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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Pat & Catherine Lyons, Killarney Road
 Danny Harnett, The Hill Anniv.

Padraigh O'Cléirigh, Killarney Road.

10am Tom & Mary Flynn

Mattie Dillane, Month Mind

Frank O'Connor, NCW died recently.

12noon Denis Murphy, The Hill 3rd Anniv.

Mossie Regan, Meenkilly Anniv.

Intentions for the week.

Mon 7pm Betty Reidy, The Hill Anniv.

Tues 10am Pro Populo

Wed 10am Thurs 10am Fri 10am

No Saturday morning Mass

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm John Joe Lane, Ballaugh Month mind
 Mary O'Connor, Knockbrack Anniv.

10am Michael & Teresa Devine

Johnny & Eily Lane, New Street

12noon Ted Mulcahy, Dromtrasna Anniv.

Johnny Lane, New Street Anniv.

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of Brenda Woulfe, Church Street whose funeral took place on Wednesday.

May she rest in peace.

Visits to Parishioners

Due to the continuation of restrictions at Level 5 of the Living with Covid Plan Fr Mullins and Fr Lane are unable to visit parishioners at home except in the case of emergency.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent online from the Church beginning at 9.30am.

Support the Vaccination Programme

In a statement this week, the Council for Healthcare of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, encourages everyone to support the vaccination programmes. Bishop Michael Ruter chairman of the Council said, "*safe and effective vaccination is an essential aspect of the prevention of disease*". The Healthcare Council of the Catholic Church is encouraging Catholics to support the programme of vaccination "*not only for their own good, but for the protection of life and the health of those who are vulnerable and for the common good of humanity*".

In December 2020, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith made a similar call to all Catholics in its statement on the morality of Covid-19 vaccines. The Bishops' wish to reiterate that message and urges everyone to support the vaccination programmes currently in place in the Republic of Ireland and in Northern Ireland.

The statement continued. The development and provision of the vaccines is already providing reassurance for those who are most vulnerable to the virus and will help us to return to normality in terms of religious practice, work, education, and sporting and leisure activities as soon as possible.

The Bishops said that "*many people both North and South have already received the vaccine and we particularly welcome the fact that all residents and staff of nursing care facilities have been vaccinated at this stage. At present the group prioritised in the Republic of Ireland to receive the vaccine in the coming weeks are those over 70 years of age along with others who are clinically vulnerable. We encourage all parishioners to avail of the opportunity to protect their health and the health of the whole community*".

The Bishops called on the Department of Health and public health authorities to make vaccines available to carers in the Republic of Ireland as a matter of priority and to priests who are chaplains to nursing care facilities and who preside at funerals.

'It Takes a Village to Raise a Child.'

Dr. Mike Ryan of the WHO's Health Emergencies Programme was recently awarded Trócaire's Romero Award for his services to countries in the developing world. Speaking about the work of Trocaire at the presentation of the award Dr Ryan a native of County Sligo said,

"My heart is local. I come from a small community of 14 or 15 houses on the border of two counties. They say in Ireland that it takes a village to raise a child, well I grew up in that village. I know what community actually means. Organisations like Trócaire empower individuals and empower communities and see the power of communities.

One of my childhood memories is of the Trócaire box and what it meant to people in Ireland in terms of their way of contributing to the efforts around the world Trócaire leads. I have wonderful childhood memories of Trócaire's work, and it offers Irish communities an opportunity to contribute their compassion.

Trócaire has offered compassion and support to many of those who tend to be forgotten; marginalised, dehumanised, deprived of basic rights, an identity and the thing we cherish most in Ireland: a home and a stable community. Your efforts to support those who needed medical support, but also social and economic support and mental health support. Those who supported women and girls in the face of increased violence; those who supported people in refugee camps and slums and fragile settings such as Somalia, Myanmar and Sierra Leone. Whatever the context, whatever those needs, Trócaire, its workers and its supporters have stood and bared witness to what is good in the world."

Dr Ryan concluded, we as individuals and as communities need to recognise that pure individualism gets us nowhere. We have to act collectively in the face of an epidemic. This is a hard thing to do. We live in an individualistic society. That sense of community is what saves you in an epidemic."

Trócaire Boxes are now available at the entrance to the Blessed Sacrament Church. The Blessed Sacrament Church is open each weekday from 11.00am to 6.00pm and on Sunday from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. We invite you and your family to join in this year's Trocaire Lenten Campaign.

In Appreciation

Many of you will be aware that Ann Lyon's shop closes this weekend. We take this opportunity to acknowledge the support given by Ann and the Lyon's family to all the local charities, including the Church by facilitating the sale of concert tickets, local lotto and raffle tickets and through the sale of local publications and C D's. We are also grateful that the shop was able to facilitate the distribution of this Newsletter in recent months. Ann passed to her eternal reward on the 20th of December. May she now rest in peace and may the Lord reward her for her generous spirit and her service to the local community here in Abbeyfeale.

National Schools in the parish are now enrolling for September. Contact the school of your choice.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

During Lent there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday evening from 6.00pm to 7.00pm and on Thursday mornings after the 10.00am Mass until 12noon.

Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

God, our heavenly Father,
 look upon me and hear my prayer
 during this holy Season of Lent.
 Without You I can do nothing.

By Your Spirit help me to know what is right
 and to be eager in doing Your will.
 Keep me from sin, and help me live
 by Your commandment of love.
 Fill my heart with Your love
 and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ.
 Give me the grace to rise above my
 human weakness.

Father, our source of life,
 let me walk more readily in Your ways.
 Guide me in Your gentle mercy,
 for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.
 I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
 Who lives and reigns with You
 and the Holy Spirit, God, forever.
 Amen.