



ABBHEYFEALE PARISH NEWS

Happy New
Year

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Second Sunday after Christmas

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Parish Clerks Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend 2nd & 3rd Jan

Envelopes available at the doors or in your box of envelopes. We thank you for your continued support.

The Adoration will resume again on Friday January 8th



Baptismal Meeting will take place in Templeglantine on Tues 12th Jan @ 8pm in the Sacristy. Parents from the Pastoral area intending to baptize their child in the next month are encouraged to attend this gathering of just one hour.

*When each of us is baptised,
God renews with us his everlasting Covenant*

St Ita's Wren group would like to thank the people of the parish for funds raised €1630 donated to Fr John Moloney and Fr Tim Galvin Mission work.

A Calendar Prayer

Loving and caring God, in my Calendar
You document my past Herald my future
And focus my now.

You remind me of duties,

You keep me in touch with friends,

And teach the value of time.

I ask your blessing on all my promises

And on all my remembering.

Bless all that I arrange,



O Come all Ye Faithful

O Come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye
to Bethlehem
Come and behold him,
Born the king of angels

O Come let us adore him
O Come let us adore him
O Come let us adore him
Christ the King

Born of the Father,
Light from light eternal,
Son of the gentle maid
Our flesh and blood.
Honour and praise him
With the hosts of angels

Silent Night

Silent night, Holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child
Holy infant so, tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, Holy night
Son of God, at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly, hosts sing Hallelujah.
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, Holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth

This commentary acts as an invitation to parishioners to participate in this prayer initiative over the coming months

Commentary for 4th January – 17th January

Could this Solidarity be for real? – Acts 4:32 -37

In this passage Luke gives us one of his summary formulas that he offers every now and then in the Acts of the Apostles.

He emphasises how the first Christians were one heart and soul. Because of the Spirit poured into their hearts they were very much united and lived a culture of giving. Bound together in Christ, they immediately shared their goods. This is the true response to Jesus' preaching of the Gospel. It is the Spirit who helps us implement it. The love that is characteristic of the first Christians is not sentiment. It is action and it is concrete. It impacts on their wallets!

When Luke says there was no needy person among them, he may have been recalling what the Old Testament Book of Deuteronomy had foretold about sabbatical years celebrated every fifty years, the special years of God's favour when, it was said, there would be no one in need among the people of Israel. While the sharing of the new converts is spontaneous, nevertheless Luke does indicate that the sharing of the first Christians was organised. There seems to have been a common fund.

The communion of hearts became a solidarity that ensured equality also in terms of the distribution of money.

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We will read later in Acts about St Paul bringing a collection to Jerusalem for the poor. In one of his letters to the Corinthians, St Paul gives advice on how to arrange the sharing of goods. He talks of mutual help with the measure of loving your neighbour as yourself: 'I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance' (2 Cor 8:13-14). The selfish possession of goods was not compatible with this new life (the dramatic story of the death of Ananias and his wife Sapphira told in Acts 5 describes how a lack of transparency, pretence and dishonesty were shunned by the first Christians).

Perhaps Luke's description of the early Christian community is a little idyllic but it is clear he wants us to understand the Church is a living community bound by a new life in God. It makes a difference not just on the personal, spiritual and inner levels. Now, because of Jesus Christ and the gift of the Spirit, an 'earthly paradise' has begun in our practical and concrete relationships with one another.

Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* reminded us that while the Christian tradition recognises the right to private property, it has never recognised this right as absolute or inviolable, and has

Intentions for this weekend

7pm Timmy Daly Dromtrasna Collins Anniv.
John & Hannah Mai Lane and their
daughter Catherine Rawcliffe Anniv.
Jimmy Quirke & deceased family Members
Kilconlea Anniv.

9.30am Jim Joy, Ballaugh Anniv. and Peg Joy,
Convent Street
Ellen Kehoe Anniv

12noon John Collins, Ballaugh Anniv.
John D Murphy, Ballaugh Anniv.

Intentions for the week

Mon 7pm Joe Cotter Purt Month Mind
No 8.15am Mass Tuesday

Feast of the Epiphany (Little Christmas)

7pm Tues Special intention
9.30am Hannah & Timmy Cronin, Main St.
12noon Special intention

Thursday 8.15am Special Intention

10am Mass of Thanksgiving

Fri 8.15am Purgatorial

Fri 10am Purgatorial

Sat 11am Michael O'Shea Coolaneelig

Sat 7pm Pdraig O'Connor, Main Street Anniv.
Joan E Leahy, Ballybehy Anniv.

Sun 9.30am Michael & Dan McCarthy, Purt
Bridie Moriarty, The Hill Anniv.

12noon James Smith, Collins Park. Anniv.
Timmy Spillane & Ellen Spillane and
deceased family members Mountcollins

Ministers for Jan 6 EFD

10th Jan A BC

Readers 3rd Jan Team 2

Readers for 10th Team 3

Deaths

We offer our sympathy to the family of Séan Sheehan, Knocknasna & NCW whose funeral took place during the week. May he rest in peace.

A Prayer Looking forward to 2016.

Spirit of Jesus enlighten the eyes of our hearts.
Lead us to recognise you in each other and in our home. Help us to appreciate the signs of hope in our parish community. And make us sensitive to all that is in need of healing. Spirit of Jesus poured out in flames of fire upon your disciples at Pentecost, inflame our hearts.

We pray that we, your body in this place on earth, may brighten each other's lives with the brightness of Christ as we face forward with new faith, new hope and new love.

Wishing you all a Very Happy New Year

Ath—Bhliain

faoi Mhaise.



Synod Prayer

God our Father,

You have called us to be your Church

at the beginning of a new millennium.

Be with us in the power of your Spirit;

Open our ears to hear your word,

Our eyes to see the needs of your people.

Help us to cast off our prejudice,

To face bravely the problems of your church.

Keep us united in constant prayer

with Mary our Mother.

So that together in mission – a time to begin again,

We can build your church, your people,

to be a sign of your living saving presence

in our country and our Diocese.