



ABBAYFEALE PARISH NEWS



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Intentions for this weekend

7pm John Sean Sheehan, Knocknasna/Barnagh
 1st Anniv. and deceased family Members
 Joan Ahern & Nora Keane and deceased
 family members
 Mattie Byrne and his wife Theresa ~
 Dromtrasna Anniv.

New Year's Day Sunday World Day of Prayer for Peace.

9.30am Pro Populo
12noon Pro Populo

Intention for the week
7pm Mon Pats Murphy, Dromtrasna Collins
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NO 8.15am Mass for the next two weeks
Tues 10am
Wed 10am
Thurs 10am
Thurs 7pm Feast of the Epiphany
Fri am 9.30am & !2noon Purgatorial
Sat 11am

Mass intentions for next weekend

7pm Jimmy Quirke, Kilconlea Upper Anniv.
 Timmy Daly, Dromtrasna Collins
 Jim Joy, Ballaugh Anniv, & Peg Joy.
 Dan Meehan, Kilmorna Anniv.
9.30am Michael & ^ Dan McCarthy,
 John & Hannah Mai Lane & Catherine
 Rawcliffe The Hill Anniv.
12noon Padraig O'Connor and deceased
 family members of the O'Connor & Foley families
 John Collins, Ballaugh and deceased
 family members

Ministers for 1st Jan CAB

Ministers for 6th Jan BCA

Minsters for 8th Jan DEF

Next Thursday is the Feast of the Epiphany (Little Christmas)

Masses the same as Sunday 7pm on Thursday
 evening and 9.30am & 12noon on Friday

Christmas Prayer

O Divine Jesus, the Heavenly message at your
 Birth was "peace on earth and goodwill to all".
 Bring Your peace Your joy,
 Your happiness into our home this Christmas.
 Bless all the members of our family, those at home
 and those who will be absent this Christmas.
 In flame our hearts with Your love.
 Keep us close to You and each other now and
 throughout the year ahead. Amen.

Deaths

We offer our sympathies to the families of Patrick
 Flynn, Convent Road., Jim Lane, New Street and
 Tom Enright, Rathoran/Kilmorna whose funerals
 took place during the Christmas season.
Eternal rest grant unto them Lord."
May they rest in peace
*"Anyone who thinks fallen leaves are dead has never
 watched them dancing on the windy day" Shira Tamir*

Social Services collection will be taken up at all
 Masses this weekend 8th & 9th Jan

Baptismal Meeting will take place in
 Templeglantine on Tues 10th Jan @ 8pm in the
 Sacristy. Parents from the Pastoral area intending
 to baptize their child in the next month are
 encouraged to attend this gathering of just one
 hour.

*When each of us is baptised,
 God renews with us his everlasting Covenant*

Abbeyfeale for Africa wishes to thank all those who
 supported our cake sale. As a result of the voluntary
 baking and all other support we lodged €1460 to
 Fr Tim Galvin's account which is open in the credit
 union. We would like to thank the credit union for
 their generous donation to this fund.

Christmas : Words of Thanks

Sincere thanks to all our parishioners who assisted in the
 preparation and celebration of our Christmas Mass.
 Parish Clerk Anne & Maurice and their team of assistants.
 Parish Secretary Ann O'Meara.
 We thank our Readers, Choirs, Dee Denison and Aoife Daly. Various
 Organists and cantors. Altar Servers, Flower Arrangers, Min-
 isters of the Eucharist, Collectors, all who prepared the church
 grounds and the car park. Flowers by O'Donoghues.
 Members of the Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Committee,
 School Boards of Management, and all our teachers. Members of
 St Vincent de Paul. All our children and young people who were
 involved and all who helped out in any way. Our Youth Club
 Leaders and members and all involved in the youth ministry. All
 who distributed the Christmas Newsletter and envelopes.
 Christmas is also an opportunity to say thanks to the many sport-
 ing Clubs and social clubs and all who promote Irish culture in
 the parish and the many voluntary organisations who make such a
 valuable
 contribution to our parish community, that enables it to be a vi-
 brant, faith filled, caring place to live. Wishing you every blessing
 for 2017

Christmas Dues

We say a special thanks to you for your support, inspiration and
 friendships throughout the year and will remember you in our
 Masses throughout the Christmas season God Bless .

Adoration will resume on Friday January 6th after 12 o'clock
 Mass.

As we make January resolutions - what about making a commit-
 ment to spend more time with Jesus? What about taking time each
 day to read the Scriptures, to walk in Gods creation, to pray with
 our brothers and sisters at Mass. Abbeyfeale Parish community
 welcomes you.

Parish Clerks Collection will be taken up this weekend
 31st Dec / 1st Jan Envelopes are available in your new box .
 Many thanks for your continued support.
 Wishing you all a very happy New Year .

SVP

A word of thanks to all who supported the recent Vincent de Paul
 Collection its much appreciated. Special thanks to the 3rd year
 students in Coláiste Íde agus Iosef for preparing the hampers.
 May God bless the Conference and all who supported it.

Are you clearing out your wardrobes over Christmas???

St. Mary's Boys' School are having a clothes collection during the
 month of January. Bags of unwanted clothes can be dropped into
 the school during school hours. Your support would be greatly
 appreciated.

CONNIE HARNETT MEMORIAL SWIM:

The third annual Connie Harnett Memorial Swim will take place in
 Ballybunion on New Year's Day at 1pm. . Donation buckets will be in
 place on the day and there will be a raffle with loads of prizes to be won.
 Refreshments will be served on the beach. Enquires to 086 3151447

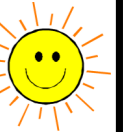
Happy New Year!

In the coming days people will begin to return to work. As we
 reflect on the Christmas season, we thank God for all the
 goodwill and love experienced. It has been an opportunity to
 spend time together, renew old acquaintances and express our
 appreciation for one another. It has been a celebration of faith, a
 moment when we pondered on the mystery of God among us.
 Hopefully we are refreshed spiritually and physically by our time
 together.

As we face into the New Year, we look forward in hope that our
 plans and dreams for 2017 will be
 fulfilled. No matter what this New Year brings, we know that we
 can put our trust in God for he has
 visited his people. We pray that we will have the courage to
 believe in the God who journeys with us in all our joys and
 tribulations. Fr Joe, Canon Neville and I wish you and all our
 parishioners a very happy, blessed and prosperous new year.
 Tony Mullins P.P.

A Prayer for the New Year

Lord in this New Year which we have begun,
 may we have enough happiness to keep us agreeable,
 enough trials to keep us strong,
 enough sorrow to keep us human,
 enough Freedom to keep us happy,
 enough failure to keep us humble,
 enough success to keep us eager,
 enough wealth to meet our needs,
 enough faith to banish depression,
 enough hope to look forward,
 enough love to give us comfort,
 And enough determination to
 keep us going.



The World Meeting of Families comes to Ireland!

Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next
 World Meeting of Families in August 2018. Started by Saint John Paul
 II, and held every three years, this major world event celebrates family
 as the cornerstone of our lives, and the fundamental building block of
 society and the Church.

The bishops encouraged the faithful to pray the *Prayer to the Holy
 Family*, which was written by Pope Francis and published in this year's
 apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)*:

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of
 true love; to you we turn with trust.**

**Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places
 of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and
 small domestic churches.**

**Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience
 violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or
 scandalised find ready comfort and healing.**

**Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the
 sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's
 plan.**

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.
 Amen.**