



Abbeyfeale Parish

The Holy Family of Jesus , Mary & Joseph



29th December 2019 www.abbeyfealeparish.ie

Intentions for this weekend

- 6.30pm** Dan Meehan, Kilmorna Anniv.
915am John & Hannah Mai Lane and Daughter Catherine Rawcliffe Anniv.
12noon Mrs Nora Healy, Upper Knocknasna 2nd Anniv.

Mass Intentions for the week

Mon 11am Michael Barry, Caherlane
No Evening Mass

Tues 11am

Wed 11am New Year Day World Day of Prayer for Peace.

Thurs 10am

Fri 10am Purgatorial

Sat. 11am



Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Michael Collins, Upper Purt Month Mind
 John Collins, Ballaugh and deceased family Members
 Jimmy Daly, Dromtrasna Collins Anniv.
 Jimmy Quirke, Kilconlea Upper Anniv.
 Thomas Enright ,Rathoran 3rd Anniv.

9.15am

12noon Jim Joy Ballaugh & Peg Joy Convent Road
 Sheila & Billy O'Connor, Mountmahon & and
 Anthony O'Connor Anniv.

Little Christmas 6th Jan 10am & 7pm Mass

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of Breda Gleeson, Mountmahon whose funeral took place on Christmas Eve. May she rest in peace

Adoration

It will resume again on Tuesday 7th from 9am to 8pm
 Come and visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
 He is there to help with all your needs only

Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Life Within

O Mary, Mother of the Life Within,
 all life we entrust to you;
 The life of every expectant mother
 and the child within her womb;
 The life of every human body,
 the life of every human soul;
 The life of every new born child
 and the life of all grown old.
 You held the Lord to your own heart
 and drew Him so close in.
 So draw us now in all our needs,

"Lord help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that you and I can't handle."

Word of thanks *Happy New Year!*

Prior to Christmas, Pope Francis wrote a letter to all Catholics and Christian on the meaning and importance of the nativity scene. He signed the letter in Greccio, purposefully choosing the mountain village where St. Francis of Assisi created the first crib scene in 1223. We all love our cribs. Every crib in our churches, our schools, our town squares, our homes is of itself a living gospel rising up from the pages of scripture.

We can never underestimate the power of the gospel coming from the crib, any crib. Pope Francis, says:

"From the manger, Jesus proclaims, in a meek yet powerful way, the need for sharing with the poor as the path to a more human and fraternal world in which no one is excluded or marginalised."

And that's our challenge, to look on the manger, to spend time at our crib, wherever that is, and see the families who are homeless, the families who are refugees, the families who are forgotten by society and simply ask ourselves is there anyone we are forgetting, excluding or leaving behind in these more prosperous times?

The manger challenges us, whether it is empty or full. Christ seems to be telling all of us, it is not the first Christmas story we need to fully unpack, it is how we live the Christmas story in our lives, in our world, in our parishes, in our homes.

As we begin this new year, the crib gives us all something to think about and it challenges each of us to look at our attitudes to one another, most especially the poor and marginalised of society.

Fr Shoji and I wish all parishioners a very happy, prosperous and blessed New Year.

Christmas is also an opportunity to say thanks to the many sporting Clubs and social clubs and all who promote Irish culture in the parish and the many voluntary organisations who make such a valuable contribution to our parish community, that enables it to be a vibrant, faith filled,

Christmas Dues

A special thanks to you for your support, generosity and friendships throughout the year. Every Blessing for 2020 Fr Tony & Fr Shoji

Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Unit of Parishes

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The Parish Clerks Collection will take place next weekend the 4th & 5th Jan. envelopes are available in your box of envelopes or at the doors of the Church.
 Thanks for your continued support.

Happy New Year to you all.

Courage

Give me courage, Lord, today to face what comes along.
 Give me the faith and love I need to fill each day with song...
 Give me courage, Lord, today to follow in your way;
 Help me to do what I should do,
 And hear me when I pray...
 Give me courage Lord today And strength to do your will;
 Lead me and guide me, precious Lord,
 For I need your presence still...
 Come, take away my pain
 You are my Master , Lord, and King and ever shall remain.



CONNIE HARNETT SWIM: The 6th annual swim takes place on New Year's Day in Ballybunion at 1pm. Donations will be made to the Hope Foundation, Comfort Chemo in KUH and Ward 2D in CUH. To date in excess of €39,000 has been raised for local charities.

New Classes starting in January 2020 in the Further Education & Training Centre, Abbeyfeale (The Old Tech)

The following new classes are starting up in January 2020: Demonstration cookery, Cookery for Special Diets (Gluten free etc), Childcare QQI Level 5 & 6, Healthcare QQI Level 5, Arts and Crafts, Beginners Horticulture/Vegetable crop production(Gardening-Learn when and how to set seeds, care for plants etc), and Creative writing (Different forms of Creative Writing styles such as short stories, poetry, drama, short sketches and plays)

If you wish to register for any of the above free classes, please call Mary in the office: 06831198 or log onto www.learningandskills.ie.

LAUNCH OF A NIGHT AT THE OSKARS: The Winners' Circle Saturday, January 4 at 9pm. Films and roles will be announced on the night. There will be music and finger food. Save the date. Rehearsals will commence on the week beginning Monday, January 13 and continue each week until the week of Feb 3. Filming dates are Saturday, February 15 and Sunday, February 16 and Saturday, February 22 and Sunday, February 23.

Fire Fall-Charismatic Prayer Meeting: Mon. 13th Jan. 7.30pm-8.30pm.

Vision Board Workshop: Juliana Murphy & Anne O'Donnell, Sun. 12th Jan. 2pm-5pm. Join this positive, up-lifting and fun hands-on workshop which allows you to create your own Vision Board with images and words that will attract what you want in your life. To be part of this Powerful Workshop **Call Anne or Juliana on 087-2915343.**

Fall Adult Religious Education Programme: Fr. Sean Sheehy, Certificate Course: Group Leader training to lead discussions on Faith, Sacraments, Morality and Prayer Catechesis based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Wednesdays 7.00pm - 8.30pm beginning Wed. 15th Jan.

Prayer for Gods Support

May He support us all the day long,
 till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
 and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.
 Then, in His Mercy, may He find us safe lodging and a holy rest, and peace at last. Amen.

The Church Gates will be locked each evening at 8pm for the winter months.

Useful Numbers

The Samaritans: Free phone: [116 123](tel:116123) Text: 087 260 9090
 Aware (Depression & Anxiety) [1980 303 302](tel:1980303302)
 National Suicide Helpline (Pieta House) [1800 247 247](tel:1800247247)
 Irish Advocacy Network (Peer advocacy in mental health)
[01 872 8684](tel:018728684)
 Pieta House (Suicide & self-harm)

