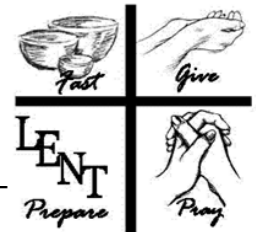




ABBNEYFEALE PARISH NEWS



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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Intentions for this weekend

- 7pm** Phyllis Cotter, Purl Anniv.
 Anne Romain Clash. Anniv.
 William, Hannah, Paul & Michael Quirke,
 Caherlane Anniv.
- 9.30am** Hannah and John Donoghue, Knocknasna
 Billy and Joan Colbert, Killarney Rd, Anniv
- 12pm** Sean and Sheila Finnerty, The Hill
 Joan Barrett and Sheila Finnerty
 Dr Michael Wall, Mountmahon Anniv.
- Mon 7pm**
Tues 10am Ita & Timmy O'Donoghue, Ballaugh
Wed 10am William & Julia Madden Anniv. &
 Niamh & John James O'Donoghue Anniv.
Thurs 10am Michael Ahern & Parents Anniv.
Fri 10am Purgatorial
Fri 7pm Mary D A O'Connor 1st Anniv.
Sat 11am

Mass intentions for next weekend

- 7pm** Sean Enright Purl Anniv.
 Patrick Lane, Grogeen and deceased family
 members Anniv.
 Larry Harnett & deceased family members.
- 9.30am** Patrick & Tom McCarthy, Caherhayes Anniv
- 12noon** Dan Murphy, Main St and Killarney
 Road 2nd Anniv.

Minister for April 9th Team E,F,D

Readers for April 9th Team 2

"I offer you some advice, three things that will help you grow in friendship with Jesus: talk to your grandparents, enjoy the company of your friends, and attend your parish. Doing these things, you will pray more, and prayer is the thread which unites all three. Thank You!"

The Season of Lent



Nest Sunday is Palm Sunday the beginning of Holy week.

As we move into the final weeks of Lent, we ask Gods blessing on all our parishes - may our Lenten disciplines and our prayer draw us closer to God and to one another, so that we might be awake and aware this Holy Week to Christs journey, and how we too are called from death to resurrection - from hopelessness to the fullness of life in Gods

Lenten Walk - We invite each family of the parish to join us on a Lenten Walk on Sunday 9th April @ 3pm. We will meet at Dromtrasna School the prayers will begin on arrival. Please bring a bottle for Holy Water and appropriate walking shoes. The purpose of this walk is to pray for the spiritual and physical welfare of the Parish.

COME AND WALK

Lent is a season for spring cleaning of soul and body and an opportunity to walk again the road of reconciliation.

What faith does

Some people think that if you have faith, life will be plain sailing for you. But, this is not so. The fact that we can swim does not shield us from the hard knocks of life and death. *What then does faith do?* It gives us bearings and thus enables us to live in a topsy-turvy world without getting lost or giving in to despair. Just as swimmers trust that if they don't panic and if they do a few simple things then the power of the sea will uphold them so believers entrust their lives to a power greater than themselves a power greater than all of us. This power is the power of God who brought his Son Jesus back from the dead.

Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is well underway. Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard a second national collection will be held this weekend.

Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated. We take this opportunity to thank you for your support for last year's first national collection.

Time is eternity. Come out and live now ...

The readings from the last weeks are especially chosen for all who prepare for Baptism at Easter. They speak of the faith journey we are all invited on if we are truly to encounter - to deeply meet - Jesus this Easter. The woman at the well reminds us that Jesus finds us where we are and gives us living water to quench our thirst. The blind man says "are you blinded? come to Jesus to be healed and see". Now the raising of Lazarus asks a powerful question: are you dead? do you want to live?
Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

As we prepare for Holy Week

The Season of Lent which prepares us to walk with Jesus in his passion in order to celebrate his resurrection more faithfully calls for a change of heart a re-birth - and all birth is painful. But we shall experience a glow of joy and a time of growth as we attempt to take up our cross of self and follow Christ. We are to look into our souls. And self-examination – seeing ourselves honestly as God sees us – is neither easy nor pleasant but Gethsemane was not easy and Calvary was not pleasant. As we continue the season of Lent. Are we prepared to go with Jesus and stay a little while with him on his journey?

Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 4th @ 7.30pm

Pastoral Area Meeting in Athea on Wed. 5th @ 7.30pm.

Death We offer our sympathy to Noreen and the extended O'Connell family on the death of Tom late of the Square and Killarney Rd. May he rest in peace

TROCAIRE

We pause today to reflect on our Lenten journey to date and our connection to the earth and life around us. The Carmina Gadelica is a collection of ancient Celtic prayers collected in the highlands and islands off the coast of Scotland in the last decades of the nineteenth century by Alexander Carmichael. It is believed that the spirituality of these prayers was influenced by the nature and beauty of the great monastic settlement founded by St Columba on Iona.

There is no plant in the ground, but is full of His virtue, there is no form in the strand, but is full of His blessing. There is no life in the sea, there is no creature in the river, there is naught in the firmament, but proclaims His goodness. There is no bird on the wing, there is no star in the sky, there is nothing beneath the sun, but proclaim his goodness.

God has blessed us with an abundance of food and resources. We often take for granted what we have. During Lent we are encouraged to help the poor and needy. Trocaire reaches out on our behalf to people who have little food, running water or basic shelter. You are invited to support the Trocaire Lenten Campaign.

Trocaire Boxes are available at the entrance of the church. And can be returned on Good Friday and the following weeks.

Jubilee year in our Parish. 2018

Next June 2018 the parish will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of our parish church. A Golden Jubilee is a significant event in the life of any parish. The Pastoral Council are beginning to plan for the 50th celebrations. At this stage we are seeking any photographs of the construction phase of the building and any articles or publications covering the opening Mass and consecration ceremony. Or photos of interest from that era.

The monthly meeting of St Joseph's Young Priests Society will take place in the Sacristy on Tuesday 4th April @ 7.30pm.

FLEADH BY THE FEALE: We are delighted to announce that the headline act for this year's "Celebrity Concert", is one of Ireland's finest traditional ambassadors, the maestro fiddle player "Frankie Gavin & De Dannan".

GOOD FRIDAY CLEAN UP: Following on from the roaring successes of the Team Limerick Clean-Up and TLC 2, we are delighted to announce that the clean-up, will take place again this year on Good Friday, April 14. Abbeyfeale parish were fantastic last year at TLC 2 and played such massive part in the event and we are hoping that you will once again be represented. For further information, please email tlc@limerick.ie or call 061496200.

ABBNEY HERITAGE AT ST. ITA'S: The local training initiative based at St. Ita's Hall offers second chance education to early school leavers and this year their "Fresh Start" programme is offering three Major Awards :QQI Level 4 Retail Skills QQI Level 4: Information and Communication Technology, and QQI Level 4 Pathway to Employment. Contact Claire Monday-Friday on: 068 51790 /[087 421 2459](tel:0874212459) for further information.

Workshop on Epilepsy in the West Limerick Resources Family and Community Hub in Further Education and Training Centre on Wednesday April 5th 2017. from 7pm to 9pm. The workshop is free to those living and working with children in the West Limerick Area. The workshop is suitable for Parents, Creche and Pre-school Staff, Healthcare workers Teachers and SNA'S & concerned family members.

Early booking is essential West Limerick Resources 068 31198.

Youth 2000 Retreat Killarney, Co Kerry.

Youth 2000 will be hosting a Catholic youth retreat in St. Brendan's College, Killarney, Co. Kerry on 7-9th April. A big attendance (aged 16-35yrs) is expected at this donation only event, with newcomers most welcome. The weekend will consist of a programme covering Youth masses, talks, music, games etc. Residential - so please bring a sleeping bag! For more information contact 086-3066892 or check out www.youth2000.ie

A Support Worker from ADAPT Domestic Abuse Services will meet a woman on a one-to-one basis by appointment, in Newcastle West, Kilmallock or Limerick, just phone 061 412354, or the 24 Hour Freephone Helpline 1800 200 504 and ask for an Outreach appointment. The location is private and the service is confidential. Supports offered are: Emotional Support; Safety Planning; Advocacy in accessing services; Court accompaniment; Accommodation. There is no charge for this service. Majella on 061 412354.

