



ABBEYFEALE PARISH



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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm James & Bridget O'Mara, Church St.
Mike Doran, London Month Mind
Jimmy Sheedy, Kilconlea Upper Anniv.
Jimmy Collins, Main Street Anniv.

9.15am Mary B McEnery, Dromtrasna Anniv.
Tess Collins, Convent St. died recently

12noon Sean Cahill & Hannah Cahill,
Knocknasna Anniv.

Mon 7pm Timothy Murphy, Caherlane Anniv.

Tues 10am

Wed 10am Anna Murphy/Callaghan and her
parents Jerry & Julia Murphy, Caherhayes

Thurs 10am

Fri 10am Purgatorial

Sat 11am Tom Fitzgerald, Knocknasna Anniv.

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm. Maureen Higgins & Monica & Michael
Collins and the Collins Family

Juliann McCarthy, Meenkilly & Collins Park 1st
Jack O'Grady, Dromtrasna South Anniv.

Kathleen Fitzgerald, Dromtrasna North Anniv.

9.15am Kate Naughton, Hill Road &
Denis Naughton Mountcollins

Molly Coleman & John Coleman Manchester

12noon Paul Collins, Convent Street &
Limerick 5th Anniv.

Michael O'Sullivan Colbert Terrace Anniv.

First Friday

Next Friday of the month. **Confessions** on Thursday
after the 10am Mass.

St Joseph's Young Priests Group will meet at 8pm
in the Sacristy on Wednesday 5th Sept.

The Adoration Committee will meet in the
sacristy on Monday September 4th at 7.30 p.m.

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of
Ewen Hughie MacArthur, Meenkilly whose
funeral took place on Saturday.
May he rest in peace

ABBEYFEALE PARISH COMMUNITY

GARDEN: We are currently harvesting in the
garden and hope to hold a second sale of our
produce on Sunday, September 1 after the 9.15am
and 12 noon Masses. We will be making a donation
to a charity called Bakery for Nairobi which is run
by a friend of Helga Henn's, a donation to help with
the devastating flooding in India and the remainder
of the proceeds will go to Fr. Tim Galvin's Mission
in South Sudan.

A prayer of new beginnings

Spirit of wisdom and love,
Bless the pupils and teacher who are returning to
school. Bless those who are making new beginnings
Be with the children and their parents during the
first days of primary school. Help us to build our
school into a community of faith and love.

Guide teachers to discipline with love.
Help them to combine knowledge with education of
the heart, doing so with understanding, reverence
and compassion. May we honour student as a
miracle of God's creation, creating space for mind,
body and spirit, to grow into fullness of life. Amen.

50th Anniversary of the Fire Service in Abbeyfeale.

Congratulation to all members of the local
Fire Service both past and present on the 50th
anniversary of the establishment of the
Fire Brigade Service in Abbeyfeale.

The Fire Service provides a critical service to
the local community. We are grateful for what
they do for us in saving lives, while very often
putting their own lives at serious risk. We ask
God to protect the crew members in their work
and to keep them safe at all times.

We appreciate too the support members receive
from their families and the many sacrifices
made by them.

Sometimes we can take this
service for granted and we
can easily forget the
dedication and commitment
given by the fire crew



Thank you.

What Pope Francis said in Croke Park

Last weekend thousands of people were in Dublin for the visit of Pope Francis, including 65 parishioners from our Pastoral Area Ide Naofa. Our Pastoral Area includes the parishes of Athea, Tournafulla/ Mountcollins, Templeglantine and Abbeyfeale. Those who made the journey to Dublin attended the Festival of Families in Croke Park. Limerick people present, some for the second weekend in a row were congratulated by people from all over Ireland and beyond on winning the All Ireland Hurling final the previous weekend. Those who were privileged to be present in Croke Park will always remember the moment Pope Francis entered the arena and we will treasure the short time spent with him last Saturday evening. While the pageantry and entertainment was tremendous, Pope Francis spoke persuasively and realistically on the challenges facing families in 2018. Here is some of what Pope Francis had to say.

"Today in Dublin we are gathered for a family celebration of thanksgiving to God for who we are: one family in Christ, spread throughout the world. The Church is the family of God's children. A family in which we rejoice with those who are rejoicing, and weep with those who grieve or feel knocked down by life. A family in which we care for everyone, for God our Father has made all of us his children in Baptism. That is one reason why I keep encouraging parents to baptize their children as soon as possible, so that they can become part of this great family of God. We need to invite everyone to the party!"

What does this mean? It means that we, who have encountered God's saving love, try, with or without words, to express it in little acts of kindness in our daily routine and in the most hidden moments of our day. That is what holiness is all about. I like to speak of the saints "next door", all those ordinary people who reflect God's presence in the life and history of our world. The vocation to love and to holiness is not something reserved for a privileged few. Even now, if we have eyes to see, we can see it being lived out all around us. It is silently present in the heart of all those families that offer love, forgiveness and mercy when they see the need, and do so quietly, without great fanfare.

Christian marriage and family life are only seen in all their beauty and attractiveness if they are anchored in the love of God, who created us in his own image. Fathers and mothers, grandfathers and grandmothers, children and grandchildren: all of us are called to find, in the family, our fulfilment in love. God's grace helps us daily to live as one in mind and heart. Even daughters-in-law and mothers-in-law! No one said this would be easy.

It is like making tea: it is easy to bring the water to a boil, but a good cup of tea takes time and patience; it needs to brew! So it is that each day Jesus warms us with his love and lets it penetrate our whole being.

From the treasury of his Sacred Heart, he offers us the grace we need to heal our infirmities and to open our minds and hearts to hear, understand and forgive one another".

In the coming days let us ponder on these words of Pope Francis.
We will continue to reflect on the Popes words in the coming weeks.

Readers of the Word of God 2nd Sept

Ministers of the Eucharist

2nd Sept

Team 6

Teams BCA

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock Sunday 23rd September

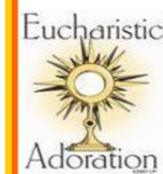
Luxury coach leaving the
Church Abbeyfeale at
7am sharp. Cost: €20 and must
be paid beforehand to
ensure a seat.

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Catholic Grandparents Association Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage September 9th 2018, Knock Shrine 2.30pm.

Everybody welcome to honour & thank Grandparents
alive & dead for all they have done for us down
through the ages. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Jude
Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio - Combined Choirs
of Knock Parish - The Tuttle Family - Dana sings
'Our Lady of Knock'



In the Eucharist we have Jesus, we have
his redemptive sacrifice, we have his
resurrection, we have the gift of the Holy
Spirit, we have adoration, obedience, and
live of the Father. Were we to disregard the
Eucharist, how could we overcome our
won deficiency? (Pope John Paul 11 words to live by.)

Eleanor McEvoy concert

Acclaimed singer Eleanor McEvoy, who achieved her
breakthrough with 'A Woman's Heart' in the early '90's, will be in
concert at the Glórach Theatre on Friday, 31st August at 8.30 pm

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP: 11am – 12.30pm every
Tuesday and Thursday, St Ita's Hall. New people always
welcome. Contact Mary on 087 9382883.

VINCENT DE PAUL SHOP: If you have an hour or two to spare
why not consider volunteering your time to help the work of St
Vincent de Paul. If you are interested contact Fr Tony on [087-2600414](tel:087-2600414). The Abbeyfeale shop will open Wednesday, Thursday,
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A gathering on parish contact people who organise retreats at
Ardfert retreat centre will take place on Wed Sept 12th
7.30-9.30pm. Mass celebrated by Fr Liam Comer
tel 066/7134276