

Jesus is the reason for the season of Christmas, Keep Christ in Christmas.

ABBEYFEALE PARISH NEWS



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Third Sunday of Advent

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Fr Tim Galvin is returning to Africa this week to be with his parishioners for Christmas. We wish him a safe journey and best wishes in his ministry. He will concelebrate the 9.30am Mass this Sunday and if you wish to meet him afterwards for a cup of tea at the cake sale in St Ita's Hall. All proceeds are in aid of Fr. Tim Galvin. Mission. All are welcome.



In 2015, a church was built in the parish. In 2016, the parish was painted and on July 22nd, the feast of Mary Magdalene, the church was dedicated. The saint of our parish is St. Mary Magdalene (the first apostle of the resurrection of Jesus). The church has actually upgraded her feast day to the level of the other apostles. That day was a wonderful day, with great celebration. People are happy that there is a Church now in this area. It is a sign of God's presence among a people who are suffering a lot. It is a hope for people that God has not abandoned them.

Abbeyfeale for Africa have done great work over the years in supporting my missionary work. People have been very generous to me. With your support we have been able to build this Church, we have been able to offer these 400 children a decent education and a brighter future. I thank you all for that. You do give without counting the cost. Thanks also for your prayers. Wishing you and your families a very happy Christmas. *Fr Tim Galvin*

Good Luck to Abbeyfeale United who play St. Michael's from Tipperary in the Munster League Champions Trophy Final in Newcastle West on Sunday 11th Dec at 1.45 pm.

The Mary Immaculate College Carol Service will be held on Tuesday, December 13th at 8.00 pm in **St. Joseph's Church, O'Connell Avenue**, Limerick. The MIC Choral Society and MIC Community Choir, accompanied by the Limerick Baroque Players, will perform a selection of seasonal choruses from Handel's *Messiah* and many favourite carols. Guest soloist is the Limerick soprano, Sarah Dolan. Admission is free. *All welcome*

Benny Thade McCarthy Christmas Rambling House Will take place at Fr Caseys On Thurs Dec 15th at 9pm All Proceeds on the night are Going Directly to Tony Noonan Christmas Lights For Charity

A **Christmas Concert** presented by the Kerry Coral Union will be held in St. Bridget's Church Duagh on Friday the 16th December, 2016 at 8:00pm. Tickets €10 each, all proceeds in aid of Duagh Sports and Leisure Complex. Tickets 087-6725979.

Intentions for this weekend

7pm Bridget Healy and the Saunders family
Knocknasna Lower 10th Anniv.
Ramey Leahy, New St Anniv.
James O'Grady, Meenkilly Anniv.
9.30am Paddy Barry, Caherlane and the Barry family.
Hannah Mai Scannell, Dromtrasna Collins Anniv
Nick & Eleanor Cotter, Upper Purt Anniv.
12noon Tom Dillane, Kilconlea Anniv.
Frank Foley and family members Anniv.
Dick Murphy Anniv.

Intentions for next week

Mon 7pm Maurice Griffin, Main St Month Mind
Tues 10am Finton Morris
Wed 10am Thomas J O'Connell New St. & deceased family members
Thurs 10am Thomas O'Brien 1st Anniv.
Thurs 1pm Nativity Play Scoil Mháthair Dé
Thurs 7pm Cantata Scoil Mhathair Dé
Fri 10am Maurice Griffin Main St.

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7pm John Hayes, Fealebridge Anniv.
Peggy Woulfe, Ballaugh 1st Anniv.
Mary Enright, Caherlane Anniv.
Ricky Loughnane.
9.30am Quinn & Codyre Family members
John Shannon Main Street Anniv
John D & Mary Ita Collins, Bogmount Anniv.
Phil Kelly, Killarney Road
12noon James Power O'Connell, St Ita's Rd 4th
Geraldine Woulfe, Cratloe Anniv.

Advent Prayer

Hail and Blessed be the hour and moment in which the son of God was born of the pure Virgin Mary, at mid-night in a stable in Bethlehem in the piercing cold. At the same hour vouch safe O My God, hear my prayer and grant my petition. Amen.

Christmas Greeting and Plan giving

We ask our usual distributors to collect the envelopes at the church Thurs Dec.15th 7-9pm. We appreciate your help with this distribution. Tel sacristy 068/51915 during Mass times. Your help will be greatly appreciated



Baptismal Programme

The next meeting will take place in Abbeyfeale on the 13th Dec. in the Sacristy @8pm

Penitential Service on Monday 19th @ 7pm

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of Pat Moloney. St Ita's Terrace whose funeral took place during the week. May he rest in peace.

Christmas Ribbon Ceremony

Prayers and a remembrance service will be held at Reilig Ide Naofa graveyard @ 3pm on Sunday 18th Dec. Ribbons and Candles will be available.

The Advent Giving Tree:

Every leaf on the Giving Tree represents a gift from someone generous. The youth clubs have placed the leaves with the gifts written on it on the Giving tree. After Mass in you wish you may take a leaf. On next Sunday please bring back the gift which you have wrapped with the label on the outside to facilitate those sorting the gifts. The gifts are collected and distributed by the Youth Clubs to the elderly in the nursing homes on 17th Dec.



Beidh fáilte roimh chách

Canon Micheál de Liostún will launch *An Irish Christmas* by Stephen Newman, Wednesday, 14 December at 6.00 p.m. in Room G10, Foundation Building, MIC.



CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS
11th December 2016
at 7pm
In aid of Youth Ministry in the parish

Scoil Mháthair Dé
Mainistir na Féile
Christmas Nativity & Cantata
In The Church of the Assumption, Abbeyfeale
Thursday, 15th December, 2016
Nativity. 1.30p.m.
Cantata 7.00p.m.
All Are Welcome