

#### Thank You

A sincere thank you to everyone who helped and assisted in our Church Jubilee celebrations.

It was a wonderful celebration of faith and community. Your presence at the Mass and the celebrations afterwards made all the difference. Thank you for taking the time to be part of the event. I want to especially thank the Pastoral Council and so many others who gave of their time so generously in preparing for the celebrations. During the

Mass our choirs sang so beautifully and added greatly to the celebration. We appreciate the time they put into rehearing for the liturgy. We acknowledge all who read the scripture readings, prayers of the faithful, introduced the symbols and welcomed the large congregation. Thanks to all our stewards and car park assistants. It was good to have so many young people involved and we thank them for their help. Thanks to all who prepared the church and sanctuary. We are indebted to Ann and Maurice our sacristans and their team of workers for all the time and work put in for this celebration. Thanks to Ann Murphy and her team for the catering. (A miracle twelve baskets left over!). In preparation for this jubilee celebration significant work was carried out on the exterior of the building and the grounds, lighting and landscaping. Thanks to all our contractors. This Jubilee celebration has helped us to appreciate even more the place of faith in our lives and what a gift that faith is to us. It has also helped us to appreciate the importance of community and the blessing that is for all of us. As we reflect on the Jubilee, we are invited to build on the rich heritage of faith of the people who have gone before us. As people of faith, we are challenged to be witnesses to the values of the Gospel in today's world. In his homily last weekend, Bishop Leahy called on us to "rediscover our mission to go out in service of others" with the Good Samaritan as our model and inspiration. As we move on from the Jubilee celebrations, may Mary Assumed into Heaven be a model to inspire us as we set out on the next phase of this parish's journey. Fr Tony Mullins

Fr Tony Mullins contact 087/2600414 Church Tel. 068/51915 to book a Mass.

### Intention for this weekend

6.30pm John Leahy, New Street Anniv.

Dan & Madge Cusack and deceased family members

Michael & Joe Dore and sister

Maureen Smith Dore

9.15am Bridget & Maurice Harnett, Dromtrasna Michael Scannell, Dromtrasna Collins Richard Gleeson, Kilconlea Lower Mary Begley, Killarney Road

**12noon** Brian McAleer, Meenahela/Birmingham Paddy & Mai O'Connor, Islandboy Anniv.

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6.30 Julia Madden Anniv
 Richie Fealey, Cryle View Manor Anniv.
 John Michael Keneally, Knocknasna

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Eileen Chris Foley, Dromtrasna Anniv.
Debbie Brosnan, Devon Rd Anniv.

12noon Requiem Mass for Margareet Reidy, Sister of Paddy Reidy she died in England recently

# THANKSGIVING PRAYER AFTER EXAMS

Lord, thank you for this opportunity to learn new skills and stretch my understanding. Thank you for guiding me through this time of study into the final exams. I lay before you all the hopes and fears about the outcome. My you place a peace within me now as I await the results. Thank you that I am safety held within your love. Thank you that whatever happens in the future I will live in your goodness I will walk with you always. Amen

Exams finished on Friday and all schools are now on Holiday. Enjoy the summer especially this week with such fine weather forecast.

Please remember safety first.

### Summer is here.

Whatever your plans for the coming weeks, we hope that all parishioners will get some time to relax and spend some time with family and

friends. Despite the demands of work and family, it is important that you take some time for yourself. The occasional day off or weeks holiday helps to renew body and spirit.

Parish schools close this week for the summer holidays. We wish all our students and staff members a safe and enjoyable break. We welcome all visitors to the parish this summer, may their time among us be filled with friendship, and give them a sense of connection with our community. May it be a time when we become more aware of the presence of God in the people that we meet, and in the beautiful countryside that we are so blessed to live in. Remember safety first at all times.

# Holiday Prayer.

Lord, protect and bless all those who are on holidays .

Re-create them in body, mind and spirit. Help them to let go, to step of the treadmil

Help them to let go, to step of the treadmill of stress and predictable routine. Help us all to create a "Sabbath space" in our hearts, our lives and our relationships.

### **Welcome Home**

Welcome home to Fr Tim Galvin and Fr John Moloney who are holiday and concelebrated at the Jubilee Mass last Saturday. We thank them for their response to the invitation to be here on this occasion.

Pastoral Council Meeting at 7.45pm in the Sacristy Monday 25th On the agenda is the draft document for discussion on Why Team

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#### Recent death's

We offer our sympathy to the family of Francis O'Connor, Knocknasna whose funeral took place on Tuesday.

To the family of Maureen Woulfe, Cratloe whose funeral took place on Wednesday. May they rest in peace.

Ministers for next weekend July 2nd Team 3 Readers for next weekend July 2nd E F D

## **Trocaire Collection**

We would like to sincerely thank everyone for their support and generosity during the Lenten campaign and throughout the year. The amount collected in Abbeyfeale was €10,740.

World Meting of Families Collection which was taken up last week amounted to  $\in$ 1822.

We thank you for your very generous contribution to this collection.

**Peters pence collection** next weekend 1st & 2nd July

**Chy4 forms** we are finalising the return to the diocesan office the Chy4 forms. If you intend to fill in the form you received in the post before Easter, you may return it to Fr Mullins during the week. We thank all of you who have already completed the form and returned it. Last year we received € 23,289 all because of your generosity.



'MOLADH GO DEO LE DIA' (Praise be God forever). The publication of this book marks the passage of fifty years since the opening and consecration of our parish church on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1968. It is a colourful and well-designed publication. We are indebted to the editorial committee for their time, their commitment and their interest. The book is on sale this weekend and it is available here in the church and also at Ann Lyons the square, O'Donoghues convent street, Moss Harnett Spar shop Killarney road, Margarettes Bakery, Main Street Buy now and do not be disappointed.

Scoil Mháthair Dé Performing Arts Society Show

Our show 'Musical Magic' takes place in Coláiste Íde agus Iosef on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7 .00 p.m.

It promises to be an evening of fun, talent and great entertainment.

Milford hospice thank most sincerely the volunteers who gave their time on the day of the recent national collection, and the generosity of the Abbeyfeale community who gave a total of €2835.

Clean up at Reilig Ide Naofa on every Tuesday evening for one hour, it is beautiful to see your family grave well maintained. Your help is greatly appreciated. Notice the hedge at the side is being cleared. Help with this would be great.

**LOURDES:** Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Direct from Shannon Airport, staying at the Solitude Hotel, from September 22-27. Full Pilgrimage Programme. Booking forms available from Fr Tony Mullins. Fr John O'Shea & Fr Willie Fitzmaurice.

### **Abbeyfeale Church Jubilee Reflection**

Lord, gather all good memories, here in this sacred place We come to celebrate a history, to gather memories of many decades.

Lord, You have been a companion for each one: every grandfather and grandmother, every student and teacher, every single person,

every priest, and religious, every father and mother, brother and sister.

You have been the Breath of Life – for everyone who has birthed a child,

wedded a lover, or buried a dear one. You have sown deep seeds of faith in the waters of countless baptism,

kept alive a parish for over 800 years through the fidelity of those who prayed here,

and the generosity of those who served here.

We thank you, Gracious God, for our faith, and for this place of worship and community.

May we leave here filled with hope, knowing that the people of Abbeyfeale

believe in your constant presence, accept your Grace, share your Love,

and celebrate your life with one another. Amen

