



ABBEYFEALE PARISH NEWS



Parish Pastoral Unit Abbeyfeale, Athea, Templeglantine, Tournafulla Mountcollins

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Co Parish Priests

Fr Tony Mullins 087/2600414

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Fr Denis Mullane 087/2621911

Fr Shoji Varghese 089/4431922

Priest on Duty for the Area this Sunday – Emergency calls
Rev J Mockler 086/2342242

Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Henry McGill, Ballaugh & Kay & Tom Regan Anniv.
Pats, Bridget, Jeremiah & Danjoe Murphy, Banard Michael, (Mick) Kelliher & Margaret Kelliher, Ballaugh. Anniv.
9.15am Denis Barry, Clash Road Anniv.
James Collins, Dromtrasna Harnett William & Eileen Healy Ballaugh Anniv
12noon Dick Fitzgerald & Mike Fitzgerald, Railway Bar 3rd & 5th Anniv.
Jack Scannell, St Ita's Terrace Anniv.
Shelia & Timothy Murphy, Knocknagoshel

Mon 20th 7pm Special Intention

Tues 10am **Wed 10am** Pro Populo
Thurs 10am Bill Stemp **Fri 10am**
Sat 11am Joanne, Elizabeth & John Donoghue

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Kathleen Wren and deceased family members
Timmy, Ellen Healy and their son
John Joe Healy Caherlane & Eily Healy London
9.15am Dick Fitzgerald, Dromtrasna Anniv.
Rhona Danaher, Church Street & Shanbally
Hannah O'Keeffe, Knocknagoshel Anniv
12noon Nora Flynn and deceased family members
Nora Moloney, Kncoknasna Anniv.
Áine O'Gorman, Shanbally and
Jack & Kathleen Murphy, Caherlane Anniv.

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of Maureen Browne, Church Street whose funeral took place on Thursday. May she rest in peace.

Reader for this weekend Team 4

Ministers for May 19th E F D

Mass cards are available in the sacristy during Mass times 068/ 51915

Trocaire boxes can still be handed in to the sacristy.

CHRISTIAN persecution is now at "near genocide levels",

According to an interim report commissioned by Britain's Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt, the persecution of Christians in various parts of the world is now nearing genocide levels. The interim report said the main impact of "genocidal acts against Christians is exodus and that Christianity faced being "wiped out" from parts of the Middle East. It warned the religion "is at risk of disappearing" in some parts of the world, pointing to figures which claimed Christians in Palestine represent less than 1.5% of the population. The foreign secretary commissioned the review on St Stephen's day 2018 amid an outcry over the treatment of Asia Bibi, a Christian woman who faced death threats after being acquitted of blasphemy in Pakistan. Its findings come after more than 250 people were killed and more than 500 wounded in attacks at hotels and churches in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday. "In some regions, the level and nature of persecution is arguably coming close to meeting the international definition of genocide, according to that adopted by the UN. Christianity is being targeted by extremist groups in the Middle East, sub-Saharan Africa and east Asia." The recently published report states that the "Evidence shows not only the geographic spread of anti-Christian persecution, but also its increasing severity". The review, led by the Bishop of Truro the Right Reverend Philip Mounstephen, estimated that one in three people suffer from religious persecution, and that 80 percent of religious believers who are being persecuted are Christians.

First Holy Communion

Yesterday the children of our five schools received their First Holy Communion. It was a very special moment for the children. We thank all our teachers who put a great deal of time into preparing the children for the First Communion Mass. We congratulate all parents involved in guiding their children to this stage on their faith journey. We thank our parent coordinators who assisted with the Parish preparation programme "Do This in Memory of Me". Schools, parish and parents have worked well together and have played a significant role in helping the children to grow in faith. We thank Ms Stephanie O'Donnell for coordinating the parish programme. The late St Pope John Paul II said, 'The family, the great workshop of love is the first school... where people are not taught to love with barren ideas, but with the incisive power of experience'. The role that parents play in handing on the faith to their children is vital. The parish will continue to support parents in the ongoing faith formation of their children as we work together with our schools in the ongoing faith formation of our children. We thank all who helped to prepare the church for the celebration and all who assisted on the day.

Easter Dues

Fr Tony and Fr Shoji would like to express their gratitude and appreciation to all who contributed to the recent Easter Dues Collection in support of the priests. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

VISIT OF BISHOP GEORGE RAJENDRAN SDB

Bishop George has asked us to express his deep appreciation for the welcome afforded him during his visit to Abbeyfeale last weekend He is grateful for the support offered for the two projects that he mentioned during his talk at Masses. He would also like to thank the parishioners who organized the sale of the vegetables, flowers and garden produce. He especially thanks the young people who work in the garden as part of their John Paul II award projects.

Prayer for Vocations

Please pray that young men and women to hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. We ask you to keep this intention in your prayers this coming week.

St Ita's Faith Camp **Volunteers URGENTLY** needed (15-17 yrs) and also (18 yrs +) to help out at camp this year taking place from Mon 29th July – Thursday 1st August in St Marys Boys school Abbeyfeale. Please contact 087-2788834 as Garda Vetting needs to be completed ASAP

Parish Clerks Collection will take place this weekend 18th & 19th May. Envelopes in your box of envelopes

Rosary at Killeenagh

Rosary will be recited at the Holy Well in Killeenagh each Friday evening during May @ 8pm.

Walk to Killeenagh Holy Well and parish Barbecue

The annual walk to Killeenagh Holy Well, will take place on Sunday 26th of May. The walk will conclude with a barbecue for all present. Over the years it has become a great parish and community event. The visit to Killeenagh Well in Dromtrasna has a special link with the celebration of Confirmation in the parish. On Tuesday 26th of March, the children who received Confirmation this year, took part in what is called the 'Abbeyfeale Initiative'. This is a programme on healthy life choices, run by the Catholic Church for Confirmation students with the help of Transition Year students, who are trained to deliver the programme to the children in sixth class. It has been up and running very successfully in the parish for eleven years.

The programme concludes with the annual walk to Killeenagh Holy Well, where the young people from the Confirmation Class make a commitment to abstain from alcohol and drugs during their teenage years. As an acknowledgment of their participation in the programme, the children receive wrist bands which are very popular with them, and the visit to the Well concludes with a barbecue on Cotter's farmyard. We are grateful to the Cotter family for hosting us once again.

Put next Sunday 26th of May in your diary and join us for the Walk and barbecue. People should assemble at Dromtrasna School at 2.45p. The walk will begin at 3.00p.m sharp. All are welcome

Dog Show A fantastic day is promised at the Town Park on Sunday May 19th at 2pm. Great fun for all the family and all the dog lovers too. Fabulous raffle for great spot prizes. This is an event that nobody would want to miss.

Clean up in the Reilig Graveyard every Tuesday from 7-8pm.

More help is always appreciated as the graveyard is quiet big. In order to help with this families are encouraged to maintain their own graves and one near yours if that family is no longer able to. We appreciate any help you can give.

AFTERNOON TEA DANCE: There will be an afternoon tea dance in

Fr. Casey's on Sunday, May 19 with dancing to Mike Condon. All funds will go to **Laura O'Donoghue's volunteering trip to Zambia with Suas.**

Prayer before Exam

O great St Joseph of Cupertino, who by your prayers, obtained from God that you should be asked at you examination the only proposition you knew. Obtain for me that I may succeed like you in the examination for which I am preparing. I promise in return to make you known and cause you to be invoked. Amen.

CHY4 forms

We thank all who have sent back the Chy4 forms. You may still send them back if you wish to take part in the tax rebate system in the parish. The parish gains a nice sum of money through this system. Many thanks to all who do sign up each year. We ask each house to use their box of envelopes if possible.

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