



**PARISH PASTORAL UNIT**  
**ABBEEFEALE, ATHEA, TEMPLEGLANTINE, TOURNAFULLA, MOUNTCOLLINS**



**22nd Dec 2024**    [www.abbeyfealeparish.ie](http://www.abbeyfealeparish.ie)    email [fealechurch@eircom.net](mailto:fealechurch@eircom.net)    Church Sacristy 068 - 51915    Parish Office 11am to 1pm

**Intentions for this weekend**

**6.30pm** Edward & Kate Reilly and deceased family members

Mary Enright, Caherlane Anniv.  
 Pat Collins Clash 2nd Anniv.  
 Geraldine Woulfe, Cratloe Anniv.

**10am** Codyre & Quinn Families Anniv.  
 Pdraig O'Connor, Main Street Anniv.

**12noon** Elizabeth O'Flaherty, Mountmahon Months Mind  
 Eileen & Paddy Cahill and the son Pat and  
 Hannah & Dan O'Neill  
 Nora Morrisroe Killarney Road 3rd Anniv.  
 Mick Scanlon Athea Anniv.  
 Jim O'Connor Kilmorna Anniv.  
 Jim Lane New Street Anniv.

**Monday 23rd 7pm** Ellen & Myles Kehoe Anniv.

**Tuesday** Confessions 10.30pm to 12noon

**Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 8pm**

**Carols Service at 7.30pm with the Adult Choir**

**Christmas Day Mass at 10am & 12noon**

**St Stephen's Day 11am**

Joan Aherne and her parents Nora & Denis Keane  
 Agata Bajek

**Fri 10am** Mary O'Connor Caherhayes 3rd Anniv.  
 Noreen O'Rourke, Clash Road 5th Anniv.

**Mass Intentions for next weekend 28th & 29th December**

**6.30pm** John & Hannah Mai Lane and their  
 daughter Catherine Anniv.

Mary Roche Anniv.  
 John Collins Ballaugh and deceased family members.

**10am**

**12noon** Noreen & Jeremiah Healy Upper Knocknasna  
 John Broderick and his daughter Kathleen Knocknasna

**The Christmas Calendar** is available at the doors of the church with details of all Mass times.

**Wishing you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.**

**Dear Parishioners and friends**

As we approach the Feast of Christmas, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for your very warm welcome to me recently in moving to Abbeyfeale and Athea, change is comparable with a lot of our lives, and it does take a bit of time to settle into new surroundings again. We also wish Canon Tony our best wishes in his move to Cratloe in Co. Clare.

On behalf of Fr. Willie and Fr. Dan, I wish each of you every good wish again this Christmas time. We hope you have a very nice time with your families as you get together with each other and find a little rest amidst all the busyness of life. Christmas does amplify lots of feelings for us and we all react to it in different ways. Every possible lyric and song have been written and sung about this season from Bing Crosby 'White Christmas' to the Pogues' fairy tale of New York'. The Beautiful carol, 'Silent Night, Holy Night heralds a joy to the world that God came from heaven and made his home with us and so we ought to value this message always. Christmas has been celebrated throughout history in good times and bad, in peacetime and war, in times of abundance and in time of shortage, yet in all those situations people have a way to celebrate Christmas. It is a message of light, hope and of genuine love. We appreciate the great work done to make our churches special this Christmas again with the cribs, trees and decorations.

Thanks to the many people who are so generous with their time in all our parish activities bringing a great sense of life and welcome to our places. In the true spirit of Christmas, we reach out to help where we can. To the various charities that support individuals and families at Christmas.

I am particularly conscious of families who lost loved ones during the past year in our parishes, this brings its own particular loneliness, all your intentions will be remembered in our Christmas masses.

We wish our schools, teachers, staff, Board of Management, and children a well-deserved break and a very Happy Christmas. Finally, for all the little Ones and not so little who are counting down the day to Santa's arrival, how many sleeps left !!, he will be on the way. From mulled wine, mince pies, to fruit cake and something for Rudolf he won't be short of energy but, with plenty of driving involved, let's hope he goes easy on the wine.

I wish family members who can't be home this Christmas a peaceful and safe Christmas wherever you are in the world. Be careful on the roads, please slow down.

Happy Christmas everyone. Thank you for your kindness to us.

Beannachtai Na Nollag oraibh go leir. Fr. Tom, Fr. Willie and Fr. Dan

**Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Area**

**Fr Tom Mangan 087/2348226**  
**Fr Denis Mullane 087/2621911**  
**Fr Willie Russell 087/2272825**  
**Fr Dan Lane (Retired) 087/2533030**  
**Fr James Ambrose (Retired) Tel 087/7740753**

To book a Mass intention contact the sacristy during mass times. 068/51915

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***Prayer for Blessing a Christmas Tree***

Lord God, amidst signs and wonders  
 Christ Jesus  
 was born in Bethlehem of Judea:  
 his birth brings joy to our hearts and  
 enlightenment to our minds.

Let your blessing come upon us as we  
 illumine this tree.

May the light and cheer it gives  
 be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.

With this tree, decorated and adorned,  
 may we welcome Christ among us;  
 may its lights guide us to the perfect light.

May all who delight in this tree  
 come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.