



ABBEYFEALE PARISH NEWS



31st July 2016

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Prayers of the Faithful.

Introduction Prayer

Jesus said, "if you wish to be truly rich then seek true riches"

Let us ask God for the grace to discern these gifts in our prayer today.

1. For Christians everywhere in this year of mercy, that we may seek the compassion and love of God for ourselves and those in distress and turmoil, Lord hear us.
2. For our civil and political leaders, that they may receive the blessings of God by walking in the footsteps of Christ and be enlightened by the word of God in their discernment, Lord hear us.
3. For children everywhere, that they may be blessed with great care and love and may grow to become the people, they are called to be. We pray that children in need may be specially cherished, Lord, hear us.
4. For all who are seeking to serve The Lord in the priesthood and religious life, that they may realize that life is not made secure by what one owns but by the depth of one's relationship with Christ and the love of the Father, Lord hear us.
5. For all who are called to reflect on the Environment and be stewards of creation, that we may become the eyes, the ears and the hands of Christ in tending the universe and see it as God's gift to all peoples, Lord hear us.
6. For those who have died this past week.... That they may find their true home in the heavenly city with all who have gone before them on the path to life eternal, Lord hear us



Concluding prayer

Jesus, teach us to place our hopes and trust in you rather than on what is fleeting and futile in the world. We ask that you would help us to be attentive to our needs rather than our wants. We make our prayers through you to God our Father in the unity of The Holy Spirit. Amen

Intentions for this weekend:

- 7pm** Colm Mangan Anniv.
Gerard O' Brien Ballaugh . Anniv.
- 9.30am** Luke Scannell Clash Rd. Anniv.
Mary Scannell, The Hill Months Mind
- 12noon** Pro Populo

Intention for the week:

- Mon 7pm** Bernard & Patricia O'Neill
- Tues 10am** Thanksgiving Mass
- Wed 10am** Success of Faith Camp
- Thurs 10am** John Healy Collins Park 7th Anniv. & Parents Catherine & Con Healy
- Fri 10am** Purgatorial
- Sat 11am** Margaret & Con Flynn, Main Street Anniv.
- Sat 7pm** Madge Woulfe, Kilconlea Upper Anniv.
Ann Fitzgibbon, Caherlane Anniv.
- 9.30am** Thomas Browne, Knocknasna Anniv.
Mossie Noble O'Connor & Parents
- 12noon** Owen & Eileen Doody, Ballaugh Anniv.

Sagart Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2016

Why not travel with the Sagart Pilgrimage. Bus leaving Abbeyfeale to Shannon Airport on Sept 22nd. Arriving in Lourdes for 5 nights and returning on the 27th Sept in this the Year of Mercy. Cost €719 Contact Fr John or Fr Joseph or the Office.

FAITH CAMP

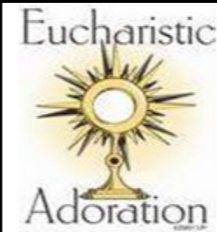
We pray for the success of the Faith Camp taking place this week in the parish.

The next Baptismal preparation meeting will take place in Athea on the 9th August @ 8pm in the Sacristy.



"Violence destroys what it claims to defend: the life, liberty and dignity of the human being."

Pope John Paul II



A Spiritual farewell gift for Fr John

It was suggested that we each give a spiritual bouquet of an hour's adoration to Fr. John O'Shea on the occasion of his departure from the parish. A card will be available on adoration days in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Please sign your name, the date and the time.

Adoration takes place each Mon, Wed & Thurs from 6-8pm and on Tues & Fri from 8.30am to 10pm.

Farewell Gathering for Fr. John O'Shea will take place on Friday the 2nd September at 8pm in Fr. Casey's GAA Clubhouse. This night will include light refreshments song and dance and a presentation from the parish to Fr. John. All are welcome.

Reilig Ide Naofa Graveyard Mass will take place on Thursday 18th Aug @ 7.30pm weather permitting. Clean up takes place every Tuesday to tidy up if you are available some evening please call all help is greatly appreciated as the graveyard is quiet large and need constant weeding. So come along and join the group, a great workout !!! All are welcome.

Vocations

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"O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts". (Ps. 94:7) There are so many competing voices bombarding us today that it is difficult to hear God's voice. Our hearts can be hardened so that the spiritual side of our lives is neglected and God's voice is tuned out. Yet, God continues to call us especially through those who give their lives to him in the priesthood and religious life. If you feel you would like to assist God in this great work why not call: Fr. Leslie McNamara (Limerick Diocesan Vocations Director) at 061-414624 or 087-202-8189 or mailto: lesliemcnamara@eircom.net to discern whether or not you may have a vocation.

Prayer:

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National Novena to Our Lady of Knock

Events are finalised for the National Novena to Our Lady of Knock will take place from the 14th – 22nd August. The theme for this year is 'Merciful like the Father' in keeping with the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The Novena will open with Most Rev. Bishop Michael Smith and the Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage as well as guest speaker, Mr. Noel Smyth, Businessman and Solicitor who whose talk entitled 'God and Mammon- doing the right thing' will explore the topic of business and ethics. As in recent years, workshops will take place daily at 12 noon and 6pm on a range of interesting and contemporary issues.

Speakers

As part of the Jubilee celebrations of the 150th Anniversary as custodians of the Mother of Perpetual Help, the Pilgrim Icon will make a visit to Knock Shrine as part of its annual Novena. Redemptorist preachers, Fr. Michael Cusack, CSsR and Fr. Seamus Enright, CSsR will facilitate workshops at the shrine on Monday 15th August, the Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Virgin Mary. The 15th August is a traditional pilgrimage day, with many pilgrims walking to Knock from far and wide as part of their annual ritual.

Fr Caseys Night at the dogs update !! A bus will leave Abbeyfeale for Fr Caseys fundraising field development night at the dogs at Limerick Greyhound Stadium on Sat 13th August at 6pm sharp. Prices adults €10, U18s €3... Seats must be pre booked and paid by 1st August by contacting 085-7080547, names also will be taken on 25th & 28th July from 6.45-7.30 at the clubrooms or on Sunday mornings 10.45-11.45 at underage training

CHARITY CYCLE: Abbeyfeale Cycling Club (ACC) first charity cycle will take place on Aug 14th 60Km and 110Km routes around the surrounding parishes. This first cycle will be in aid of St Gabriel's School in Limerick and will take place on Sunday, Aug 14

Holiday Prayer.

Lord, protect and bless all those who are on holidays. Re-create them in body, mind and spirit. Help them to let go, to step of the treadmill of stress and predictable routine. Help us all to create a "Sabbath space" in our hearts, our lives and our relationships.