



# ABBEYFEALE PARISH NEWS



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Mercy Sunday 2017

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### Divine Mercy Novena

There will be special ceremonies here in Abbeyfeale on next Sunday  
**Mercy Sunday 23rd April @ 3pm.**

Devotions to the Divine Mercy including Mass, Blessing of the sick, confession and Veneration of the Divine Mercy Picture.

Confessions @ 2.30pm.

Jesus told St Faustina "The soul that will go to confession receive Holy Communion on that day shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment".



Candles will be on sale at the doors. All are welcome.

*Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*

### For Pope Francis, the Catholic laity can transform the world

Addressing the Pontifical Council for the laity in June of last year, Pope Francis said that the Church should always value the transformative power of faith-filled lay men and women who are willing to serve the Gospel.

"We need well-formed lay people, animated by a sincere and clear faith, whose life has been touched by the personal and merciful love of Christ Jesus," the Pope told a plenary assembly of the Pontifical Council for the Laity in June 2016.

"We need lay people who take risks, who get their hands dirty, who are not afraid of making mistakes, who go forward. We need lay people with a vision of the future, not confined to the little things of life." He added that the Church needs lay people who "dare to dream."

Pope Francis said many lay people would willingly and generously serve the Gospel if they were involved and valued by pastors and church institutions. This is part of all Christians' baptismal vocation, he said.

"Baptism makes each one of the lay faithful a missionary disciple of the Lord, salt of the earth, light of the world, and leaven that transforms reality from within," remarked the Pope.

The Second Vatican Council's mandate aimed to encourage the laity to be increasingly involved in the evangelizing mission of the Church, Pope Francis said, adding that this is not a "delegation" from the Church's hierarchy. Rather, the lay apostolate is "participation in the salvific mission of the Church" destined by God himself by virtue of Christians' baptism and confirmation. He said the Church must be aware of being "the house of the Father where the doors are always wide open to each person, with his or her weary life."

Pope Francis concluded "Much remains to be done, broadening horizons and accepting the new challenges that reality presents to us,"

**Adoration** will resume on Tuesday April 25th after the 10 o'clock Lay Led liturgy and continue until 10p.m.

### Lay led Public Prayer

Limerick parishes are developing a 'Ministry of Public Prayer' - but what does that mean?

In every parish in this diocese lay people already lead prayers – for instance family prayer (Grace before meals), personal or group prayer (pilgrimage, prayer group or devotional prayers) and public prayer (the Rosary before Mass, Adoration, Funeral Home prayers, or a Graveyard Service in November).

At the Diocesan Synod the people of the diocese asked that every parish would support and develop local leadership, to lead public prayers and liturgies, so that every parish can say with confidence, 'When we needed to gather together and pray, we were able to'.

Every parish is now developing a Ministry of Public Prayer team - which includes celebrating liturgy when a priest cannot celebrate weekday Mass in the parish – but each parish group will be different, according to the resources and needs of the parish itself. On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of April (next Tuesday), a day when priests will be away from their parishes on important in-service formation, Bishop Leahy has asked that every parish in the diocese have a Lay-led liturgy of the Word. This celebration of the Word of God will be celebrated here in Abbeyfeale on Tuesday morning at 10.00a.m. It is hoped that all who normally attend the morning Mass in the parish will gather in the parish church and join in this community Prayer Service. Of course all parishioners are welcome.

In a way this is preparation for a time when several parishes will share just one priest and when it will not be possible to have a Mass in every church each weekday. Then it will fall to church communities to hold Lay-led Services on weekdays when Mass is not scheduled for their particular church.

**Easter Dues** Fr. Tony Mullins and Fr. Joe wish to thank you for the support of them through the Easter Dues.

Envelopes may still be handed in at any Mass.

### Intentions for this weekend

**7pm** Julia Chris Fealy Anniv.

Bessie Meehan, Kilmorna Anniv.

Michael O'Hanlon, Collins Park

Johnny Nash, Upper Knocknasna Anniv.

**9.30am** Willjoe, Mary Collins and their son

Billy the Hill Anniv.

Denis & Ellen Collins and deceased members of the Geary family.

Adrian Doyle Anniv

**12noon** Richard Tobin, Convent Street Anniv.

Andrea Costelloe, Mountmahon Anniv.

Tom Collins (vet) Convent Street Anniv.

### Intentions for the week.

**Mon 7pm** Nelly O'Donovan,

Dungarvan Month Mind Bernadette Hyland sister

**Tues 10am** Lay Led Liturgy

**Wed 10am** Tom O'Connell, Killarney Road Month mind.

**Sat 11am** John O'Connell, Kilconlea Upper Month Mind

### Mass intentions for next weekend

**7pm** Sean O'Mahony, Caherhayes

Joan O'Keefe, Graigue Anniv.

**9.30am** Pro Populo

**12noon** Paddy O'Loughlin, Dromtrasna Collins

**Minister for April 30th Team B,C,D**

**Readers for April 30th Team 5**

**Pastoral Council meeting** on 2nd May @ 8pm in the sacristy.

*We pray for college students who are doing their exams at this time.*

**Trocaire Boxes** Can be handed in at all Masses this weekend.

### Baptismal Meeting

The next baptismal meeting will take place in Athea on Tuesday the 9th May. At 8pm in the Sacristy



### Lourdes donation

We wish to thank the Abbeyfeale Drama group for a presentation of €1700 to the Lourdes Invalid fund the proceeds from the first night of their performance Wake in the West. We also thank all of you who supported them and gave spot prizes and bought tickets. On Friday evening the Drama group donated over €6000 to difference voluntary organisation in the parish. The community of Abbeyfeale sincerely thank you for your generosity to each group and look forward to next years performance on stage.

Go raibh mile maith agaibh.

### ALZHEIMER'S TEA DAY.

A tea day on behalf of the above will be held at adult education center (old tech) on Wed April 26th. Open from 11am to 2pm. Raffle prizes. Please support.

**Reilig Ide Naofa AGM** will take place in the GAA Clubhouse on Thursday 27th @ 8pm. Please come. New members and new ideas very welcome. The graveyard is looking very well and in order to keep it so we need more people to help on clean up evening. Just 1 hour a week during the growing season to keep it maintained.

**DARKNESS INTO LIGHT:** This year's walk/run takes place in Newcastle West on Saturday, May 6 at 4 am, starting at The Desmond Complex For further information contact Breda [087 7715734](tel:0877715734)

### Parish newsletter notice:

Faithcast is the new weekly podcast from [catholicnews.ie](http://catholicnews.ie), the news source for the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. Presented by Brenda Drumm, Faithcast is a mixture of interviews and news snippets from the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is published every Monday and is available on [catholicnews.ie](http://catholicnews.ie).

### FR.CASEYS LADIES GAA FEILE 2017

Please donate your unwanted clothes & textiles to raise funds for Fr. Casey's Girls U14 team who have qualified for the Feile finals in Cavan in June.

Any REWEARABLE clothes, paired shoes, belts, handbags, curtains, towels, bed linen, soft toys are accepted.

**Please drop off bags at the GAA complex on Sunday mornings, 10.30-11.30 between now and the end of May. Contact Mike 0872279922, Ha 0861071620, Laura 0871651529 of Pat 0879030745 if you need any assistance.**

### FLEADH BY THE FEALE

The Fleadh by the Feale will take place on the 27th April-1st May. Special guests Frankie Favin & De Dannin will be performing on Sunday 30th April at Colaiste Ide agus Iosef at 8pm.

This will be a weekend of great music not to be missed.

**SVP** We are recruiting volunteers for our new St. Vincent De Paul shop in the town. The shop will be open from Monday to Saturday 10.00am to 5.00pm. The Shop will have two shifts – 10.00am to 1.30pm and 1.30pm to 5.00pm. If you have some time to give and would like to be part of our team or need more information please contact us on 087 1213560. We would love to have you work in our shop. The work and time you will give to the Vincent de Paul as a volunteer in our shop will be invaluable. By this work you will be making a huge difference in the lives of so many people. Volunteering is a gift to the community.

