



PARISH PASTORAL UNIT
ABBEYFEALE, ATHEA, TEMPLEGLANTINE, TOURNAFULLA, MOUNTCOLLINS

Happy New Year
and best wishes
for 2024

31st Dec 2023 www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@eircom.net Church Sacristy 068 - 51915 Parish Office 089/2646772 Anne 11am to 1pm

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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Dan Meehan Kilmorna Anniv
 John & Hannah Mai Lane and daughter
 Catherine The Hill
 Sean Sheehan Knocknasna and Barnagh
 and deceased family members

10am Nora & Patrick Quirke their daughter
 Kathleen Lehane and Bridie Quirke

12noon Jeremiah & Noreen Healy sons John & Jeremiah
 and granddaughter Kathleen Knocknasna

Intentions for the week

Mon Mass at 11am No Evening Mass New Year's Day
Tues 10am Pro Populo
Wed 10am Siobhan Tobin and deceased members
 of the Tobin family
Thurs 10am Deceased members of the Quirke's family
Fri 10am Purgatorial

Fri 7pm Vigil for Holy Day
Sat 10am Mass for the Holy Day

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Jim Joy, Ballaugh Anniv.
 Timmy Daly, Dromtrasna Collins
 Jimmy Quirke, Kilconlea Upper Anniv.
 Tom Enright Rathorna Anniv.
 John Collins, Ballaugh and deceased family members

10am Michael & Dan McCarthy, Purt Anniv.

12noon Julie O'Connor, Mountmahon
 Tade Joe Healy Glenashrone 1st Anniv.
 Pdraig O'Connor, Main Street and deceased family members

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year
2024

Happy New Year!

A new year always bring a sense of hope and excitement to all of our lives. As we look back and reflect on the past year, we are grateful for the people who have walked with us on the journey and made a difference in our lives. We look forward to a 'clean slate' in 2024 so that we can begin afresh and embrace the present moment as it unfolds.

As we begin 2024, we pray for faith to believe that God our Father, journeys with us in all our joys and tribulations. In this New Year we seek to build a community where all relationships are based on respect, kindness and welcome.

As we reflect on the Christmas season, we thank God for all the goodwill and love experienced. It has been an opportunity to spend time with family and friends, a time to renew old acquaintances and express our appreciation for one another. Together we have pondered on the mystery of God among us. Hopefully, we are refreshed spiritually and physically by our time together.

As we face into this New Year with hope and optimism let us remember that God will always keep us under his protection and care, that He always wishes good for us and that He is always attentive to our needs and always wishes to meet us with His peace. As we begin this new year, let us share this Good News with one another. We wish all our parishioners a very happy, blessed and prosperous new year. Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh.

Fr Willie, Fr Dan & Fr Tony

Thank You for Sharing Your Gifts and Talents: We want to thank all Church volunteers who gave so much of their time and talent to the celebration of our Christmas Masses. It is very much appreciated by all parishioners. Thank you.

Priest's Christmas Collection

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Dues Collection. As one of only four appeals in the year, your support and your generosity are very much appreciated.

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of Teresa O'Donnell, Convent St and Convent Road whose funeral took place on Thursday. May she rest in peace.

New Year Blessing

*May God, the source and origin of all blessing, grant us peace.
 May He pour out his blessing in abundance and keep us safe from
 harm throughout the year.
 May He give us integrity in the faith, endurance in hope and
 perseverance in love.
 May He who has called us out of darkness into his wonderful light,
 pour out his
 kindness and blessing upon each one of us.
 May the Spirit of God guide and direct us in our lives and work and
 may we be messengers of joy and hope for all those we meet.
 We make our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen*

Parish Clerks Collection will take place next weekend 6th /7th Jan. Envelopes available in you box of envelopes or use any envelope and mark it for the clerks and place in the box at the doors or in the basket collection. Thanks in advance Anne.

Divine Mercy Meetings will not take until Monday 8th January.

Baptisms in Abbeyfeale will be celebrated on the **first Saturday** of each month at 5.00pm. Also, on the **second Sunday** of the month after the 12noon Mass. Contact the Sacristy 068/51915 during Mass Times.

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POINTS TO PONDER

Theologian William Barclay wrote that there are three ways to make the New Year meaningful; a) something to dream, b) something to do, and c) some one to love. 'I have a dream' said Martin Luther King. We should have a noble plan of action (dream a noble dream), for every day in the New Year.

We need to remember the proverb: '*cherish your yesterdays, dream your tomorrows, but live your todays.*' It has been truly said that an idle mind is the devil's workshop. We must not be barren fig trees, nor barren branches in God's vineyard.

We must be always engaged, doing good for others and loving the men and women we encounter in daily life, for they are our brothers and sisters in Christ. This becomes easier when we make God the center of our life and realise His presence in all the people around us. Let us light a candle instead of blaming the darkness around us. Just as the moon borrows the sun's light to illuminate the earth, we must radiate the Light of God shining within us. Let's pray the prayer of Dag Hammarskjold: '*Lord, for all that has been, Thanks! For all that will be, Yes!*' (Fr Antony Kadavil, Intercom Magazine)