



ABBAYFEALE PARISH NEWS



28th Aug Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass of Thanksgiving Friday 2nd @ 7pm.

Concelebrated Holy Mass will be take place on Friday evening 2nd September at 7pm in thanksgiving for Fr John's Ministry here in Abbeyfeale parish for the last fourteen years.

We thanks him for his dedication, commitment and service to this parish. We are saddened by his departure but we wish him every blessing in his new parish.

A Farewell Gathering will take place at 8pm in Fr Casey's GAA Clubhouse. An evening of memories, music, song and dance. Light refreshments will be served. Text 089/4356981 Parking will be limited on the night so we ask you to organise a lift or to park if possible elsewhere. All are welcome.

Schools reopen

We wish all students returning to school this week the very best and every blessing for the year ahead.

A prayer of new beginnings

Spirit of wisdom and love,

Bless the pupils and teachers who are returning to school.

Bless those who are making new beginnings.

Be with the children and their parents during the first day in primary school.

Help us to build our schools into a community of faith and love.

Guide teachers to discipline with love.

Help them to combine knowledge with education of the heart, doing so with understanding, reverence and compassion.

May we honour each student as a miracle of God's creation, creating space for mind, body and spirit, to grow in to fullness of live. Amen.

Scoil Naomh Pádraig, Knocknasna will reopen for girls and boys after the summer holidays on Monday 29th August.

Hope foundation Volunteer programme

Ava Roche from Ballaugh Abbeyfeale will be traveling with some other TY students to Calcutta with the Hope foundation. Ava will speak at all Masses this weekend 27th & 28th Aug. about her upcoming visit to Calcutta. A retiring collection will take place if you wish to help her to raise funds towards her work there.

Vocations

"Behave humbly and then you will find favour with the Lord." (Sir. 3:18) Jesus had very little time for the proud and haughty. It irritated him to see people jostling for position and looking for 'places of honour'. The one who served was every bit as important, if not more important in his eyes as the one sitting at the table. If you feel that God may be calling you to serve him in his people, why not contact: Fr. Leslie McNamara (Limerick Diocesan Vocations Director) at 061-414624 or 087-202-8189 or mailto: lesliemcnamara@eircom.net to discern whether or not you may have a vocation.

Prayer: Christ needs willing followers to carry on his mission of love. May we always support and encourage those considering a vocation to the priesthood and religious life.

Prayer for vocations

Father, in the power of your Spirit. You sent your Son to bring hope to all peoples. We pray that you will give the same Spirit to young men and women, so that they, like Jesus, may answer you call to bring Good News to the poor, give new sight to the blind, and announce that the Kingdom of God has come.

SAGART PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: A five day pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel to Lourdes on September 22 and return on September 27. Further information from Canon John O'Shea or Fr. Joe Foley.

Intentions for this weekend

7pm Bridget White & the White family
Knocknasna Lower Anniv.

Jimmy Collins, Main St. Anniv.

9.30am Teresa Lyons, New Street Anniv.

Crissie Collins, Ballaugh Anniv.

12noon Jeremiah & Mary Foley, St Ita's Road.

Hannah & Sean Cahill, Knocknasna Anniv.

Intentions for next week

Mon 7pm Margaret Ryan (nee Finnucane) St Ita's terrace & New York

Tues 10am Special Intention

Wed 10am Michael Griffin Anniv.

Thurs 10am Molly, Monica & Francis Murphy

Fri 10am Purgatorial

Fri 7pm Mass of Thanksgiving

Sat 11am Thomas Fitzgerald, Knocknasna Anniv.

Intentions for next weekend

7pm Kathleen Fitzgerald, Dromtrasna North
Jack O'Grady, Meenahela Anniv.

Jimmy Sheehy, Kilconlea Upper Anniv.

9.30am Mary B McEnery, Dromtrasna Collins Anniv.

Kate Naughton, St Ita's Rd. and Denis Naughton
Mountcollins. Anniv

12noon Bill & James & Theresa Harnett,
Knocknasna Anniv.

St Anthony Novena is recited each
Monday evening @ the 7pm Mass.



Next Friday is the First Friday of the month.

Confessions on Thursday after the 10am Mass.
Mass also on Friday evening @ 7pm.

To access the daily readings you may log on to
www.abbefelaeparish.ie and click on daily reading on
the home page.

SPIRITUAL FAREWELL GIFT: if you would like to give Fr John a parting gift of a spiritual bouquet then you could spend an hour in adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on either Monday, Wednesday and Thursday between 6-8pm or all day Tuesday and Friday when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. A card will be available in the chapel and you are invited to sign your name, date and time of making the visit. Adoration will finish this Friday evening at 6pm Mass at 7pm.

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of Donie Cahill, Brosna/ Knocknasna whose funeral took place during the week. May he rest in peace.

The Baptismal preparation meeting will take place in Abbeyfeale on the 8th Sept @ 8pm in the Sacristy



Ministers for 4th Sept Team A,B,C

Readers for Sept 4th Team 4

7pm Celine McNally

9.30am Mary Beehan

12noon Mary Bowden Smith

Altar Servers

We welcome our new Altar servers and thanks the outgoing group and their parents for the commitment they showed during the year.

Parish Pastoral Council gathering in the church at 8pm on Monday 29th.



Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Sarah McCoy and Niall Townsend who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage in Abbeyfeale on Sat 27th Aug. We wish them every happiness in their married life together.

Christ be our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
Longing for truth, we turn to you,
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our Light, shine in our hearts,
shine through the darkness;
Christ, be our Light,
Shine in your church, gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled,
Longing for hope, many despair,
Your word alone, has power to save us,
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry,
Longing for water, many still thirst,
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord,
until you come again.**



Take my Life

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store:
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

How Great thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.