



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



**23rd April 2023**    [www.abbeyfealeparish.ie](http://www.abbeyfealeparish.ie)    email [fealechurch@eircom.net](mailto:fealechurch@eircom.net)    Church Sacristy 068 - 51915    Parish Office 068 - 31133

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**Priest on Duty this Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of April**  
 Rev D Mullane is on call this Sunday. For emergency calls he can be contacted on 087/2621911

**Mass intentions Easter Weekend**

**6.30pm** Joe & Bridie Fitzgerald and deceased family members, Clash  
 Jim & Nora Harnett Anniv.  
 Kathleen Kelly Letterkenny Anniv.  
 Bessie Meehan, Kilmorna Anniv.  
 Paddy & Molly White, Ballybehy and deceased family members Noreen, Jim and Paddy

**10am** Michael O'Hanlon Anniv.  
 Kathleen Gleeson, Kilconlea Lower Anniv.  
 Michael Ahern Knocknagoshel Anniv.  
 John (Jackie) and Breda Daly, Church Street  
 Bill & Mary Quirke The Hill Road Anniv.

**12noon** Will Joe & Mary Collins and their sons Billy & Tom  
 Ned & Peggy Fitzgerald Ballycommane Anniv.  
 Josephine Lyons, Cedarville Anniv.

**Intentions for the week**

**Mon 7pm** Ita Corbett, 4 The Belfry Anniv.

**Tues 10am Pro-Populo**  
 Patrick Reidy, Meenkilly Anniv.

**Wed 10am Exams**

**Thurs 10am**

**Fri 10am Purgatorial**

**Intentions for next weekend**

**6.30pm** Martin Ward Birthday remembrance  
 Suzanne Hayes, Western Inn Months Mind

**10am** Denis & Ellen Collins Purl and Son Denis and deceased members of the Geary Family  
 Bridie Quirke, Convent Street Months Mind.  
 Hannah O'Donoghue, Collins Park Anniv.

**12noon** Anne O hógáin nee Walsh Meenkilly  
 Kevin Thomas O hógáin, Meenkilly

**Mon 1st May 7pm** Ann Romain Anniv.

**A Reflection on the Road to Emmaus**

Jesus meets us on our Emmaus Road. The risen Lord meets us on the road to our Emmaus, both in the ordinary experiences of our lives, and in the places to which we retreat when life is too much for us. We, too, have hopes and dreams about better health, healing, financial security and family relationships. These hopes and dreams often shatter. The Emmaus story promises us, however, that Jesus will come to us in unfamiliar guises to support and strengthen us when we least expect our risen Lord. Emmaus moments come to us when we meet the risen Christ on our life's journey through rough times.

**"Challenge is to see change as an opportunity for vibrant future for the faith communities"**

Speaking at the Mass of Chrism in Dublin, Archbishops Dermot Farrell said that "Our first duty is not to be a Church that is perfectly organised, any company can do this, but a Church that, in the name of Christ, stands in the midst of people's troubled lives ... walking in the midst of and alongside our people, learning to listen and to dialogue, cooperating as ministers with one another and with the laity". Archbishop Farrell concluded that "Rather than viewing change as a negative, the real challenge is to see change as an opportunity for creative ways to sustain a viable and vibrant future for the faith communities of our Diocese".

**The Paschal Candle**

The Paschal candle which is located near the baptismal font, was blessed and lit during the Easter Vigil, on Holy Saturday night, symbolizing the light of Christ's resurrection overcoming the darkness of the tomb. This tall white candle represents Christ's steadfast presence in our midst, and its flickering flame dances with light and warmth, illuminating our shadowed world. We continue lighting the paschal candle at Mass throughout the Easter season, until Pentecost Sunday. The candle is decorated with symbols of Christ's resurrection, such as a cross or an image of the resurrected Christ. The Paschal candle is a symbol of hope and new life.

We also light this special candle for baptisms, signifying the Holy Spirit and fire that John the Baptist promised to those baptized in Christ. A baptismal candle for the newly baptised infant is lit from the Paschal Candle and handed to one of the parents of the child with these words "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Just as we light the paschal candle at the beginning of life, so, too we light it at the end of life. It is lit for every funeral Mass and reminds us again that Christ triumphed over darkness and death and that even in death, there is the promise of eternal life.

**March for Life Love -Both**

The annual March for Life will take place in Dublin on May 1st 2023 at 2.00pm, where pro-life advocates from around the country will gather in huge numbers to stand up for life. Marching from St Stephen's Green to Leinster House.

**First Holy Communion Gifts**

Looking for a gift to give to a First Communion child. Why not log on to [www.veritas.ie](http://www.veritas.ie) for a wide range of religious gifts for children. Veritas have recently opened a shop at 122 O'Connell Street in Limerick. Tel 061-5110705.

**Weddings Bells**

Congratulations to John Mulcahy and Monique Oosterveen who were married here in Abbeyfeale on Saturday 15th April. We wish them every happiness in their married life together.



**Fleadh By the Feale Thursday 27th April to Monday May 1st .**

Busking and sessions and the ceili and storytelling and the classes and the gig rig and the World championship junior and senior bone playing and the celebrity concert to mention just some of the events taking place here in Abbeyfeale all over the May Bank Holiday weekend. Miss it and regret it all year.

**Abbeyfeale on Film.**

The Glorach screened Abbeyfeale on Film on 5 nights during November & December last year . We wish to acknowledge receipt of €300 received from the Glorach committee 10% of the proceeds of the film.

**Dog Show**

Abbeyfeale town park will be holding its annual dog show on [Sunday 14th May](#) at 2pm. As usual, there will be a fantastic raffle with great prizes on the day. Put this event in your diary as it's always a great day out.



**Trocaire:** Boxes can be handed any morning during 10am Mass or at the weekend from now on. Hand them into the Sacristy.

**Adoration** takes place each Friday after 10am Mass until 7pm.

**Death**

We offer our sympathy to the family of Jeffery Fitzgerald whose funeral took place on Friday. May he rest in peace

**Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023.**

Led by Bishop Brendan Leahy. 22<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June. Direct return flights from Shannon to Lourdes. For booking contact Joe Walsh Tours, Telephone 01-2410800 or email [lourdesdirector@limerickdiocese.org](mailto:lourdesdirector@limerickdiocese.org) €879 per person, full board, all taxes included. Full religious programme.

**Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2023** 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June. For booking details contact Karen at 061-350000 or email at [lourdesyouthpilgrimage@limerickdiocese.org](mailto:lourdesyouthpilgrimage@limerickdiocese.org)

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