



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



21st Nov. 2021 www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@eircom.net Church Sacristy 068 - 51915 Parish Office 068 - 31133

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Mass intentions for this weekend

- 6.30pm** Connie Harnett, Collins Park Anniv.
 Mary Kelly, Knocknaboul & Co Down
 Nina Farrell nee Healy Anniv.
- 10am** Michael Scully, Mountmahon & London
 Michael O'Connell, Kilconlea Anniv.
 Dick Danaher, Church Street/ Shanbally
- 12noon** Michael Reidy, Meenkilly
 Eileen O'Connor, Dublin, late of Main street
 Fintan Hoare, Knockbrack Anniv.

Mass intentions for the week

- Mon 7pm** Mary Kelly (Brick) Coolewest Athea
 Madge Mullins
- Tues 10am** Pro Populo
- Wed 10am** Cornelius & Lucy O'Rourke and
 deceased family members
- Thurs 10am** Deceased members of the McCarthy
 and Lane family

**Fri 26th @ 7pm Memorial Mass for all who died
 in the Parish in 2021**

Intentions for next weekend.

- 6.30pm** Tom Doody and deceased members of
 the Doody Family Kilconlea Upper
 Joe Leahy, Cratloe 1st Anniv and deceased
 family members
 Nick Cotter and Eleanor Cotter Upper Purt/
 Cratloe
 Bridie & Sean Leahy, Bogmount and deceased
 family members
- 10am** Bridget Fitzgerald and son
 Gerard Fitzgerald Anniv.
- 12noon** Anne O'Connor Keating Dublin
 late of Main Street
 Dan Cronin, Kilmanihan West, Brosna
 and deceased family members

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

This Sunday, 21 November, is a time to remember those who have been killed or seriously injured on our roads. Equally, it is a time to honour the families and loved ones of the victims of road traffic crashes. It is also a time to thank our emergency services and healthcare workers who deal first-hand with the consequences of road traffic collisions. This weekend we all take a moment to remember everyone affected by road trauma."

A Time to give thanks and time for healing

On Friday night we celebrated the first of two Masses for all who have died since November 2019. We thank all the family members and relatives who attended the Mass. Next Friday 26th November we will offer our second Mass for all who died since this time last year. In remembering the dead, we give thanks to God for their lives. We acknowledge all the blessings that God has bestowed on us through the lives of our deceased loved ones. We ask those who have gone before us to pray for us, to intercede with God for the graces we need, as we continue the journey of life confident that one day we will be reunited with them when we, in our turn, pass on from this earthly life in death.

Supporting the bereaved

November is a time when we stand in solidarity with all who are bereaved and grieving the death of someone they loved. We pray for those who are broken hearted, those experiencing loneliness or emptiness, those for whom the joy has gone out of life. May the presence of Jesus, who wept with Martha and Mary on the death of their brother Lazarus, comfort those who most need it at this time. May Mary, the mother of Jesus, who stood at the foot of the cross as Jesus died for us all, give us strength in moments of sadness and grief whenever we mourn for those who have departed this earthly life and made their home with God.

Bereavement Support Services .

Milford Care Centre, Castletroy, Limerick. Tel: 061 485 800 Email: info@milfordcarecentre.ie

Children's Grief Centre, Limerick. Tel: 061 224 627 Email: info@childrensgriefcentre.ie

National bereavement support services: Freephone 1800 80 70 77 available from 10am to 1pm, **Anam Cara** Tel: (0)1 4045378. Mobile: +353 (0)85 2888 888

Prayer for the bereaved

Bless those who mourn, eternal God,
 with the comfort of your love
 that they may face each new day with hope
 and the certainty that nothing can destroy
 the good that has been given.
 May their memories become joyful,
 their days enriched with friendship,
 and their lives encircled by your love.



Christmas Preparations

Many parishioners and families are beginning to make preparations for the celebration of Christmas. This weekend we are highlighting the Christmas crib. In 1223, St Francis of Assisi wanted to tell the story of Christmas to the people in his local community.

On Christmas eve of that year St Francis staged the first nativity scene in the little Italian village of Greccio. Since 1223 the practice of having a crib in homes, schools, churches and other public places has spread all over the world. The crib brings the message of Christmas alive for all of us. It is very easy for the real meaning of Christmas to get lost in all of the preparations and celebrations that now make up our Christmas experience.

The crib helps children to experience the true wonder and joy of the Christmas story. Make sure your crib is dusted down and ready for the Feast of Christmas. Why not consider giving a gift of a crib to a young family.

The children will immediately connect with it and will appreciate it.

Weekly Collection: We are grateful to all who continue to contribute to the weekly offertory collection. Since March 2020 collection boxes are provided at the doors of the church. Most contributors use the weekly envelope to make their donation. Parishioners who do not use the weekly envelopes are encouraged to make a weekly donation and place their offering into the collection boxes provided. All weekly donations go towards the ongoing maintenance of the church.

Christmas Lights

Please support our church gate collection this weekend
 Friday 26th Nov. Christmas Market from 3-6pm in the square followed by
 Santa's visit at 6pm and the big switch on of new light
subject to Covid regulations
 "Buy a Bow" for our Christmas tree lines on sale at all business outlets in
 town with some interesting prizes for Christmas

Prayer for children

Lord God, we praise you that you are fully in control of all things. I pray you would protect our children.
 Keep them healthy and help them to thrive.
 I thank you that you know every hair on their head.
 You know exactly when they rise and when they fall.
 Watch over our children in every area of their life and keep them safe I pray, Amen.