



PARISH PASTORAL UNIT
ABBEYFEALE, ATHEA, TEMPLEGLANTINE, TOURNAFULLA, MOUNTCOLLINS



26th Feb 2023 www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@eircom.net Church Sacristy 068 - 51915 Parish Office 068 - 31133

Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Area

Fr Denis Mullane 087/2621911
Fr Tony Mullins 087/2600414
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Fr Dan Lane (Retired) 087/2533030

Mass intentions This weekend

6.30pm Denis Murphy, The Hill Anniv.
 Deceased members of the ICA
10am Anthony Coleman Died recently
12noon Tom & Mary Flynn and deceased
 family members

Mon 7pm Deceased members of the Bridge Club
 Esther McLoughlin died recently sister of Shelia Breen

Tues 10am Pro Populo Wed 10am
Thurs 10am Fri 10am Purgatorial
 Kathleen Clarke nee Kelly Anniv.

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Peg O Connell New Street
 Sean Broderick Months Mind
 Vera Broderick 10th Anniv.
 Pdraig O'Cleirigh, Killarney Road Anniv.
10am
12noon John Lane New Street Anniv.
 Ted Mulcahy, Dromtrasna Anniv.
 Margaret Quirke, Killarney Road 1st Anniv.

Mon 7pm Betty & James Reidy, The Hill Anniv.

PRIEST ON CALL

This Sunday Rev F Duhig is on duty for emergency calls.
 He can be contact on 087/6380299

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Church on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week during Lent beginning after the 10.00am Mass and continuing until 8.00pm. If you would like be part of this prayer we encourage you to select a time on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, a time that is practical for you. Write your name on the timetable. Make a promise to the Lord that you will do your best to be faithful to your hour of prayer.

Stations of the Cross

Beginning next Friday 24th of February, there will reflections on the Stations of the Cross every Friday morning at 9.30am.

“Prayer is as important as the air we breathe”

In his Pastoral Letter for Lent, Bishop Brendan Leahy, Bishop of Limerick, emphasises the centrality of prayer for Christians, the Bishop says, *“The power of prayer allows us to communicate directly with God, anytime, in a church or anywhere. With the hustle and bustle of family life this can be hard, but there always meal times, the Angelus, or with children before they go to sleep.*

Bishop Leahy continues, *Prayer is the raising of our mind and heart to God. Prayer is as important as the air we breathe.* I once have heard someone say, *‘I want to pray but I am too busy and I don’t want to miss out on television, movies, going out with friends.’* Yes, we should do these things but, as humans, we need to pray, it is good for us. Saint Mother Teresa said: *‘I used to believe that prayer changed things, but now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things.’*

In his Pastoral Letter, Bishop Leahy says, *“A simple way to pray is to say “For You” that is, for God, before each action we are doing. We can also pray for our own needs, and the intentions of others. I pray that we use our God-given gifts to make a better world; for a loved one who is ill or distressed; the end of war in Ukraine; young people trying to get housing; disrespect shown to our neighbours who have come here for a new life; those experiencing poverty; and for an end to violence against women, children and random attacks on people. “Let us come home to God this Lent by chatting to Him from the heart, every day.”* Copies of the Pastoral Letter are available in the church this weekend.

First Anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Friday 24 February marked one year since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Archbishop Eamon Martin said, *“Our hearts and prayers continue go out to the suffering people of Ukraine. During Lent let our acts of prayer, charity and fasting, each day, be dedicated to the plight of refugees, and for a global peaceful environment. We must always work for peace, pray for peace and make sacrifices for peace. All of us have the capacity to build peace by our words, our actions and our attitudes to others.”*

Come & See Inspirations (C&SI) *Come & See Inspirations Team* is a podcasting team based out of Ardagh in West Limerick. During lent 2023, Fr Frank Duhig is presenting a number of Podcasts. This week the title of the Podcast is ***Entering into Lent.*** To listen to the Podcast link on to comeandseeinspirations.buzzsprout.com To contact (C&SI). Tel 87 6088667.

Garment of Pain

During this Lenten season, the parish invites all parishioner to leave your pain and suffering at the Cross. The Garment of Pain is a simple way of drawing together experiences of pain and suffering of many people, in a way that enables us to support one another in prayer. Over the period of Lent, we invite you to place a piece of material—roughly 6x6—in the baskets provided in the church. The cloth represents whatever your particular pain in life happens to be. During Lent, we will remember the intentions of those who have placed their cloth in the baskets in our Masses. The pieces of cloth will be sown together to form one big patchwork quilt. During the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, we will place the cloth on the altar to symbolically unite our suffering with the offering of Christ in the Mass. On Good Friday the cloth will be draped over the cross which is the focus of our prayer that day.

During our Easter Vigil, we will place the Garment of Pain with the Paschal fire to symbolise that the light of Christ is always greater than our suffering and pain.

.Trócaire 2023

This year, the focus of the Trócaire Lenten campaign is on Somalia in East Africa and highlights how climate change, drought and conflict are severely affecting families and communities there. Tommy Tiernan, comedian and broadcaster visited Somalia in September 2022, and saw at first hand the work of Trócaire, and the positive impact the organisation was having on the people of Somalia.

This is what Tommy Tiernan said on his return to Ireland. *“The people of Ireland can be proud of the work that Trócaire is doing in Somalia. Proud of the fact that after the civil war in 1993 when every other humanitarian organisation left Somalia, Trócaire stayed. Stayed and set up hospitals, stayed and set up schools. Stayed to such an extent that the people of western Somalia refer to Trócaire as “our mother”. Let the Government of Ireland now do something that we can also be proud of. There will in all probability be more famines to come. And how are we to face these? Well, there are structural weaknesses in the global food supply system. Weaknesses that were highlighted following the 2007-08 food price crisis but these were left unaddressed and we will continue to sleepwalk into catastrophe after catastrophe until they are. The system is broken. Any system that tolerates the starvation of children is a crime against humanity.”*

Trócaire has been working with our partners in Somalia for 30 years and so is in a unique position to offer support to those affected. Trócaire Boxes are available at the entrance to the church. We encourage you to take one home and to bring one to a neighbour.

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2023 22nd – 27th June. For booking details contact Karen at 061-350000 or email at lourdesyouthpilgrimage@limerickdiocese.org

Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023.

Led by Bishop Brendan Leahy. 22th – 27th June. Direct return flights from Shannon to Lourdes. For booking contact Joe Walsh Tours, Telephone 01-2410800 or email lourdesdirector@limerickdiocese.org €879 per person, full board, all taxes included. Full religious programme.

“TEARING AND DRAGGING” : Abbeyside Players present a comedy by John Hank Regan at the Glorach Theatre on Thursday, March 9, Friday, March 10, Sunday, March 12, Thursday, March 16, Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 |March. Booking 0871282930.

ADULT IRISH SPEAKING CLASSES: Abbeyfeale branch of Conradh na Gaeilge has recommenced their very successful ‘Coiral Comhrá on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 – 8.30pm in the LCETB located in the Old Tech, Mountmahon. The main aim is to promote advanced level (Ardchúrsa).. The classes will run for six weeks and cost €30. Further information or to book your place from Donal Murphy on 068 31661 (9am – 5pm.)

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