



ABBAYFEALE PARISH



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Mass Times in the Pastoral Area over the summer
Abbeyfeale Saturday evening @ 7pm
 Sunday at 9.30am & 12noon
Athea Saturday evening @ 7.30pm Sunday @ 11am
Templeglantine Saturday evening @ 6pm
 Sunday Morning @ 10.30am
Tournafulla Sunday morning 11am
Mountcollins Saturday evening @ 7.30pm

Sun Oct 8: WMoF2018 Family Fun day!

Limerick Diocese launches its preparations for World Meeting of Families 2018 with a 'Free Family Fun Afternoon' in the grounds of Mary Immaculate College, Limerick on Sunday October 8th, 2017. There will be marching bands and a mobile farm, youth activities and child-friendly events, water zorbs and climbing walls, musical acts every hour and quiet prayer spaces, all brought together in a family Mass at 4pm on the steps of the Tara building in Mary I. This is a free event for all families and all are welcome.

A bus is being organised to travel to this event names of Family members interested in travelling, tel. the sacristy on (068)51915 during Mass times or contact Fr. Tony Mullins.

Pastoral Council Meeting

A meeting of the Pastoral council team will take place on Tues. 3rd Oct.

Jubilee year in our Parish. 2018

Next June 2018 the parish will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of our parish church. A Golden Jubilee is a significant event in the life of any parish. The Pastoral Council are beginning to plan for the 50th celebrations. At this stage we are seeking any photographs of the construction phase of the building and any articles or publications covering the opening Mass and consecration ceremony. Or photos of interest from that era. You may bring them to the parish office where it can be scanned and given back to you immediately therefore it will not be mislaid or damaged. Thanks you help with this is much appreciated.

COMMUNITY ADDICTION STUDIES COURSE: A course will run in NCW from Wednesday, October 11 for 13 weeks, it costs €50 and is free to those on a social welfare benefit. The course aims to give families, individuals, community workers the tools to deal with and the understanding of drugs and alcohol in their community. An open evening will be held at the offices of West Limerick Resources on Wednesday, October 4 at 7pm. For further information contact Dearbhla 069 66293.

Senior Choir

The adult church choir will resume rehearsal on Wednesday night next September 27th at 8pm in the Church., in preparation for the Christmas season. All members are requested to attend.

PRO-LIFE Protect the 8th workshop

Limerick Protect the 8th talk and training with Sarah Ekada, Paddy Manning and Michael Dwyer of Family & Life on Thursday September 28th in The Southcourt Hotel at 8pm. All welcome!"

Yes to Life

Abortion campaigners are calling for the 8th Amendment to be repealed – but the 8th protects the right to life of both mother and baby. Banning abortion has been a positive experience for Irish society. It has saved many lives, and led to improved supports for women in crisis. Here's the facts: In the past 13 years the number of Irish women seeking an abortion in Britain has fallen dramatically – by almost 45%. The numbers are down from 6,700 women travelling in 2001 to 3,735 in 2014. This is real progress – offering women real support and a better answer than abortion. This means we have a low abortion rate compared to other EU countries. Our abortion rate is 5% – that is 5% of all pregnancies end in abortion. In Britain, more than 20% of all pregnancies end in abortion according to figures from the British Department of Health. Across Europe the figures are pretty similar.

Intentions for this weekend

Sat 7pm Connie, Eilish & Bridget Hartnett,
 Kilconlea Upper
 Ellen Quille, Michael Quille Ballaugh
 Margaret Barry, Cragg, Month's Mind

9.30am Terry Morrissey and his grandparnets
 David & Nora Morrissey, Ballymacgordan
 Kevin Downes, formerly Grove Crescent Anniv.

12noon Margaret Lane, Ballaugh 12th Anniv.
 Billy O'Connell, Rea, Kilmorna Anniv

Intentions for the week

Wens. 10am Sr. Joan Curtin, Anniv.

Mass Intentions for next weekend

Sat. 7pm Patrick Moriarty, Caherlane
 Mary & Maurice Nash & Daughter Rita & Son
 Michael.

Sun. 9.30 am Nora & Patrick O Connell, Anniv
12pm Dan Murphy, Newstreet Riverside &
 Leens Hotel, Ned O' Connell, Kilconlea
 Lower.

To book a Mass intention telephone the church number 068/51915 during Mass times.

Readers Oct. 1st Team 7

Ministers Oct. 1sr Team C,A & B

A meeting of the Pastoral Area Team will take place on Weds. Oct. 4th in Mountcollins Sacristy.

A Word From Pope Francis

"The Lord does not leave us orphans: we have a Mother, the same one as Jesus. Mary takes care of us and always defends us"

"You must believe in truth that whatever God permits or gives is for your salvation"

St. Catherine of Sienna

Christ Be Beside Me

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
 Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
 Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
 Christ be above me, never to part.
 2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
 Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
 Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
 Christ in my rising, light of my heart.

Give Me Joy In My Heart Hymn

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
 Give me joy in my heart, I pray;
 Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
 Keep me praising till the break of day:
 Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
 Sing hosanna to the King of kings.
 Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
 Sing hosanna to the King.
 Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
 Give me peace in my heart, I pray;
 Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
 Keep me loving till the break of day:

Handel's Messiah - Knock Basilica

Saturday 18th November at 7.30pm sees the return of the RTE Concert Orchestra to present Handel's 'iconic' Messiah at Knock Basilica. Conducted by Proinsias Ó Duinn with soloists, Soprano Claudia Boyle, Alto Anne Marie Gibbons, Tenor Julian Hubbard and Bass Christopher Cull together with Our Lady's Choral Society, Cór Mhaigh Eo and Ballina Chamber Choir. Presented by Liz Nolan, RTE lyric fm. Tickets available now at www.knockmessiah.com and at the Witness to Hope office Knock Shrine and Downtown Records Castlebar & Westport.

A Weekend with Marian Carrol at Knock House Hotel

'I was Cured at Knock' taking place on Fri 3rd Nov - Sun 5th Nov at Knock House Hotel. Call Karen (094) 93 88088 for more information.

Youth Club

Abbeyfeale Youth Club will be opening shortly for its current members. The Youth Club through its sporting and social activities provides a vital service for young people in our parish and for surrounding parishes. We acknowledge the excellent leadership of the club leaders and we thank them for their commitment over the years. Key to the success of the Youth Club is the support and involvement of parents. Without the involvement of parents the Youth Club would simply not be open and we thank the current parents involved with the club for their interest and the time they give to running the club.

The club leaders are planning with the help of new parents to open a club for second year secondary school students. We are now seeking the help of parents who are willing to give some time each week as volunteers with the club so that this age group can begin availing of the clubs activities. The club is based in St Ita's Hall and is open on Friday and Saturday nights. By volunteering for this work you will ensure that this essential service for young people in our parish is continued. A short meeting for new parent volunteers will be held in St Ita's Hall on Monday 2nd of October at 8p.m. For more information contact Kate on 087-6210490 or Fr Tony on 087-2600414.

Active Retirement Association will meet after the summer break on Wednesday 20th Oct. in the Adult Education Centre at 2pm.

Glórach Play

The exploits of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty during WW II are brought to the stage by Donal Courtney in the play, *God has no Country*, coming to the Glórach Theatre for one night only on Thursday, September 28th at 8.30 pm. Tickets can be booked at 0871383940.

COURSE OPPORTUNITY: Exciting opportunity to learn new skills in a local course in Abbeyfeale with The Abbey Heritage Project. Learn about Retail Skills, Computer skills and Employment opportunities in one full time free course from September 2017. Training Allowance available to eligible participants. Contact Adrienne O'Connell at West Limerick Resources on 087 2773294 and aoconnell@wlr.ie for information or to register.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: is a specially designed Support Programme for men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse. The next weekend is being held in the Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork from Friday October 6 - Sunday October 8. For Application Forms and further details please contact 087 9886480 or email beginningexperience@gmail.com

ABBAYFEALE PARENT & TODDLER GROUP meets every Tuesday and Thursday in St. Ita's Hall in Abbeyfeale from 11am to 12:30pm. New people always welcome.

St. Ita's Reading Group

A meeting of St. Ita's Reading Group will meet in the Adoration Chapel after 10 a.m. Mass on Wednesday September 27th. New readers always welcome.