



## Co Parish Priests

Fr Tony Mullins 087/2600414

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Priest on Duty for the Area this Sunday – Emergency calls  
Rev F O’Dea 087/2443106

## Intentions for this weekend

**6.30pm** James & Bridget O’Mara, Church Street.  
**9.15am** Gerard & Bridget O’Donnell, Ballaugh  
**12noon** Bridget Naughton nee Foley Anniv.  
Peg Cunningham nee Riordan late of  
Ballybehy & Galway Anniv.  
Larry & Margaret Harnett and their son Larry

**Mon 7pm** Ann Romain Birthday remembrance  
**Tues 10am** Michael Broderick Convent St1st Anniv.  
**Wed 10am** Pro Populo  
**Thurs 10am** Special Intention  
**Fri 10am** Purgatorial  
**Sat 11am** Eadaoim Carey

## Intentions for next weekend

**6.30pm** Phyllis Cotter Anniv.  
Michael Wall and deceased family members  
Sean Enright, Purt Anniv.  
Timmy & Ita O’Donoghue, Ballaugh  
**9.15am** Hannah & John O’Donoghue, Knocknasna

**12noon** Patrick Collins, Glenashrone  
Daniel J Murphy Main St & Killarney Road  
Paddy Woulfe, Kilconlea Lower Anniv.  
Dan Cronin, Kilmanihan

**Mon 8th @ 7pm** Bridie & Tom O’Connell  
late of London  
Liam Flynn 2nd Anniv.

**Schools collection will be taken up at all Masses  
this weekend 30th & 31st March.**

## Just a thought

*“I wonder where was the prodigal son’s mother in  
today’s Gospel”*

## Mothers Day

Mother’s Day is a special day. Each year we pause to think about our mothers and those who have shaped our lives. We give thanks to God and share memories as we think about our mothers who have gone before us. We give thanks to God and reach out in love to our mothers who are in our lives today. We give thanks to God and celebrate those, who like mothers, have shaped us. Lord bless all mothers today. Help us to appreciate them 365 days a year not just today. Give them strength and courage in their family life. Every Blessing on Mothers Day.

## The Chrism Mass

This year the Chrism Mass will be celebrated in St John’s Cathedral, Limerick on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. The Mass will begin at 7.30pm. The Chrism Mass is the great annual gathering of the Diocese – lay faithful, religious, priests and Bishop, all gathered in the one Eucharist. Everyone renews their baptismal promises and the priests renew the promises made at Ordination.

At the Chrism Mass each year, the bishop blesses three oils — the oil of catechumens (for use in Baptism and Confirmation), the oil of the infirm (for use in the sacrament of the Sick) and holy chrism (for use in Confirmation and Ordination). These are the oils that are then used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year. At the end of the Chrism Mass, the oils are collected by priests or representatives of the parish and brought home to the parishes across the Diocese.

The word “Chrism” comes from the Greek word for “anointed”. Jesus “Christ” means Jesus “the Anointed One” (the Messiah). All Catholics are anointed at Baptism and Confirmation, indicating our sharing in Jesus’ life, death and resurrection and our continuing his mission on earth. It could be said that the annual Chrism Mass is when we renew together that “anointing”. Bishop Leahy has extended an invitation to the people of the diocese to join with him in celebrating this year’s Chrism Mass. All are welcome. Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in St John’s Cathedral.

**Prayer Petition Book:** Jesus said in the Gospel that if we need anything we should pray for it. “Knock and the door will be open to you. Seek and you shall find”. We are introducing a Petition Book which will be located in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Parishioner are invited to write their petitions in the book and these intentions will be included in our Masses each day. They will also be prayed for during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We ask you not to write the names of individuals in the book.

## Our Houses were Bulldozed

“There were many police, army and security contractors at the eviction. I begged them not to burn my house and crops, but they went ahead. They could have killed us, but we ran away.” José Cuc Cruz (45) describes the night his family was forced to flee their home. In the Polo chic Valley in northern Guatemala, indigenous communities live on lands their ancestors lived on for hundreds of years. But the land is valuable. Big businesses want it to grow sugarcane or palm oil, or to use it for mining. Families such as José’s live in fear of waking in the night to see bulldozers and soldiers gathered to evict them. In 2011 they were one of 750 families to be evicted to make way for large sugarcane plantations. Several people were injured, and one man was killed. Their houses were burnt to the ground. Sadly, this is often the fate of indigenous communities in Guatemala. They lack legal rights and protection and are often subjected to violent attack. José’s daughter, María, is one of the smiling girls on this year’s Trocaire box. Your donations this Lent will help Trocar to continue to support these evicted families in their efforts to win legal right for their land. Securing this right can allow them to live in peace, free from the terror of bulldozers. Make sure you have a Trocaire Box. There are plenty available in the church. Please join in this year’s Lenten campaign.

## Lectio Divina

Will take place during Lent Each Friday morning at approx. 10.20 after the 10am Mass. Reading and meditation on the gospel for the following Sunday with the aim of making the gospel a reality in our lives. All are welcome.

**Stations of the Cross** will take place before mass each Friday 9.45am during Lent.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration recommences on Monday at 8am for 13 hours **8am –9pm.**

**OPEN DAY:** An invitation has been issued by the Board of St Ita’s Sheltered Housing to their Open Day on Saturday April 27.

**Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place this year from **June 20th to 25th.** All Assisted (Invalid) Pilgrims applications to be submitted to Lourdes Office before the end of April.

## Athea Lourdes Pilgrimage

A Variety Concert in aid of the Athea Lourdes Invalid Fund will take place in St Bartholomew’s Church, Athea on Sun 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm  
Tickets €10. Contact Fr Tony. 087/2600414

**Paediatric First Aid Course** – Child and Infant First Aid Takes place in St. Ita’s Hall Abbeyfeale on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019.

6pm to 8pm, This is a 2 hour course covering -Treating a choking child/ infant- How to recognize Breathing Difficulties-Basic treatment of burns and scalds- Common medical emergencies. Followed by Question and Answer Session. Numbers are limited if you want to secure a place please call Mary on 087 9382883.  
This is an initiative of West Limerick Resources CLG.

## Liam Flynn Commemoration event at Glórach

On this Friday April 5th, an event will be held at the Glórach Theatre to commemorate the late Liam Flynn, a world acclaimed wood turner. There will be an exhibition of some of his work as well as a short film about Liam and the process of turning wood. The doors open at 7 pm for this informal event, beidh fáilte roimh gach éinne.

## Wedding

Congratulations to Catherine Mulcahy & Cathal Mooney who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage here in the Church of Assumption Abbeyfeale on Saturday 30th March. We wish them every happiness in their married life together.



**“There was never a child so lovely that his mother  
wasn’t glad to get him/her asleep.”**

**Happy Mothers day.**