



ABBAYFEALE PARISH NEWS



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Catholic Schools week

This year, the theme for Catholic Schools Week is Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim God's Mercy. This is a Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis and we are called and challenged to be the face of God's mercy to one another. Mercy is difficult to define and even more difficult to practice in our everyday lives. To be merciful as the Father is merciful, we are invited to love unconditionally, to forgive without judgement and to live as people who believe that all are made in the image and likeness of God. (John Bosco) used to say that "education is a matter of the heart.". It is precisely in the human heart that the Spirit of truth is made present as consoler and transformer. He unceasingly enters the history of the world through the heat of man. *Pope John Paul II*

Perpetual Adoration will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel during Lent. The chart is available behind the tabernacle if you wish to sign your name or your family name for one hour a week during Lent. "Watch With Me"

Monday 1st Feb is the Feast of St Brigid

Brigid was born in the fifth century and founded a convent and monastery in Kildare. She is remembered for her hospitality, generosity and care of the sick.

Anois teacht an Earraigh, beidh an lá ag dul chun sineadh,
 Is tar éis na Feile Bríde, ardóigh mé mo sheol,
 Ó chuir mé i'm cheann é, ní stopfaidh mé choiche,
 Go bhfillfidh mé ar ais ar Chontae Mhuigheo.

Tuesday is the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemass Day) world day for consecrated Life. This feast is a remembrance of the Lord and Mary, mother of the Lord. With candles in their hands, the people go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him like Simeon, who recognised Christ as 'light to reveal God to the nations' Candles will be blessed on Tuesday morning at the 10am Mass.

Wednesday is the Feast of St Blaise. He died in 315. Bishop of Sebaste, martyred in Armenia. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the eighth century he has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the Throat. The blessing of St Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick, the priest touches the throat of each person, saying 'Through the intercession of St Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessing of Throats will take place here on Wednesday morning at 10am Mass.

Prayer for Grandparents :

Loving God, Bless all our grandparents, those with us here today, those who cannot be with us and those who have gone to be with you. May they heed your call to share their wisdom and faith with us. May they have courage and confidence to hand on your gifts of experience and knowledge of stories, songs and memories. May they continue to learn and grow with us day by day. Bless them and all of us gathered here today with length of days and joy at the last.



Schools Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend 30th /31st Jan .

Baptismal Meeting will take place in Athea on 9th Feb @ 8pm in the Sacristy. Parents from the Pastoral area intending to baptize their child are encouraged to attend this gathering.

The Irish Bishops Drugs initiative programme for confirmation children will take place on Wednesday night March 9th and Wednesday night April 13th from 7:30pm until 9pm at Scoil Mháthair Dé. Both Confirmation candidates and parents to attend.

Trocaire Boxes

We ask our usual distributors to collect the Trocaire boxes at the church this weekend to be distributed for Lent. We appreciate your help.

Sagart Lourdes Reunion in the Woodlands House hotel on Friday March 4th Tickets €25 Contact Mary on 087/7919414

Mainistir na Féile ICA guild resumes on Tuesday night 3rd February at 7.30pm. at the Adult Education Centre Mount Mahon.

Divine Mercy Jubilee

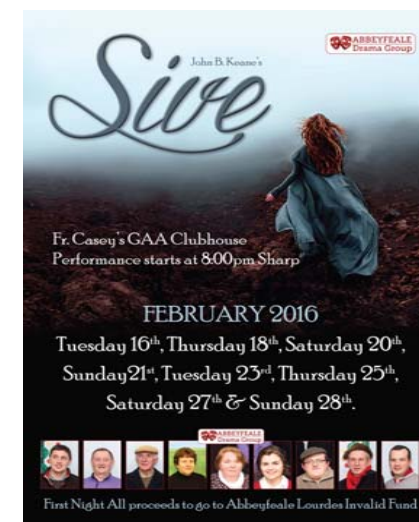
25th Divine Mercy Conference 19th, 20th & 21st Feb in Main Hall, RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin

Abbeyfeale Men's Shed and Traveller Men's Group have collaborated on repair and hanging of gates in the Church of Ireland Graveyard at Mountmahon. The fitting of the gates will take place on Tuesday 9th Feb. @ 12 o'clock. Billy Broderick local historian will give a brief talk on the history of the Church of Ireland Graveyard. Refreshments afterwards in the Education and Training Centre. This is an initiative of West Limerick Resources, Tel. 087 6497671 or Mary on 087 9382883.

Tournafulla Camogie Club are holding a Fashion Show, featuring local models, on Thursday 18th February in Tournafulla Community Hall, commencing at 7.15 with a Cheese and Wine Reception. Fashion Show starts at 8pm. Tickets €10. and can be purchased from Irene Dillane, Miranda Foley, Janet Garvey or Marina O'Mahoney.

ST. BRIGID'S BLESSING

You were a woman of peace.
 You brought harmony where there was conflict.
 You brought light to the darkness.
 You brought hope to the downcast.
 Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
 Strengthen what is weak within us.
 Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
 May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.



Intentions for this weekend

7pm Peggy Woulfe nee Ward months mind and her husband Maurice Woulfe and their son Michael, Ballaugh Anniv. at this time.

David Ward, Ballaugh Anniv.

9.30am Rico Kelly Radharc Na Feile Anniv.
 Jim Coffey, Hillview Drive Anniv.

12noon Paddy & Nancy Fitzgerald, Meenahela
 Mike O'Connell, Dromtrasna Anniv.

7pm Mon Mary Flynn, Banard 1st Anniv. **Tues**

8.15am Private Intention

Tues 10am Private Intention

Wed 8.15am Private Intention

Wed 10am Bernadette O'Connor, Knocknasna

Thurs 8.15am

Thurs 10am Elizabeth, Johan & Moss O'Connor and Elizabeth O'Sullivan Anniv.

Fri 8.15am Purgatorial

Fri 10am Purgatorial

Sat 11am Bridie & Thomas O'Connell, late of London & Knocknasna

Intention for next weekend

7pm Peter Scannell, Clash Road 9th Anniv

Peggy Foley, Ballaugh Anniv.

9.30am Dan McCarthy, Collins Park Anniv
 John Stack, Purt 2nd Anniv.

12noon Gerard O'Shea Anniv.

Mary Ann Barry, Knocknasna 1st Anniv.

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of the death of Lily O'Keefe, St Ita's Road who funeral took place on Monday.

Ministers for 7th Feb F D E
Readers 7th Feb Team 7
Shelia Breen
Orla & Maeve Quirke
Teresa Lane

Hymns

Spirit Come to Us - Hilda Leader

Spirit come to us, we are your people,
 come fill our hearts with the fire of your love.
 Spirit come to us, come among us,
 send us your light, you will renew the face of the earth.

Who will Speak - Marty Haugen

*Who will speak if you don't?
 Who will speak if you don't?
 Who will speak so their voice will be heard?
 Oh, who will speak if you don't?*

Who will speak for the poor and the broken?
 Who will speak for the peoples oppressed?
 Who will speak so their voice will be heard?
 Oh, who will speak if you don't?

Who will speak for the ones who are voiceless?
 Speak the truth in the places of power?
 Who will speak so their voice will be heard?
 Oh, who will speak if you don't?

Alleluia

Praise the Lord all you Nations
 Acclaim all you peoples
 Strong is His love for us
 He is Faithful forever Alleluia

Pastoral Council Meeting will take place in the sacristy on Tuesday 2nd Feb @ 7.30pm.
 All members are asked to attend.

Commitment Mass

Confirmation Children, parents and sponsors commitment Mass will take place on Sat 13th Feb @ 7pm.

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is celebrated

Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and