



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



25th Feb 2024

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11am to 1pm

**Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Area**

**Fr Denis Mullane 087/2621911**

**Fr Tony Mullins 087/2600414**

**Fr Willie Russell 087/2272825**

**Fr Dan Lane (Retired) 087/2533030**

**Fr James Ambrose (Retired) Tel 087/7740753**

**Priest on Call**

Fr Denis Mullane is on call this Sunday for Emergency calls only. He can be contacted on 087-087-2621911

**Intentions for this weekend**

**6.30pm** Brenda Woulfe, Church Street Anniv.

Denis Murphy, The Hill Anniv.

**10am** Larry & Margaret Harnett and their grandson

Lawrence Cree

Danny Harnett, The Hill Anniv

**12noon** Tom & Mary Flynn and deceased relatives

**Intentions for the week**

**Mon 7pm**

**Tues 10am Pro Populo**

**Wed 10am Thurs 10am Fri 10am**

**Intentions for next weekend**

**6.30pm** Peg O'Connell, New Street Anniv.

Kathleen Fitzgerald, New Street Months Mind

**10am**

**12noon** Johnny Lane, New Street Anniv.

Ted Mulcahy, Dromtrasna Anniv.

Margaret Quirke Killarney Road 2nd Anniv.

**Second Sunday of Lent A Thought for the Day**

Jesus was 'able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world because he himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attraction full of fondness and wonder. As he made his way throughout the land, he often stopped to contemplate the beauty sown by his Father and invited his disciples to perceive a divine message in things.' The very flowers of the field and the birds which his human eyes contemplated and admired are now imbued with his radiant presence.' If 'the universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely... there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face.'

The world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail to care for it?

*Laudate Deum 64-65, Pope Francis*

**Stations of the Cross**

The Stations of the Cross is a traditional way of praying during Lent. We pray this familiar prayer to be with Jesus Christ as he travels his final journey from condemnation to crucifixion along the Via Dolorosa out of love for and commitment to us and all of God's creation. We pray and reflect on the Stations of the Cross because we wish to become close to Jesus, who loves each of us so deeply. We walk this journey to get a glimpse at the heart and mind of Jesus Christ, who is alive today and experiencing the Journey of the Cross wherever our sisters and brothers are suffering throughout the world. We give thanks as we walk this journey. The Way of the Cross has brought hope and the possibility of new life into the dark places of our lives. Journeying with Jesus Christ allows us to become aware of where God is walking with us in our lives, and where we are called to be with others on their journey. All are welcome to join in The Stations of the Cross, on Friday mornings during Lent, beginning at 9.30am

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Church each weekday during Lent beginning after the 10.00am Mass and continuing until **8pm**. If you would like to give some of your time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, we encourage you to write your name on the timetable which is located at the side of the altar in the main church. Make a promise to the Lord that you will do your best to be faithful to the commitment you make.

**Lection Divina** will take place after Mass on Tuesday Mornings in the Blessed Sacrament Church during Lent. All are welcome.

**Death**

We offer our sympathy to the family of Frances Herbert Lynch, The Orchard whose funeral took place on Tuesday. May she rest in peace.

**About Trócaire**

Trócaire was created as a response to the widening gap between rich and poor and our collective duty to reduce it. Trócaire is rooted in the principles of Catholic social teaching, which are based on the belief that God has a plan for creation, a plan to build his kingdom of peace, love and justice. In the words of Trócaire's founding document, in which the bishops of Ireland gave the organisation a strong and clear mandate, 'We know that we cannot claim to love God if we do not love our fellow men and women.' Trócaire has worked through local partner organisations since its foundation. Partnership is at the heart of how Trócaire works.

Trócaire works with local faith-and non-faith-based organisations who share our values and who are working on any, or all, of our core programme areas of women's empowerment, resource rights and humanitarian preparedness and response. These organisations understand the needs of their communities and are best placed to work with communities to deliver sustainable long-term change. This Lent you are invited to support the work of Trócaire by making sure to have a Trócaire Box in your home and to generously support the work of Trócaire by contributing to the Lenten Campaign.

**A PRAYER FOR RACIAL HEALING**

God of justice, in your wisdom you create all people in your image, without exception. Through your goodness, open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being. Open our minds to understand that all your children are brothers and sisters in the same human family. Open our hearts to repent of racist attitudes, behaviours, and speech which demean others. Open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by racial discrimination, and their passionate appeals for change.

Strengthen our resolve to make amends for past injustices and to right the wrongs of history.

And fill us with courage that we might seek to heal wounds, build bridges, forgive and be forgiven, and establish peace and equality for all in our communities.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen

**Volunteers Needed. The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** (Thursday 20th to Tuesday 25th June 2024) is back in its full capacity for 2024, bringing a full team of workers and assisted pilgrims. If you would like to be a volunteer helper on the pilgrimage, please contact the organisers of the pilgrimage at the Limerick Diocesan Office on 061-350000.

**Lenten Scripture Reflection** – A journey through the Bible

Wednesday February 28th, March 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th.

Venue –Athea Library 7.30pm – 8.30pm followed by a cuppa and a chat.

All are welcome. For further details, contact Pat Higgins on 087-2034626 or Sean O' Mocháin on 087-2321375

**Bereavement Support:**

An information evening on bereavement support will take place in Milford Care Centre, Education Department on Tue 27th February 2024 from 7pm - 8.30pm.

The Bereavement Information evening is designed to give general information on grief and bereavement to bereaved people, their family and friends.

Members of the Bereavement Service will be present to provide general information on Grief and Bereavement. The evening will comprise of: Short talk by a Bereavement Counsellor, *Different experiences of Grief, Services available, Question Time. The Information Evening is Free*

**Vocations Discernment Day**

The Poor Clare Sisters, Galway are hosting a Monastic Experience Day at the Poor Clare Monastery, Galway. The event will take place from 10am to 5pm on Saturday the 2nd of March. The day is designed to help those who may be exploring the possibility of a religious vocation to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life. Anyone wishing to book a place should email vocations@poorclares.ie

**Fundraising Concert:** Denis Curtin and his band will give a concert in the Devon Inn Hotel, in aid of a Defibrillator for Meenkilly N.S. The concert will take place on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Doors open at 7.45pm. Tickets €25. Your support is greatly appreciated, Ar scáth a Chéile a mhaireann na daoine