staff, Healthcare workers Teachers and SNA'S & concerned family members.

Early booking is essential West Limerick Resources 068 31198.

Local singing group 'Lost Souls' are joining up with a group of singers from Bruff called 'The Wild Oates' for a sing song at the Winners Circle Bar on Friday next 24th March at 9.00p.m.



All are welcome to come along.

Jubilee year in our Parish. 2018

Next June 2018 the parish will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of our parish church. A Golden Jubilee is a significant event in the life of any parish. The Pastoral Council are beginning to plan for the 50th celebrations. At this stage we are seeking any photographs of the construction phase of the building and any articles or publications covering the opening Mass and consecration ceremony.

Musical extravaganza at Glórach

An eclectic mix of music will be presented at the Glórach Spring Concert on Friday, March 31st, with genres as varied as folk, ballads, and jazz being played on the night. A mixture of local and national groups will be taking to the stage for an unforgettable night of music, for booking call 0871383940. The show starts at 8 pm and all are most welcome.

The International Centennial Pilgrimage of Our Lady of

Fatima Statue (Blessed by Pope Francis) will be coming to St Johns Cathedral Limerick on Friday 24th March for 2pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Brendan Leahy.

Unfortunately the statue will not be visiting

Abbeyfeale as was announced last weekend.

Towards Healing is an organisation which provides telephone counselling and a counselling and psychotherapy referral service for people who have suffered physical, emotional or sexual abuse when they were children, by persons working for the Catholic Church in Ireland. The Limerick Diocese supports the work of the Towards Healing service. The HELPLINE can be contacted by calling: FREE-PHONE 1800 - 303416 from ANYWHERE IN IRELAND ON 0800 - 0963315 from NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE U.K. Or visit their website www.towardshealing.ie

The HSE National Counselling Service (NCS) is a professional, confidential counselling and psychotherapy service available free of charge in all regions of the Health Services Executive. Our client group are adults who have experienced trauma and abuse in childhood with priority given to adult survivors of institutional abuse in Ireland. The Limerick service is based at 'Ré Nua', 6 Mount Vincent Terrace, O'Connell Avenue, Limerick, phone number 061 411900, or Free phone 1800 234 115.

Further information is available on <http://www.hse-ncs.ie/en/>

Limerick Social Service Council: offers a free confidential counselling service for individuals and families to support them in their personal growth. Counselling is provided by trained Counsellors and Family Therapists, at the Centre in Henry Street and an outreach service is also in Kilmallock, Newcastle West, Abbeyfeale and Rathkeale. For further information please contact 061-314111 /