





# Abbeyfeale Parish News



25th March 2018 Palm Sunday

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## Mass intention this Weekend.

**Sat. 6.30pm** Peggy Moloney Knocknasna 3rd  
Sony & Kitty Doody  
New Street Anniv.

**Sun. 9.15am** Ita O' Connell, Kilmanihan  
Thomas O' Connell late of the  
Square & Killarney Road Anniv.

**12 Noon** Joe O' Connell Anniv.  
Peg Cunningham nee Riordan  
Galway & Ballybehy Anniv.

**No morning Mass on Thursday**  
**Mass of the Last supper @ 8pm**

## Holy Week.

We ask you to make a special effort to keep this week the most sacred in the entire year. Please make it possible for all people to attend the ceremonies by leaving the times free

**Lourdes Invalid Collection** will take place next weekend 24th & 25th March. Any sick person who may wish to travel with the pilgrimage should contact the Diocesan Office as soon as possible.

## **Pope Francis to visit Ireland**

Welcoming the announcement Bishop Leahy said: "This is a day of great celebration for the Catholic faithful. It is almost 40 years since we had a Papal visit here and this is only the second papal visit in our history. Some 3.7million people on this island are of the Catholic faith so to have the global leader of that faith coming here is a huge moment for our nation. There are people all over Ireland today excitedly making plans to be in either Croke Park or the Phoenix Park and it is going to be a wonderful moment in all our lives".

## *A Word from Pope Francis*

*"Living together as family is an art, a patient, beautiful, fascinating journey. It does not end once you have won each other's love... Rather, it is precisely there where it begins! This journey of every day has a few rules that can be summed up in three phrases which I have already repeated many times to families, and which you have already learned to use among yourselves: May I, thank you, and I'm sorry".*

**Easter Dues:** the Easter Dues in support of the priest will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Thank you for your continue support and encouragement

**Perpetual Adoration** continues in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Monday @ 10am until 6pm Wednesday.

**Divine Mercy Novena** commence of Good Friday and ends on Low Sunday. There will be special prayer here in Abbeyfeale on Mercy Sunday 8th April @ 3pm.

## **Choose Life**

"Every one of us has a right to our life. It is not given to us by the Constitution of Ireland or by any law. We have it 'as of right', whether we are wealthy or poor, healthy or sick. All human beings have it. "For us as a society to now declare that any category of human beings should have that right taken from them would be a shocking step. It effectively says that unborn children do not exist or, if they do, they do not count. That is a manifest injustice."

Irish Bishops' message of March 2018

## **Scoil Mhathair Dé Girls N.S.**

Congratulations to the students and staff of Scoil Mhathair Dé on their magnificent singing at their Easter Cantata "Jerusalem Joy", which took place on Thursday night last in the parish church. It was a wonderful event and a beautiful presentation of the events of Holy Week. We are blessed to have such talented children in our parish.

## **Holy Week CEREMONIES 2018**

We invite you to enter into the spirit of Holy Week by joining us for the Holy Week Ceremonies which celebrate the anniversaries of the events of the Passion, death and Resurrection of Our Lord.

**Wednesday @7pm** Chrism Mass in St John's cathedral  
**Holy Oils** will be blessed for Baptism, Confirmation and Anointing of the sick at this Mass

**Holy Thursday 8 pm Mass of the Lord Supper @ 8pm.**  
**Rite of Recommissioning Extraordinary Ministers** of the Eucharist will take place during Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening at **8pm**  
First Holy Children will lead the procession to the Altar of Repose.

## **Good Friday. 3pm Veneration of the Cross .**

It is a day of **fast and abstinence** to prepare ourselves to celebrate the joys of the resurrection.

## **Good Friday 8pm Stations of the Cross**

## **Holy Saturday 9pm Easter Vigil**

Today there is a great silence over the earth, a great silence and stillness. As we await the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord. St Augustine called the Easter Vigil the 'mother' of all vigils. Christians everywhere are called to celebrate it with faithfulness and reverence. **Christ is risen Alleluia**

May the peace and Joy of the **Risen Lord renew each of us**, so that in the present challenging times we may grow in love, care and friendship for each other.

**Beannachtaí na Cásca dibh go léir.**

## **School Holidays**

We wish all our students and schools staffs a very happy holiday. Be safe and enjoy the break.

## **Comedy at Glórach Theatre**

The Abbeyside Players take to the stage at the Glórach with the hilarious comedy, *Second Honeymoon* by Sam Cree. Opens on Wed 28th Thurs 29th also 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th guaranteed a good laugh, booking is recommended at 087 1383940. See poster for details