



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

The Kingdom of  
God is available to  
All.

**26th Nov 2023**    [www.abbeyfealeparish.ie](http://www.abbeyfealeparish.ie)    email [fealechurch@eircom.net](mailto:fealechurch@eircom.net)    Church Sacristy 068 - 51915    Parish Office 089/2646772    Anne 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**

This Sunday Fr Joe Cussen Newcastle West Parish is on duty for emergency calls only. He can be contacted on **087-7810960**

**Intentions for this weekend**

**6.30pm** Séan Enright, Purt/Caher Anniv.  
 Vincent McNally Anniv.  
 Tom Doody Kilconlea Upper and Deceased  
 members of the Doody family  
 Mary Wallace Coolewest Athea Month's mind

**10am** Eileen Casey, Knocknasna Anniv.  
 Margaret O' Connor, Kilmanihan Anniv.

**12noon** Nick & Eleanor Cotter Upper Purt Anniv.  
 Deceased members of the ARA

**Intentions for the week**

**Mon 7pm** Jim & Mary Lane and their son Donie Lane  
**Tues 10am** Pro Populo  
 Adoration after Mass  
**Wed 10am** Thomas McEntee and deceased family members  
**Thurs 10am**  
**Fri 10am** Purgatorial

**Intentions for next weekend**

**6.30pm** Michael Collins Purt Anniv.  
 10am  
 12noon

**Death**

We offer our sympathy to the family of Esther Sweeney, Dromtrasna Harnett whose funeral took place on Friday. May she rest in peace.

**Baptisms in Abbeyfeale** will be celebrated on the **first Saturday** of each month at 5.00pm. Also, on the **second Sunday** of the month after the 12noon Mass. Contact the Sacristy 068/51915 during Mass Times.

**Information and Support for Birth Mothers** - whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at [www.birthinginfo.ie](http://www.birthinginfo.ie) or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818 445 500

**St Vincent de Paul:** The Annual Church Gate Christmas Collection in support of the work of St Vincent de Paul will be held on the weekend of the 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> of December. All support appreciated.

*Advent Prayer Moments*

**Advent Retreat** – Monagea Community Centre on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Fr Frank Duhig will lead a short day of retreat with prayer and time for reflection in preparation for the Holy Season of Advent. (11.00am to 4.00pm). If you would like to make this retreat contact Trish at the Parish Office, Newcastle West at 069-61816 or email [newparish@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:newparish@yahoo.co.uk). There is a charge of €10 to cover costs etc. Participants are asked to bring a packed lunch.

**An Advent Retreat Day** will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, 10.30am-4.00pm at Deebert House, Hotel, Kilmallock (V35KV62). The Retreat will be facilitated by Sr. Therese Fitzgerald, Sister of Our Lady of Sion. Register your place at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AdventWaiting>

**Advent Desert Day 'Making Room at the Inn' Silent Retreat with Eucharist and Reconciliation,** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 10.30am to 5.00pm. Venue: Limerick Diocesan Centre, St Munchin's Corbally, V94 9250. Facilitated by Sr Phyllis Moynihan RSM and Ann Mulcahy. For more information, telephone 087-9636893

**Adoration for Peace during November**

There will be Adoration every Tuesday after the 10am Mass until 12noon in the Main Church to Pray for peace in our world. 28th of Nov. All are welcome.

**Boxes for distribution**

The annual church donation boxes are available at the church for collection. We ask our usual distributors to call after any mass at the weekend or during to week to collect the boxes for your area. Contact Anne at the sacristy.



**Altar Servers**

Our Parish here in Abbeyfeale has always had a great tradition of children being involved in the Ministry of Altar Serving. We would like to invite boys and girls from the Parish who have made their First Holy Communion to consider becoming Altar Servers. Contact Anne in the sacristy for permission forms.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** Departing from Shannon to Mostar on May 22nd and August 28th 50-euro discount for bookings received before 2nd of February early booking advisable Contact Group Leader John O'Brien 086 8586304 Christmas vouchers also available.

**Week of Witness Campaign • 20-27 November 2023**

**Remembering Christians around the world who have been persecuted because of their faith.**

*Prayer for Persecuted Christians*

*O God of all the nations, the One God who is and was and always will be, in your providence you willed that your Church be united to the suffering of your Son. Look with mercy on your servants who are persecuted for their faith in you. Grant them perseverance and courage to be worthy imitators of Christ.*

*Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations to work for peace among all peoples. May your Spirit open conversion for those who contradict your will, that we may live in harmony.*

*Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom, and to always seek your will in our lives. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Celtic Brothers Christmas Concert – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Tickets for the Celtic Brothers Christmas concert are now on sale. Tickets are available in the sacristy and at various shops and outlets in Abbeyfeale and throughout West Limerick. For further information on ticket sales contact **089-2646772**. The funds raised from the concert will go towards the St Ita's Hall (Hall Ide Naofa), Renovation Fund. All support greatly appreciated. Tickets are available at the following outlets in Abbeyfeale, Moss Harnett's Gala shop, Killarney Road, An Siopa Milseán, Main St., Kathleen's Foodstore, Marguerites Cake Shop, Main St., Twohig's Supervalu, O'Donoghue's Spar Shop, and Batt Harnett's. Sheehy's Hardware, Killarney Road. Tickets are also available at the Church of the Assumption, Abbeyfeale. In Newcastle West tickets are on sale at the ZIP Yard, Church St., Newcastle West.



**Appeal for Sponsorship**

If any business or individual would like to help with the costs of staging the Christmas Concert, sponsorship will be very welcome. For more information, contact Fr Tony on 087-2600414 or Fr Willie on 087-2272825. All support will be gratefully received.

**Abbeyfeale for Africa**

The Abbeyfeale for Africa annual cake sale will be held this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November in St Ita's Day Care Centre from 10.00am to 1.00pm, in aid of the late Fr Tim Galvin's mission in South Sudan. Abbeyfeale and surrounding parishes have supported the late Fr Tim's mission for over twenty years. All funds raised will go towards mission projects in Riwoto, South Sudan, via the Kiltegan Fathers. Fr Tim was very committed to education for girls and this weekend a dormitory for girls will be officially opened in Riwoto. Fr Tim's successor, Fr Blessing has told us that he and his parishioners are grateful for the support from the people of Abbeyfeale and surrounding parishes. If you would like to support this fundraising event why not call to the Day Care Centre after Mass. It is located at the rear of the Church, opposite the Glorach Theatre. Pedestrian access to the Day Care Centre by the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**Abbeyfeale Christmas Lights**

You are to support the following fundraising events to help fund the Christmas Lights  
 1st and 2nd December Bag Pack at Twohigs  
 1st December Pub quiz at The Winners Circle  
 8th December Coffee morning at Leens Hotel from 10.30 until 12pm

**Alone:** 'Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please apply via the ALONE website at [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie) or for further information please contact Caroline on 086-0591399 or via email [caroline.bradley@alone.ie](mailto:caroline.bradley@alone.ie) If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please call 0818 222 024.'

**Christmas All-Wrapped up. CRAFT FAIR, CAR BOOT SALE & SANTA.** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 at Duagh Sports Complex from 12.00pm to 4.30pm. Contact Geraldine on 087 2684540 to book a table. lots of Christmas Hampers and Spot Prizes to be won. Santa and Mrs Claus will attend also. Booking for Santa is essential. Sensory friendly times available. Contact 087 6618881.