



ABBEYFEALE PARISH NEWS



Parish Pastoral Unit Abbeyfeale, Athea, Templeglantine, Tournafulla Mountcollins

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Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Co Parish Priests

Fr Tony Mullins 087/2600414

Fr Brendan Duggan 087/0562674

Fr Denis Mullane 087/2621911

Priest on Duty for the Area this Sunday – Emergency calls only Fr Brendan Duggan 087-0562674

Intentions for this weekend

Sat 6.30pm Pat Lyons, Killarney Road

Sun 9.15am Danny Harnett, The Hill Anniv
Nora & Patrick & Betty Collins Meenikilly

12noon Johnny Lane, New Street Anniv.
Ted Mulcahy, Dromtrasna Anniv.

Mon 7pm Betty Reidy, The Hill 1st Anniv.

Tues 10.30 Confirmation Mass

Wed 10am Pro Populo Ash Wednesday

Wed 7pm Pro Populo

Thurs 10am

Friday No Morning Mass

7pm Fri Anna Mai Lane, Killarney Road
Month Mind

Sat 11am Mick, Patrick, & Margaret Corbett
Margaret & Jack O'Sullivan

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Peggy McCarthy, Caherlane Anniv.
Michael Walsh and his parents Dromtrasna
John & Niamh O'Donoghue

9.15am Lisa Doran, Luton Anniv.
Sean, Margaret & Lukeen Scannell, The Hill

12noon Mary O'Connor, Knockbrack 1st Anniv.
Richard O'Brien, Clash Road Month mind.

Mon 7pm Eileen O'Brien, Bridge St. Month mind.

Trocaire Boxes

We ask our usual Distributors to collect their Trocaire boxes at the Church this weekend to be distributed for Lent. We appreciate you help with this ministry.

The Church gates will be locked on Monday evening at 8pm to allow for parking for the Confirmation ceremony of Tuesday at 10.30am.

Lourdes invalid Collection will take place on 23/24th March

Schools Collections will take place on 30th /31st March



Sacrament of Confirmation: Tuesday 5th of March 2019 at 10.30am.

We welcome Bishop Brendan Leahy to the parish who will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our entire parish community. All parishioners are welcome to attend the ceremony. Confirmation rehearsal for sponsors and children will take place after 7pm Mass on Monday evening

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Having revised the Eucharistic Adoration for Lent it has been decided it will be for 12 hours a day 8am –8pm. Monday to Friday.

This weekend we invite you to consider giving some of your time each week to the Lord. Why not take it on as a commitment for Lent which begins next Wednesday.

(Ash Wednesday).

You are encouraged to sign the Chart that is located behind the tabernacle in the church. We need at least two people for each hour.

In Eucharistic adoration, we draw close to the Lord, and we draw from the wellspring of Grace. In that special time of Adoration we find a place to bear our soul to the Lord, a place where we can unburden ourselves, a place where we take time out from our busy lives to find peace, and refreshment for our lives.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. It is a day of fast and abstinence. The blessing and distribution of ashes during Mass on Ash Wednesday helps us to better appreciate the death and resurrection of Christ through self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, and self-denial. Ashes from the burned palms of the preceding year's Palm Sunday are blessed. With these ashes, the priest marks a cross on the foreheads of worshipers, saying, "Remember, man, that dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return" (Genesis 3:19) or "Turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15),

Ashes are an outward sign of our plea to God for mercy and compassion, pardon and forgiveness. Moreover, they are an expression of sorrow for sins that have been committed, a promise to reform and a pledge to resist temptation in the future.

When we come forward to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, we are saying that we are sorry for our sins, and that we want to use the season of Lent to correct our faults, purify our hearts, control our desires and grow in holiness so we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with great joy.

Baptismal Team meeting for the Pastoral Unit. 12th March in Tournafulla/ Mountcollins @ 8pm to book for the evening Tel Teresa 087/1513565

ST ITA'S FAITH CAMP: This year our camp takes place in St Mary's Boys school from Mon July 29 –Thurs, August 1. We will need volunteers -adults 18yrs +and also youths aged 14 –17 yrs. Info: -087-2788834.

Catholic TV Ewtn Lent a season of Grace Lenten reflections

Special Programming Throughout the Lenten Season, reflection on the Gospel reading of each Sunday in Lent from the parish church of Ardagh in Carrickerry, Sundays at 11.30am Monday at 7.30-pm Wednesdays at 10.30am Saturdays at 12.30pm (30mins)

Available on SKY 588, Virgin Media 815, eircomeFibre 589 or watch online wwwewtn.ie



Parish Pastoral Units

(Abbeyfeale, Athea, Templeglantine, Tournafulla-Mountcollins)

Last week we looked at the new pastoral strategy, introduced by Bishop Leahy in December 2018, which will see greater co-operation between local parishes with priests and lay people working together in designated pastoral units.

Launching the new structures Bishop Leahy said "The main goal in establishing Pastoral Units and Team Ministry is greater co-operation between parishes. The hope is that there will be a greater critical mass of energy, competencies and lay volunteers at the service of a number of parishes." A significant difference in how parishes are organised in this new structure, is that instead of each parish having its own Pastoral Council, there will be just one Pastoral Council for the Unit of Parishes.

The Pastoral Unit Council is a leadership group which will be responsible for discerning the pastoral needs of the parishes in the unit, identifying priority areas where they will work together over the next 3-5 years to address the needs and prepare for the future. Each constituent parish in the unit will be represented on the Pastoral Unit Council. Each parish will nominate three members for the council.

The Pastoral Unit Council will meet on a minimum, bi-monthly basis. At the outset, more frequent meetings may be required. Pastoral Unit Council members undertake to be representative of the whole community and focus on what is best for the whole pastoral unit, and not just for their own parish.

What are the terms of reference for the Pastoral Unit Council? The Pastoral Unit Council will be responsible for: Discerning the needs of the pastoral unit. Discerning the gifts and resources available in the pastoral unit. Within the framework of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan which was drawn up following the Diocesan Synod held in April 2016, the Pastoral Unit Council will identify the priority areas for the pastoral unit for the next 3-5 years. Members of the Pastoral Unit Council will be appointed for a five-year term. Next week we will look at the relationship of the Pastoral Unit Council and the individual parishes within the unit.

Save the Dates - Thursday 7th & Thursday 14th March Lenten talks

This year during Lent the Unit of Parishes (Abbeyfeale, Athea, Tournafulla/Mountcollins, Templeglantine) have organised two evenings of reflection to be held in Templeglantine on Thursday 7th of March and Thursday 14th of March. open to all parishioners, so save the dates and make this opportunity for reflection part of your Lenten commitment.

Dr. Jessie Roger lectures in Scriptures at St Patrick's College, Maynooth

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. Details and cost will be on the notice board at the entrance of the Church.

Lourdes Invalid Collection takes place here on 23/24th March

Glórach Concert

Celebrate International Women's Day at the Glórach Theatre on Friday, March 8th with a themed concert from the group Cúisle, who will be performing iconic songs written by women. The concert starts at 8 pm, and tickets can be booked at 0871383940.

A Medley of Musicals for the stage in Abbeyfeale next week

Colaiste Ide agus Iosef Transition Year students are presenting their production of a "Medley of Musicals" next week. It will be held in Colaiste Ide agus Iosef, Abbeyfeale on the 6th and 7th of March with the show starting at 7.30 pm each night.

Adult Irish Speaking Classes:

Abbeyfeale branch of Conradh na Gaeilge is starting Adult Irish Speaking classes, commencing on Wednesday 6th March, tosnú 7:30pm at Leens Hotel. The main aim of these classes is to promote and encourage Irish Speaking in the locality from a very basic level through to more advanced. We encourage anyone with an interest on brushing up on "na cúpla focal" to attend. The classes will run from Weds 6th March, cost €30 for 6 weeks. Mar a deir an seanfhocal: "Is fearr Gaeilge bhriste ná Béarla cliste".

For more information or to book your place contact Dónal on 068 31109.