



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



22nd Nov. 2020 Feast of Christ the King www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@eircom.net Fr Tony Mullins PP 087/2600414 mstrev@gmail.com

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 Priest on duty this Sunday Rev Tony Mullins

Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Mary Kelly late of Athea & Co Down
 Tom Doody and deceased family
 Members
 Connie Harnett, Collins Park Anniv.
 Finton Hoare, Knockbrack Anniv.
 Sr Ann O'Sullivan Month Mind

10am Cornelius O'Rourke, The Hill Anniv.

12noon Madge & Paddy Woulfe,
 Kilconlea Lower
 Michael Reidy, Bog Road Anniv.

Intentions for the week

Mon 7pm Michael Scully, Mountmahon &
 London

Tues 10am Lucy O'Rourke, The Hill

Wed 10am Pro Populo

Thurs 10am Con O'Sullivan, St Ita's
 Housing who died during the week

Fri 7pm Bereavement Mass

No Saturday morning Mass

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Sonny McCarthy, Caherlane Anniv.

10am Pro Populo

12noon Dick Danaher, Church St. and
 Shanbally Anniv.

Mon 30th Deceased members of the ARA
 Active Retirement

Parish Finance: Thanks to all our parishioners who have responded to our appeal to sign the CHY3 Enduring Certificate. This scheme is of great assistance in helping the parish gain additional income for the parish, at no extra cost to those who donate to the parish. If you have yet to sign the CHY3 Cert, we ask you to do this week and return it to Fr Mullins in the stamped envelope that you received from him.
 Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Annual Mass for Bereaved Families

Mass for parishioners who were bereaved in the past twelve months will be celebrated next Friday evening **27th of November at 7.00p.m.** Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions on attendance at church, it is not possible to have family members attend in Church. However, the Mass will be livestreamed on our Church Services TV webcam at www.abbeyfealeparish.ie During the Mass the names of all who have died since the 1st of November last year will be read out and a candle will be lit for each one of them. Please pass this information to relatives who live outside of the parish.

Recent Deaths: we offer our sympathy to the family of Con O'Sullivan. St Itas Housing whose funeral took place during the week. May he rest in peace

Red Wednesday 2020

Red Wednesday is an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), a Catholic charity dedicated to the support of suffering and persecuted Christians. In Ireland, Red Wednesday will take place on the 25 November. Red Wednesday is a day to draw attention to the plight of those who are persecuted and oppressed for their religious beliefs. Cathedrals, churches and public buildings around the world will light up in red to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. The Parish Church in Abbeyfeale will be lit up in red from Tuesday 24th of November, until Tuesday 1st of December. It is clear that the persecution of Christians is worse today than at any time in history. In terms of the number of people involved, the gravity of the acts committed, and their impact, not only are Christians more persecuted than any other faith group, but ever-increasing numbers are experiencing the worst forms of persecution.

Red Wednesday provides us with an opportunity to pray for all who suffer because of their Christian faith. Along with lighting up our church in red, parishioners will have an opportunity to pray for suffering Christians during two hours of Adoration. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Wednesday 25th from 11.00a.m. to 1.00p.m. Entrance to the Church will be through the Blessed Sacrament Chapel door. Why not call into the church and spend a few minutes in prayer.

On the evening of Wednesday 25th, you may like to link into a Liturgy of Witness with Archbishop Eamon Martin from St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh at 7:30pm. This is a beautiful opportunity for the faithful to gather as a community of witnesses and pray not only for persecuted Christians – but also for the persecutors of Christians.

'Living our faith in a time of Covid-19' 10 Tips from Bishop Leahy

TIP 3. Love by Serving. Be the first to love not waiting for others to love us. Pope Francis reminds us that service, in great part, means "caring for vulnerability, for the vulnerable members of our families, our society, our people". The full text of Bishop Leahy's Pastoral letter is available on the diocesan website www.limerickdiocese.org

Exploring Eucharist. We continue to reflect on phrases from the Mass.
This week we reflect on A reading from...

'A reading from ...' sounds unremarkable. But this is not any word, like a railway station announcement or newspaper headline. It is God's word, the word of the One who said:

' For as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth... so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.' (Isaiah 55:10-11)

The Word is an event, no less than consecration - an encounter with God speaking to me with a word for me. It has the power to connect with me - to light up my life, to transform my view, to give me a handle on things - if I can but connect with it, by opening my heart, by awaiting its grace and placing myself in the shadow of its power.

May our hearts be rich soil, ready and receptive, where the gospel grows strong roots and bears rich fruit
 (From Exploring Eucharist by Donal Harrington)

Shop Local: We are grateful to all the local shops and businesses who help distribute the Parish Newsletter each weekend. It helps parishioners keep in touch with the parish. At this challenging time of restrictions for all shops and businesses we encourage parishioners to support where possible local shops and businesses, especially in the lead up to Christmas.

Visit to Parish Church: The Blessed Sacrament chapel is open each weekday from 11.00am to 6.00pm and on Sunday's from 1.00pm to 6.00pm.

A Prayer for Peace on the 100th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday

A Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
 Where there is hatred, let me sow charity;
 Where there is injury, pardon;
 Where there is error, the truth;
 Where there is doubt, the faith;
 Where there is despair, hope;
 Where there is darkness, light; and
 Where there is sadness, joy.
 O, Divine Master,
 Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
 To be understood as to understand;
 To be loved as to love;
 For it is in giving that we receive;
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 And it is in dying to ourselves that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the main church on Wednesday 25th November from 11.00am to 1.00pm.

Entrance through the Blessed Sacrament Chapel door.

We ask those attending to sanitise their hands when entering the church and when they leave.

Visitors to the church should wear masks at all times and maintain social distancing.

We strongly suggest that parishioners should wrap up well before coming into the church, as some windows will be open to ventilate the building in compliance with public health advice.

Parishioners should not feel obliged to stay an hour in adoration.

We recommend 15 to 20 minutes.