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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Lily O’Keeffe, St Ita’s Road
 Anne Lyons, The Square
 Month Mind
 Mame Harnett, Knockbrack Anniv.
 Rose O’Brien, Hillview Drive
 Nora McCarthy who died in England recently

10am Denis McEnery Anniv.
 Sean Dillane, late of Kilconlea Lower 1st

12noon Patrick & Hannah Marie Broderick,
 Dromtrasna Collins
 Anna Mai Lane, Killarney Road Anniv.
 Michael O’Connell, Dromtrasna Anniv.

Intentions for the week.

Mon 7pm Joan Anne (Cotter– Hughes) Pax
 Buffalo NY & Church Street

Tues 10am Pro Populo

Wed 10am Eileen Broderick, Upper Purt
 died recently

Thurs 10am Deceased members of the
 Barrett and O’Connor Family

Fri 10am Eileen & Billy O’Brien

No Saturday morning Mass

Intentions for next weekend

6.30 Aoife Collins, Banard 1st Anniv.

10am David Ward, Ballaugh Anniv.

12noon Nicholas (Nicky) Bowden 1st Anniv.
 Paddy & Nancy Fitzgerald, Meenahela

**DEAR HEALTH CARE WORKERS–
 ‘YOU CAN’T FILL FROM AN EMPTY
 CUP’**

Breathe, Reflect, Refresh

All Health care workers are invited to join Fr Chris O'Donnell and the Pastoral Team online on January 28th at either 3pm or 8pm for a short time of quiet reflection, nourishment, and peace. Those of all faiths and none are welcome to attend. Please register using this link https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/healthcare_breather

Catholic Schools Week 24th – 31st January

Sunday, 24 January, marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2021. During this week we aim to celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic schools, both primary and post-primary, make to supporting each other and living out Jesus’ message of the gospel. This year’s theme is *‘Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience’*. No one could have foreseen during Catholic Schools Week 2020 how different life would be just twelve months later. Life for all of us has changed so much that it is not recognisable, comfortable or easy. Our focus on faith and resilience is to remind us of the powerful role our Catholic schools have in the lives of so many young people. It is a source of comfort, care, belonging and strength.

It was so important for our students to return to school, not simply to get back into the academic life, but, more importantly, to reconnect with their friends and teachers – to experience community. We have focused the week around the three theological virtues – *faith, hope and love* – while acknowledging the challenges that we are all facing at this present time and the need to feel a sense of belonging in our community again. Our prayer for each and every person in our school communities is:

When evil darkens our world, give us light. When despair numbs our souls, give us hope. When we stumble and fall, lift us up. When doubts assail us, give us faith. When nothing seems sure, give us trust. When ideals fade, give us vision. When we lose our way, be our guide! That we may find serenity in your presence, and purpose in doing your will. *Prayer by John D. Rayner*

Death We offer our sympathy to the family of JJ Ford, Knocknacro hy, Duagh whose funeral took place on Friday. May he rest in peace.

Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day has become an important part of Catholic Schools Week. This year we will celebrate Grandparents Day with a special Mass at 10.00am on Wednesday 27th of January at 10.00am. This Mass will be streamed live through the Church Services TV network. You can link in by clicking on www.abbeyfealeparish.ie or www.churchserviciestv.ie We will conclude Catholic Schools Week with a special Mass at 10.00am on Sunday 31st January.

Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of gospel faith, guardian of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience. Amen.
Pope Benedict XVI

Level 5 Restrictions in Church

Due to current restrictions around Covid-19 parishioners are not allowed to attend Mass inside the Church Building but you are welcome to attend Mass in the Church Car Park, remaining in the comfort of your own car and listening to Mass on the Car Park Radio on 107fm.

A Call for Unity and Reconciliation

On Wednesday 20th January, Joe Biden was inaugurated as the 46th President of the United States. In his inaugural address he urged the American People to come together and to unite in working for their country. His words while addressed to the American people are words and sentiments that are relevant to all of us especially when relationships have broken down between us. Here are 10 quotes from President Biden’s speech for us to reflect on.

I ask every American to join me in uniting to fight the common foes we face: Anger, resentment, hatred. Extremism, lawlessness, violence. Disease, joblessness, hopelessness.

Through the Civil War, the Great Depression, World War, 9/11, through struggle, sacrifice, and setbacks, our "better angels" have always prevailed. In each of these moments, enough of us came together to carry all of us forward.

History, faith, and reason show the way, the way of unity. We can see each other not as adversaries but as neighbors. We can treat each other with dignity and respect. We can join forces, stop the shouting, and lower the temperature.

For without unity, there is no peace, only bitterness and fury. No progress, only exhausting outrage. No nation, only a state of chaos. This is our historic moment of crisis and challenge, and unity is the path forward.

Let us listen to one another. Hear one another. See one another. Show respect to one another. Politics need not be a raging fire destroying everything in its path. Every disagreement doesn’t have to be a cause for total war.

We must reject a culture in which facts themselves are manipulated and even manufactured.

Many centuries ago, Saint Augustine, a saint of my church, wrote that a people was a multitude defined by the common objects of their love. What are the common objects we love that define us? I think I know. Opportunity. Security. Liberty. Dignity. Respect. Honor. And, yes, the truth.

In my first act as president, I would like to ask you to join me in a moment of silent prayer to remember all those we lost this past year to the pandemic. To those 400,000 fellow Americans – mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, sons and daughters, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Let us say a silent prayer for those who lost their lives, for those they left behind, and for our country. Amen.

I will give my all in your service thinking not of power, but of possibilities. Not of personal interest, but of the public good. And together, we shall write an American story of hope, not fear. Of unity, not division. Of light, not darkness. An American story of decency and dignity. Of love and of healing.

Here is the thing about life: There is no accounting for what fate will deal you. There are some days when we need a hand. There are other days when we’re called on to lend one. That is how we must be with one another. And, if we are this way, our country will be stronger, more prosperous, more ready for the future.

Laudato Si

Laudato Si is the title of a letter from Pope Francis to the people of the world on the care of the earth. It was released five years ago. The Diocese of Limerick is organising a Laudato Si Book Club workshop on Zoom every Tues from the 26th of January to the 16th of February. The workshops will begin at 7pm and conclude at 8:15pm. Guest speakers: Jane Mellett; ecological crisis, Betty Baker; future generations, Niamh Brennan; our cosmic story and Donal Dorr; ecological conversion. If you wish to participate you need to register in advance at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LaudatoSiCall> *Places are limited, early booking advised