



ABBHEYFEALE PARISH



21st Jan 2018

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Intentions for this weekend

Sat 6.30pm Brendan & Anne Riney UK/Kerry
 1st / Anniv.,
 Kathleen Harnett, Mountmahon Anniv.
 Michael Roche Church St. Anniv.
 Maurice O' Connor, Knocknasna Anniv.
9.15 Catherine Murphy Clash Rd. Anniv.
12 noon Requiem Mass
Betty Lane Kilconlea Upper

Intentions for the week

Mon 7pm Mame Harnett, Knockbrack
Wed. 10am John Moore, Shanbally Anniv.
Thurs. 10am Freda, Mary, Joe & Margaret
 Fitzsimons
Fri 10am John J. Dunne (Anniv)
Sat 11am Aoife Collins 1st Anniv.

Intentions for next weekend

Sat 6.30pm Betty McCarthy, Knockbrack 1st
 Anniv.
Sun. 9.15am Denis Mc Enery Dromtrasna
 Anniv.
12 Noon Patrick Broderick, Mountmahon
 Bea & Jim Gardiner, Upper Purt.

Social Service Collection

A special word of thanks for your generosity towards the collection last weekend. A total of €722 was raised.

Parent Support worker Tell 068/31019
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Baptismal Meeting

The next baptismal meeting is the
 13th February @ 8pm in
 Abbeyfeale Sacristy.

**The Kingdom of God is close at hand;
 believe in the Good News
 Alleluia!**

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of Betty Lane, Kilconlea Upper. Requiem Mass for Betty will take place at 12noon on Sunday. May she rest in peace.

READERS Missals and lists for 2018 are available in the Sacristy.

Ministers for 28th F D E

Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 23rd January @8pm in the sacristy.

Lourdes Fundraiser Coffee Morning will take place on the 10th Feb from 11am to 1pm in St Ita's Hall. Lovely tea/coffee homemade scones with Jam & Cream. Lots of Traditional music for your entertainment on that morning. All are welcome. Please support our youth ministry.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE - 0667134276
Desert Spirituality: "Taking Time Out - Slowing the Pace" by Anne Alcock, Saturday, 10th Feb. 10.00am-4.00pm.

The Jesus Prayer by Bishop Brendan Comiskey, Sat. 17th Feb. (Open to All) and Sun. 18th Feb. (*this is a Special Day for those in AA/Recovery*).

Ministry in the Church by Bishop (Emeritus) Bill Murphy, Gathering for All Parish Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Parish personnel in the Kerry Diocese, Thurs. 22nd Feb. 7.00pm-9.30pm.

Growing Old Gracefully: (open Day) Facilitated by Kathy Cunningham Sat. 24th Feb. 9.45am-4.00pm.

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, 'Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.' But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. Jonah 1:1-3

We all know something of the story of Jonah, how he got swallowed by a whale, then thrown up on the shore where he was supposed to go in the first place. Jonah heard the voice of God, thought about it, and then decided that since he did not care for those people he'd go in the opposite direction and leave them to their own devices.

I love Jonah. He is so human. He admits his failings and his knowledge that God is a Good and forgiving God. He also knows that he doesn't want to be the channel of peace and forgiveness of God to a people whom he considers to be in need of punishment.

Jonah is a symbol of so many of us. We know God loves everyone. We know God is merciful and Kind. We know we are called to be a channel of God's peace. And yet, despite our religious background, many of us have found ourselves balking at the idea of God being merciful to one or other group with whom we disagree or dislike.

It becomes easy to justify our behaviour, minimize it, so that we do not feel so guilty about not doing what we know in our heart we should do. We permit the secular values to overtake our spiritual core and this is how we "turn our back" on God.

In my formative years I knew God loved everyone but that knowledge did not prevent me from hating those whom I considered the oppressor, or minimizing contact with people of a different faith. In this I was just like Jonah.

Thank God for whales. When we sink so low we need someone who is willing to speak truth to us, who is willing to pick us up, shake us into submission and learn to really trust the God in whom we say we trust.

Creator God, Great Spirit, I give thanks for those who were willing to confront the shallowness of my trust in you. I give thanks for those who, when I had sunk so low in my faith cared enough to point, with love, to my error and direct me where you wished me to be. May the Holy Spirit continue to keep this fire for all alive and let this fire spread as I open my mind and heart to all of creation and be a channel of peace and love. Amen.

Fr. Seamus Doyle

Poor Clares Cloister Day

The Poor Clares in Galway are hosting a Cloister day on Saturday, January 27th from 10am to 5pm. The day is designed to help young women between the ages of 21 and 40 to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life with a view to vocation discernment. To book a place contact:

Sr. Faustina at: poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com

Come and See' weekend for men discerning a priestly vocation, and it is open to all dioceses in the Munster region. The weekend will take place in the Pallotine College, Thurles on Friday 23rd February at 6pm and concludes on Saturday (24th) at 3pm.

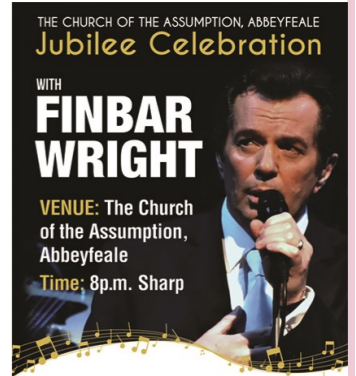
Have you got your tickets

Tickets for sale at the usual outlets in town
Contact 089/4356981

leave a message

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Friday 9th February, 2018
Tickets: 089 4356981

FINBAR WRIGHT CONCERT:

It's 50 years next year since the Church of the Assumption was opened and to celebrate the Jubilee Year we are having Finbar Wright in Concert on Friday, February 9, 2018.

Tickets available at the following outlets in Abbeyfeale, Moss Harnett's Spar shop, Twohig's Supervalve, O'Donoghue's Spar shop, Ann Lyon's, The Square and Sean Broderick's New Street. Kathleen Foodstore in Convent Street. Tickets are also on sale in Templeglantine at Pat Buckley's shop and at the Post Office in Templeglantine. Tickets are also on sale at Annette's Adare, All Seasons Ladies Fashions, Bridge Street, Newcastle west and the butcher shop in Ardagh.

Contact 089/4356981 and leave a message if you wish to order tickets.

DANCE CLASSES: Social dance classes with Josephine, Tuesdays, The Railway 8.30pm.
Variety Concert In Aid Of The Kerry Cork Limerick Cancer Link Bus

All Roads Lead to Abbeyfeale on Monday Night February the 5th To A Variety concert in Fr Casey's Club House in Aid of The Kerry Cork Limerick Cancer Link Bus

Date for the Diary

Abbeyfeale Drama Group are busy rehearsing for this year play "**Nobody's is talking to Me**" they will be on stage in Feb. Starting on Tuesday 13th, 15th, 17th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 24th, 25th Feb in the GAA Clubhouse. Mark these dates in your diary.

Abbeyfeale Christmas lights

Would like to thank all that supported the clothes collection and if you have more unwanted reusable items you can drop them off at Teach Na feile new street alongside Noreen Barry's play school collection finishing on the Sunday 21th January.