



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



21st April 2024

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Church Sacristy 068 - 51915

Parish Office 068/31133 11am to 1pm

Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Area

- Fr Denis Mullane 087/2621911**
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- Fr Willie Russell 087/2272825**
- Fr Dan Lane (Retired) 087/2533030**
- Fr James Ambrose (Retired) Tel 087/7740753**

Priest on Call: Fr David Casey, Dromcollogher parish is on call for the area this Sunday. He can be contacted on 087-2272791.

Intentions for this weekend

- 6.30pm** Mary O'Connor, Bridge Street Anniv.
Barbara McGill, The Hill Months mind
Sean & Diane O'Mahony, Caherhayes Anniv.
- 10am** Michael O'Hanlon, Collins Park Anniv.
Kathleen Gleeson, Kilconlea Lower Anniv.
Gerry O'Connor Anniv.
Kitty Cotter Main street Months Mind
Bill & Mary Quirke, St Ita's Road Aniv.
- 12noon** Will Joe & Mary Collins and their sons
Billy & Tom the Hill Anniv.
Padraig & Patsy Cleary, Killarney Road Anniv.

Mon 7pm Richard Tobin and deceased family members
Tues 10am Wed 10am Thurs 10am Fri 10am

Intentions for next weekend

- 6.30pm** Bessie Meehan, Kilmorna Anniv.
- 10am** Denis & Ellen Collins Purl their son Denis and
Deceased members of the Collins and Geary Families .
- 12noon** Pro Populo
- Monday 7pm** Denis & Kathleen Murphy their daughter
Elizabeth son Patrick and his wife Nora
Bridie O'Shea, Convent Street Anniv.

St Josepha Young Priest's Society: An hour of prayer in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will take place after evening Mass on Saturday 20th April, to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**The office will be closed next week contact the church during
 Mass times to book a anniversary Mass 068/51915**

The courage to commit - Message from Pope Francis for Vocation Sunday 2024

In his message for Vocation Sunday, Pope Francis recalled his words of encouragement to the thousands of young people who attended the World Youth Day in Lisbon: "Rise up!" Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace! Let us be passionate about life, and commit ourselves to caring lovingly for those around us, in every place where we live. Let me say it again: "Have the courage to commit!" Father Oreste Benzi, a tireless apostle of charity, ever on the side of the poor and the defenceless, used to say that no one is so poor as to have nothing to give, and no one is so rich as not to need something to receive. Let us rise up, then, and set out as pilgrims of hope, so that, as Mary was for Elizabeth, we too can be messengers of joy, sources of new life and promoters of fraternity and peace'.

Did you know that the average age of priests in the Diocese of Limerick is 72? There are 47 priests under the age of 75 in active ministry. There are 41 priests who are over 75 who are retired or retired earlier below that age on health grounds. There are 9 priests serving in the diocese from abroad. No ordination in the diocese in 10 years. There is 1 student for the priesthood in formation for the diocese. There are 60 parishes in the diocese. For information on becoming a priest in the Diocese of Limerick contact Sr. Mara Rose McDonnell, O.P. at vocations@limerickdiocese.org

Day of Prayer for Vocations 21st April 2024

Superhero movies are still popular, and probably always will be. Because our world needs heroes. Our world needs leaders. Our world needs good and faithful shepherds, to take care of us, and to lead us. We have all probably heard that sheep are not very smart animals, but that turns out not to be true. Sheep supporters claim that it is a rumour started by cattle ranchers, because sheep don't behave like cows. Cows are herded from the rear by cowboys. They yell and prod the cows to get them going in the right direction. But when you stand behind sheep and make noises, they just try to get behind you again. So some cattle ranchers assumed that they were stupid animals. When, in fact, sheep simply prefer to be led. Cows can be pushed. Sheep must be led. And, when you think about it, that's really not that stupid. Sheep trust their shepherd and go where the shepherd goes. And they let the shepherd go first, to make sure the way is safe, and then to invite them to follow him. And isn't that what Jesus is asking of us? To be his followers? He's not going to push us. He's not going to force us. Instead, Jesus just keeps calling us, in many and various ways, and inviting us over and over to follow him. He promises to lead us, to protect us, and even to lay down his life for us. And he invites us to trust him. Trust him and follow him. *James Laurence. mypastoralponderings.com*

Easter Dues: Sincere thanks to all who supported the Easter Dues Collection in support of the clergy of the parish and Pastoral Unit. They appreciate your generosity and support.

God calls us by name: 'God doesn't call the qualified, but He qualifies the called.' God knows us and He calls us by name. As we are looking at different saints or clergy to learn from them, others look at us and learn from us. And as our struggles become real even as others turn to us for guidance, we also have a shepherd to turn to for help. Most of us sometimes forget this, but we are leaders in our own way. The church of tomorrow depends on how we set the foundation for the church of today. There will be crisis and there will be need, but there will always be good people standing behind us. *Teresa Tu Tran thetorchproject.com*

Children's Choir: We are hoping to get a Children's Church Choir off the ground in the parish. We would like offer to all children in the parish the opportunity to sing and it will be open to páistí from 1st to 6th class. We are trying to keep it as simple as possible so as not to be adding pressure to children, parents or those involved in organising and have it as an enjoyable experience for all. The plan is to sing at a Saturday evening mass once a month. Fr. Tony will organise an information evening for interested parents later this month. We would envisage that the children will be dropped a little earlier than 6.30pm so that they have time to rehearse together. Interested parents and grandparents should contact Noreen Cotter, Riona Curtin, Fr Willie and Fr Tony.

All Ireland Rosary Rally: Knock - June 1st The All Ireland Rosary Rally is back this year on Saturday, June 1st in Knock. The day begins with a Marian Conference at 9.30 am in St John's Centre.

Fleadh by The Feale: This year marks the 30th anniversary of The Fleadh by the Feale. It promises to be a great weekend of music, song and dance. Some important dates for your diary. On Saturday 4th May Celtic Steps, the world celebrated dance show will be staged in Coláiste Íde agus Iosef. On Sunday 5th May the internationally renowned Mulcahy Family, will be playing in the Glórach Theatre. Tickets are available online at Eventbrite and at Siopa Milseáin.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, send workers into your harvest.
 May the Spirit we received in baptism
 Touch the hearts of many
 To offer themselves in priesthood, religious life
 And other forms of service.
 Give the parents and families of our diocese
 The wisdom and courage to support young people
 In searching for and following the call of God in their lives.

March for Life Ireland 2024: Shining a spotlight on Ireland's abortion law and calling for compassionate support systems for expectant mothers. The *March for Life* is more than just a demonstration; it's a collective voice demanding change, unity, and empowerment for women facing challenging choices. Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May, 2:00pm, 2024 Marching in Dublin from St. Stephen's Green to Leinster House. All support welcome.