

PARISH PASTORAL UNIT ABBEYFEALE, ATHEA, TEMPLEGLANTINE, TOURNAFULLA, MOUNTCOLLINS

The Season of Lent

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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Michael & Margaret Healy, Grogeen John Collins, Dromtrasna Harnett

10am John Harnett late of Killarney Road and Moyross Months Mind

Mary Feane Reens Ardagh and Kilmanihan Month Mind

12noon Mary Foley, St Itas Road Anniv Bob Browne, Church Street Anniv.

Intentions for the week.

Mon 7pm Thanksgiving Mass Special Intention

Tues 10am Pro Populo

Wed 10am Thurs 10am Fri 10am No Saturday morning Mass

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Pat & Catherine Lyons, Killarney Road Danny Harnett, The Hill Anniv. Padraigh O'Cléirigh, Killarney Road.

10am Tom & Mary Flynn

Mattie Dillane, Month Mind

12noon Denis Murphy, The Hill 3rd Anniv.

Lenten Talks - Seminars etc.

There are many talks, courses and conferences taking place during Lent. All are accessible through the internet. We list some below that parishioners may be interested in linking on to.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent online from the Church beginning at 9.30am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

During Lent there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday evening from 6.00pm to 7.00pm and on Thursday mornings after the 10.00am Mass until 12noon.

Trócaire Lenten Appeal 2021

Trócaire's Lenten campaign for 2021 tells the stories of two families in South Sudan whose lives have been impacted by conflict. Two mothers Awut and Ajak who feature on this year's Trócaire Box are shining examples of resilience, friendship and solidarity. This Lent we hear not only about the enormous challenges they have faced, but also about how they support each other through these challenges. We learn more about the suffering of people who have lost their homes and loved ones to war in South Sudan, and how they are rebuilding their lives through love, friendship and solidarity.

This past year has brought many challenges to families and communities around Ireland, and the impact of Covid-19 continues to be felt by many. We are continually humbled by and grateful for the generosity shown by so many parishioners. Now more than ever, families like Awut and Ajak's need our compassion and our support as they continue to carry their immense burdens with dignity.

We encourage each family to have a Trócaire Box in their home this Lent. **Trócaire Boxes** are now available at the entrance to the Blessed Sacrament Church. The Blessed Sacrament Church is open each weekday from 11.00am to 6.00pm and on Sunday from 1.00pm to 6.00pm.

We invite you and your family to join in this year's Trocaire Lenten Campaign.

Dr Mike Ryan World Health Organisation Awarded Trócaire's Romero Award Irishman Dr. Mike Ryan has led the global response to Covid-19 through his role as Executive Director of the WHO's Health Emergencies Programme. On Wednesday, he received Trócaire's Romero Award. In his acceptance speech Dr Ryan made significant comments that we all need to know. Dr Ryan said that, "The most vulnerable populations in the world have now become even more vulnerable. Those we left behind before are now even further behind. Covid has laid bare and exploited fundamental inequities in access to public healthcare and the reality that healthcare can be used to empower or curtail the human, civil and political rights.

Healthcare can be a force of good but it can also be a weapon of oppression if you don't have access to it or if access to that healthcare is dependent on the colour of your skin or your ethnicity or your political affiliations. Access to healthcare during Covid-19 has not been fair. It has been influenced by gender, by age, by social class, by legal status, by ethnicity and by so many other factors."

Dr Ryan said that "We need a world that is more sustainable, where profit is not put before communities. Where the slavery to economic growth is taken out of the equation. We need sustainable growth in our communities. We need sustainable livelihoods for our people. And we're taking huge risks – massive risks – with our future if we don't manage the planet in which we live. And we're being extremely irresponsible right now."

Thank You

Sincere thanks to all who gave in their weekly envelopes and other offerings to the parish last weekend. Your contributions are appreciated very much and will help us to meet ongoing expenses. We would also like to make parishioners aware that they can now contribute to the parish through the DONATE button on the parish website. www.abbeyfealeparish.ie Your generosity to the parish is important and we are grateful for your continued support.

Prepare a Lenten Garden

As you are deciding what to do and what to give up for Lent, here is a simple suggestion – and it's not just for the horticulturally minded!

First look at the weeds:

Weed out gossip Weed out laziness Weed out indifference Weed out pride.

Plant five rows of Peas:

Preparedness
Promptness
Perseverance
Politeness
Prayer.



Then plant five rows of Lettuce:

Let us be faithful Let us be loyal Let us be unselfish Let us be truthful Let us be grateful.



Then the reliable Turnips:

Turn up for Church??
Turn up with a smile
Turn up with a new idea.
Turn up with new determination

Glenstal Events

Lent at the Abbey 2021 - This year's series of Lenten talks follows the Gospel readings for each Sunday of Lent and draws insights from the Rule of Saint Benedict. These Gospel texts have been specially chosen to prepare Christians for Easter and especially candidates who are to receive baptism at Easter. Saint Benedict's rule includes much teaching material for those receiving baptism and so can helpfully complement every Christian's preparation for Easter. The speakers will draw treasures new and old from these readings and from the wisdom of Saint Benedict to help equip contemporary Christians in their journey towards Easter and the promise of new life that it brings. Talks will be streamed live from the Monastery Oratory on Saturdays at 2pm and be available as recordings for viewing later. Both the steaming and recordings will be posted on the abbey website at www.glenstal.org./abbey/webcam

Divine Mercy Conference

The annual Divine Mercy Conference concludes today. Its theme is "For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory" (Mt 6:13). You can link into the conference through the website: www.divinemercyconference.com and it is also available on www.RadioMaria.ie.

Dominican Sisters

Live by the Spirt - Join Sr Rose Miriam OP for a 6-week course exploring the fruits of the Holy Spirit in the saints and in us. Every Saturday from 13th Feb to March 27th at 7.30pm. To join contact the sisters at limerick@op-tn.org

Come and See Inspirations

Come & See Inspirations is a podcasting team based out of Ardagh in West Limerick, Ireland. Their podcasts are based around the weekly radio programme SacredSpace102fm, and includes their weekly radio programmes, as well as other recordings and inspirational talks.

Parish Clerks wishes to thank you for your support last weekend. Very much appreciated. Stay safe.