



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



28th Nov. 2021 www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@eircom.net Church Sacristy 068 - 51915 Parish Office 068 - 31133

Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Area

Fr Brendan Duggan 087/0562674

Fr Denis Mullane 087/2621911

Fr Tony Mullins 087/2600414

Fr Dan Lane (Retired) 087/2533030

Mass intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Tom Doody and deceased members of the Doody Family Kilconlea Upper Joe Leahy, Cratloe 1st Anniv and deceased family members
 Nick Cotter and Eleanor Cotter Upper Purt/ Cratloe Bridie & Sean Leahy, Bogmount and deceased family members

10am Bridget Fitzgerald and son Gerard Fitzgerald Anniv.

12noon Anne O'Connor Keating Dublin late of Main Street Dan Cronin, Kilmanihan West, Brosna and deceased family members

Mass intentions for the week

Mon 11am Funeral Mass

Margaret O'Connor, Kilmanihan
Mon 7pm O'Connor & Collins Families Main St. Jim & Mary Lane and son Donal Lane Meenikilly

Tues 10am Pro Populo

Wed 10am

Thurs 10am Michael Collins Purt Harry O'Shea, Convent Road Month Mind
 Special Intention Acknowledgement for those who supported Bridie at this difficult time

Fri 10am Purgatorial

Intentions for next weekend.

6.30pm William & Nora Flynn and deceased relatives Jackie & Ann Lyons & Noreen Lyons and members of Lyons and O'Donoghue families

10am James Mc Enery, Kilconlea Upper Month Mind

12noon Mary & Maurice O'Connell and deceased members of the O'Connell and O'Riordan families

Advent Wreath

This weekend in the church we light the Advent wreath. The Advent wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches representing eternity. On the wreath, four or five candles are typically arranged. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The lighting of an Advent wreath is a custom that began in 16th-century Germany among Lutherans and Catholics.

Set on the branches of the Advent wreath are four candles: three purple candles and one pink candle. A more modern tradition is to place a white candle in the center of the wreath. During the season of Advent, one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday. As a whole, these coloured advent candles represent the coming of the light of Christ into the world. Each week of Advent on Sunday, a particular Advent candle is lit.

Prophecy Candle

On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This candle is typically called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. *"Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14).* This first candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah. Next Sunday we will light the second candle called the Bethlehem Candle. Why not make your own advent wreath at home and have your children or grandchildren help you make it. For the four Sundays of Advent you could gather as a family to light the candles and have some prayers together. For help in making an Advent wreath link on to www.learnreligions.com/make-an-advent-wreath-541638. Prayer for the first Sunday of Advent below.

Prayers for Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles

First Week: All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. Amen. (Say 1 Our Father and 3 Hail Mary's and ask God's blessing on all the members of your family)

Archbishop Eamon Martin has launched the 2021 interactive digital Advent Calendar, which will go live on www.catholicbishops.ie this Sunday 28 November, the first Sunday of Advent.

Digital Advent Calendar to open this Sunday

During the week Archbishop Eamon Martin launched this year's interactive digital Advent Calendar. Now in its eighth year, the unique digital Advent Calendar offers resources for the parish, school and for families which can be accessed behind a virtual door each day during the season of Advent. The content is aimed at assisting people of all ages to pray and reflect on how best we can keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations during this special liturgical season. The interactive digital calendar will go live on www.catholicbishops.ie this Sunday 28 November, the first Sunday of Advent. A great way for families and young people to link into the Advent season.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Juliette O'Sullivan and Niall Barrett who celebrated the sacrament of Marriage here in Abbeyfeale on Saturday 27th November. We wish them every happiness in their married life together.

Sacrament of Confirmation

In the coming week parents of children in 6th class will be invited to register their son or daughter in the parish Confirmation preparation programme. These registration forms will be distributed through the parish schools. While no dates for Confirmation have been decided yet, the parish will shortly begin its preparation for the sacrament. It is planned to have a number of preparation meetings with the children and their parents. These meetings will be held online. We also intend to organise a number of Masses with the children and their families with a special focus on Confirmation and preparing for celebrating the Sacrament.

9 Day Rosary Novena for Ireland

You are invited to join in a 9 Day Rosary Novena beginning Tuesday 30th November and ending on Wednesday 8th December. People all over Ireland will pray the Rosary together each evening at 9pm. On the final evening at 9pm on Radio Maria the Primate of All Ireland Archbishop Eamon Martin will lead the final Rosary live. If you are gathering to pray in groups we encourage you to gather safely adhering to local Covid 19 regulations. For further information contact Fiona Kiely at 086 8760058.

Christmas Lights

We are deeply grateful to everyone who helped us out over the last month. Don't forget our bag pack courtesy of Twohigs Supervalu on the 3/4 Dec. Regrettably, due to Covid restrictions we have had to cancel our pub quiz at O'Rourkes bar on Dev 10th

Bereavement Support Services .

Milford Care Centre, Castletroy, Limerick. Tel: 061 485 800

Email: info@milfordcarecentre.ie

Children's Grief Centre, Limerick. Tel: 061 224 627

Email info@childrensgriefcentre.ie

National bereavement support services: Freephone 1800 80 70 77 available from 10am to 1pm, **Anam Cara** Tel: (0)1 4045378. Mobile: +353 (0)85 2888 888

Five things to help "drive down" COVID-19

Dr Tony Holohan, Chief Medical Officer, has asked anyone who has plans to socialise in the next four weeks to do five specific things to help "drive down" Covid. Speaking on Thursday evening, he said: "Incidence of COVID-19 remains concerningly high, with 62,401 cases reported in the last 14 days. We need to continue to make every effort we can to drive down incidence of disease and break the chains of transmission. The best way we can stop COVID spreading to the people we meet is by meeting fewer people and avoiding crowds.

Dr Holohan said, that "If you are socialising, think about the risk associated with the activities you have planned. Remember the simple steps you can take to keep both you and the people you meet with safe: 1. Wear a mask correctly, 2. Meet outside if possible, 3. Avoid poorly ventilated indoor spaces, 4. Practice good hand and respiratory hygiene, 5. Be mindful of your contacts in the days after socialising, and especially consider anyone you meet who may be immunocompromised or vulnerable to COVID-19.