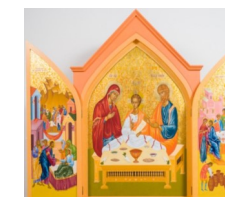




# ABBAYFEALE PARISH



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

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### Preparing for Confirmation

On the 15th of May, Bishop Brendan Leahy will visit the parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Since September the children have been preparing enthusiastically with their teachers in school and have participated in the parish programme 'You shall be my Witness'. The children have also attended a programme designed by the Catholic Church on healthy life choices, dealing with drugs, alcohol and the use of social media. This programme was delivered in Coláiste Íde agus Iosef, by the transition year students who were trained to give the programme by Mr. Darren Butler the National Coordinator of the programme.

Confirmation marks a time when young people are moving on from childhood to the teenage years. For many parents it is a time of some anxiety: what pressures will the teenage years bring? How will they cope? Confirmation offers young people an opportunity to think about serious choices that are facing them- choices about values, choices about lifestyle and of course choices about faith.

As we make our final preparations for the celebration of Confirmation, a meeting of parents will take place on **MONDAY 30TH OF APRIL** at 7.30p.m. in Coláiste Íde agus Iosef. Darren Butler, coordinator of the Healthy Life Choices Initiative will address the meeting along with some of the Transition Year Students who worked with the Confirmation Classes. We will also look at all that needs to be in place for Confirmation on the 15th of May. We look forward to welcoming all parents of sixth class.

**Bishop Brendan Leahy** would like to invite all Parish Pastoral Council members and Parish Finance committees along with clergy to a large gathering in Limerick Racecourse, Patrickswell on Tuesday 1st May at 7:30pm to present the draft proposal and begin discussions in parish groupings.

**ABBAYFEALE PARISH CHURCH** celebrates its Jubilee this year. The church was opened in June 1968. It has been suggested that an exhibition of memorabilia connected to the building and opening of the church would be a nice part of the celebration. If anyone out there has anything of interest and would be willing to lend it for this exhibition please contact 089 4356981.

**The Jubilee mass takes place on June 16th at 7.30 pm.**

### A Word from Pope Francis

Pope Francis has sent an important message to young people about the search for vocation.

In the letter, divided into four sections, the Holy Father asks youth not to allow fear control their lives. He says this fear can be that of not being loved, being unable to find work or of God asking too much of them. The Pope urges them to broaden their horizons and not waste these years, before also giving them this advice:

*"Do not allow the spark of youth to be extinguished in the darkness of a closed room in which the only window to the outside world is a computer and smartphone. Open wide the doors of your life! May your time and space be filled with meaningful relationships, real people, with whom to share your authentic and concrete experiences of daily life. Pope Francis suggests they have the bravery to live in the present, the "here and now." In fact, he assures them he wants the Church to have "important responsibilities to be given to you."*

Thus, the Pope concludes with the advice "that you may be prepared to take on these responsibilities."

### Youth Ministry Training

Congratulations to Aoife Daly and Stephanie O'Donnell who both completed the recently introduced Diocesan Youth Ministry Training Course. The Youth Ministry Course was one of the proposals of the Diocesan Synod and Stephanie and Aoife were commissioned by Bishop Brendan Leahy along with 29 other people from around the diocese at a special ceremony held on Thursday last in the new Diocesan Centre located at the St Munchin's College Campus, Corbally, Limerick. Aoife and Stephanie are well known and have been involved in Youth Ministry in the parish for many years and will be developing new ways of involving young people in the life of the parish. We wish them well in their ministry.

### FLEADH BY THE FEALE:

This year's Fleadh by the Feale takes place from Thursday, May 3 - Monday, May 7. Loads of events including Busking, Art Competition, Ceili, Gig Rig in the Square, All Ireland Bones, Sessions in various pubs, Story telling on Sunday in St. Ita's Hall and so much more – you'll just have to plan to spend the whole weekend in town! The grand celebrity concert will take place in Coláiste Íde agus Iosef on Sunday, May 6 and features the Shandrum Céili Band with support from the Coláiste Íde agus Iosef Band. Doors open 7pm with show from 8pm. Tickets & further information: Nora 086/2427003, Celine 087/7697672, Vincent 087/2443353 and Mary 087/7419343.



### Seán Keane at the Glórach

There are a limited amount of tickets available for the Seán Keane concert at the Glórach Theatre on Friday, 4th May at 8 pm. Booking absolutely essential at 0871383940.

**Irish Blood Transfusion Service** are holding a Blood Donor Clinic in Colaiste Ide agus Iosef Abbeyfeale on Monday 30th April & Tuesday 1st May from 6pm to 9pm each evening.

**The Remembering Zoë Charity Cycle** in association with Abbeyfeale Cycling Club takes place on Sunday May 13th, starting in Abbeyfeale at 9am from Fr. Casey's GAA Club.

For safety reasons the **Gardai will close the road** from the GAA Club and New Street to Buckley's cross on the Athea road from 09.00 to 09.20 approximately.

All cyclists will turn left at Buckley's cross and follow the Kilmorna road to Shanacool cross.

In the afternoon the Cycle will pass through Main Street, New Street and also the townlands of Ballaugh, Ballybehy and Knockbrack.

The organisers thank you for your patience and apologise for any inconvenience caused. Thank you.

**Pieta House walk/run** takes place at The Desmond complex Newcastle West May 12th

at 4.15 am Registration dates are as follows for anyone who needs help with online registraton

Red Door Newcastle west May 4th-----4 pm to 7 pm

### Mass intentions for this weekend

**6.30pm** Richard Tobin Convent Street Anniv.  
 Denny & Mary (DA) O'Connor, Kilconlea  
 Joan O'Keefe, Graigue Anniv.  
 Johnny Nash, Knocknasna Anniv.  
**9.15am** Paddy O'Loughlin  
**12noon** Sean O'Mahony, Caherhayes Anniv.  
 Tom Collins, Convent Street Anniv.  
 Patrick Reidy, Meenkilly 1st Anniv.

**Mon 7pm** Mai & Tade (heck) Collins, Ballaugh

**Tues 10am** Ann Romain Anniv.

**Wed 10am** Special intention

**Thurs 10am**

**Friday 10am** Purgatorial  
 Hannah O'Donoghue, Collins Park

**Sat 11am** Leana & Paddy Flynn, Craggane, Duagh

### Intention for next weekend

**6.30pm**  
**9.15am** William & Eileen Healy, Ballaugh

**12noon**

**Ministers for next weekend May 6th CAB**

**Readers for next weekend May 6th Team 2**

### Prayer

Give us eyes, Lord, that will see your people as you see them, people in need of love, people who struggle with many personal problems, or peoples who are poor and unfree at the hands of others.

Open our eyes to see others as you see them and to hear their cries for care and for friendship.

May we be people with hearts like yours, compassionate to all we meet. Amen.

### Killeenagh Well. Mary's Month

May is the month dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. We invite you to honour her by joining us in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for recitation of the Rosary each night at 7.30pm Mon-Fri and before the vigil Mass on Saturday.

### Rosary at Killeenagh

Rosary will be recited at the Holy Well in Killeenagh each Friday evening during May. Walk to the Well will take place on 27th May.

### Remembering St Pope John Paul II

Bishop Leahy is pleased to invite parishioners from around the diocese to the Inauguration of a Memorial honouring Saint Pope John Paul II, Freeman of Limerick City on Monday, April 30th 2018 at 3.30 pm at Bishop's Quay, Limerick

**Death of Fr Peadar deBurca.** The death has taken place of Fr Peadar deBurca, retired parish priest of Feenagh-Kilmeedy. Apart from spending some years after ordination in Cardiff, he spent most of his life ministering as priest in West Limerick. We offer our sympathy to his cousins here in Abbeyfeale and pray that he will rest in peace.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL:** Adoration will continue from 10-10pm every Tuesday and Friday and from 6-8pm every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. New adorers are always very welcome.

### **ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:** 066 7134276.

Protection of Life: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday 11.00am-2.00pm. Lectio Divina: Fr. Brendan Clifford OP, Thursday April 26 from 7.00 - 8.30pm. Becoming a Caring Presence in Today's World: Noticing and Nurturing Important Feelings in Our Body, Presented by John Keane, European Director of the BioSpiritual Institute, Friday 27 – Sunday 29. Book Now! Self-Care Day: "Tools to manage life's every day stressors", Anna O' Donoghue & Batty Garnett, Saturday, May 26 from 9.45 -4.00pm. Contact Anna 0879447105