



# ABBAYFEALE PARISH



2nd Dec 2018

First Sunday of Advent

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### Mass intention for this weekend

Sat 6.30pm Sonny McCarthy, Caherlane Anniv.

Nick & Eleanor Cotter, Upper Purt

Donal & Nell Fitzgerald and their son Patrick, Knockbrack

Bridget & Martin Mc Loughlin

James O'Grady, Meenkilly Anniv.

9.15am Kathleen O'Connor, Mountmahon Month Mind

12noon William Flynn and deceased family members.

Michael O'Shea, Coolaneelig Anniv.

### Funeral Mass for James ( Jim ) Lane, Meenkilly

### Intentions for the week

Mon 3rd 7pm Deceased Members of the ARA

Month mind Mass for Barba Sicoicowska

Fri 10am Purgatorial

Fri 6.30pm Vincent McNally Anniv.

Willie Leahy, Mountmahon Anniv.

I C A deceased and present members

Sat 11am Mick Scanlon, Athea Anniv.

### Intention for this weekend

6.30pm Bridget Healy and deceased member of Saunders family Knocknasna lower Anniv.

Ramey Leahy, New Street Anniv.

John D & Mary Ita Collins and son John and daughter Margaret Enright Anniv.

John & Kathryn Broderick, Lower Purt Anniv.

9.15am Paddy Barry, Caherlane & the Barry family

Hannah Mai Scannell, Dromtrasna Collins

12noon Frank Foley, St Ita's road and deceased

family members

Readers for Dec 2nd Team 6  
Megan Meehan, Mary Harnett Nadine Smith  
Ministers for Dec 2nd D E F

Advent is a time of expectation and hope. "Advent" means "arrival" or "coming," and it prompts us to pause each day in December and remember why Jesus came at Christmas.

Traditions vary by country, but common ways of commemorating Jesus' birth are through Advent calendars, wreaths, and candles. Ideally, any Advent tradition should involve families in a fun activity each day of December, helping them remember why we celebrate Christmas.



### Advent Prayer

Hail and Blessed be the hour and moment in which the son of God was born of the pure Virgin Mary, at mid-night in a stable in Bethlehem in the piercing cold.

At the same hour vouch safe

O My God, hear my prayer and grant my petition.

### Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of James ( Jim ) Lane, Meenkilly. His funeral will take place at the 12noon Mass on Sunday. May he rest in peace

### Sat 8th Dec Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass on Friday @ 6.30pm Sat. at 11am and 6.30pm

The next Baptismal Team Meeting will take place on 11th Dec in Templeglantine Sacristy @ 8pm.

### Mass time Change

Mass time has changed in Templeglantine Sunday morning Mass is now at 10am

PARISH RETREAT: Ardferret retreat centre. Evening of Reflection & Prayer for Abbeyfeale Parish, Tuesday, November 27 from 7.30pm-10.30pm.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER: Parishioners are invited to gather in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Wednesday afternoon at 3p.m to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

### Vincent De Paul Collection

The annual Church gate collection of The Vincent de Paul Society will be held on 1st & 2nd Dec. The conference Tel. No. 087/1213560.

Your support is much appreciated.

### Preparing for Advent

#### Thought for the week

To perceive Christmas through its wrapping paper becomes more different every day.

EB White



### Acts of Kindness Advent

During the season of Advent why not practice some genuine random acts of kindness. Random Acts of Kindness Day – is said to have started back in 1982, when Anne Herbert wrote on a placemat, 'Practise random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty.' It was a reversal of another phrase she'd read, 'random acts of violence and senseless acts of cruelty'. There's no doubt which is better, and we know this from experience.

A random act of kindness brightens up someone's day by surprising them with an unexpected act of kind-heartedness. For example during the Christmas shopping why not let someone else go ahead of you at the checkout or pay for a stranger's cup of tea or coffee. Why not help someone with carrying their shopping to the car park, or help carry a pushchair down a flight of steps. An act of kindness can be as simple as holding a door for someone, the list is endless. A kind act means giving and not expecting anything in return. We give in the spirit of the Gospel. Advent is a time when we look into our own hearts and challenge our motivations for what we do. Can we give more of ourselves to God or to someone we love? Perhaps we can offer a 'listening ear' or 'waste time' with people, in the positive sense, who need our company. Can we affirm each other? These are all acts of giving. Putting it simply we need a heart for each other.

### Random acts of kindness Tree.

At the start of Advent, we invite parishioners to make a commitment to doing some act of kindness in the lead up to Christmas. We have erected in the sanctuary of the church our Parish Random Act of Kindness Tree. We ask you to write your intended act of kindness on the cards provided and hang it on the tree. In this way we will all draw encouragement from one another, and hopefully be inspired to carry out some act of kindness between now and Christmas. Let us do our bit to make everyone a little happier.

BAKERS REQUIRED: The annual cake sale in aid of Fr. Tim Galvin is on Sunday, December 9 in St. Ita's Hall from 10-2pm and we're calling on our usual bakers for their donations to this worthy cause.



### Christmas Lights

Our next fundraiser is being held on Friday December 7th at Leeds Hotel at 10.30 am. The wonderful ARA group are hosting this event and if it's anything like last year, it brought a great sense of fun, camaraderie, and support to improve the our town for Christmas.

Shop Local Vouchers will be available this year in Abbeyfeale town to give as Christmas gifts and help encourage the shop local campaign. The vouchers are available at the Credit Union, and can be redeemed in Local businesses

Come to  
The Joy of Christmas  
An evening of Christmas Carols and Music  
The Church of the Assumption  
In Abbeyfeale  
On Sunday 9th Dec @ 7pm  
At 7pm Adm Free



Christmas joy warms the heart

Hampers being raffled on the night in aid of Youth Ministry in our Parish. Please support this wonderful evening.

### Parish Units

At the diocesan Synod held in April 2016, it was decided by the delegates at the Synod to introduce a model of Team Ministry throughout the diocese. This weekend Bishop Leahy has issued a pastoral letter on this new approach to ministering in the diocese. Parishes will be working in Units and the list of Units was published last week. Abbeyfeale will be part of a Unit that includes the parishes of Templeglantine, Athea and Tournafulla–Mountcollins parishes. From the 1st of December 2018, all priests working in the Unit are Co-Parish Priests of all of the parishes in the Unit. Fr Denis Mullane has been appointed as Moderator of the Unit of Parishes. Fr Mullane's role will be to coordinate the pastoral work in the Unit of Parishes. In the new year a single Pastoral Council will be put in place for the Unit of Parishes. Each individual parish within the Unit will have a co-ordinating committee or local parish council. This new structure will see greater movement of the priests within the Unit of Parishes, especially for the celebration of the Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass. We ask you to take home a copy of Bishop Leahy's Pastoral Letter. Over the coming weeks we will have more details in the weekly Newsletter.

Scoil Mháthair Dé are holding a Christmas Craft Fair in the school on Thursday 6th December starting at 11.00 a.m. On the day there will be a cake sale and refreshments will also be served. Proceeds will go to the Simon Community (Homeless). All Welcome.

West Limerick 102fm wish to express their gratitude to you for the courtesy and generosity that you showed to the collectors. Reception Tel no. 069/66200 Bernadette O'Connor

"Glórach is pleased to announce that Sean Keane and his band, as part of his Christmas by the Hearth Tour, will perform in concert at the Glórach on Saturday 15th December. Concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost €25. Booking line 087 1383940"

### Useful Numbers

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