



# ABBEEFEALE

# PARISH NEWS



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Second Sunday of Advent

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## Second Sunday of Advent

This Sunday will be the second Sunday of Advent - have you noticed yet that we are in the Advent season. In a busy world, slow down now, take a moment and recognise what God is offering you in this season ... life up your hearts and listen ....

### Call to worship

Gather around,  
 you are welcome here,  
 and you will hear Good News.



In a world where there are so many discouraging and negative voices

it is the God of encouragement who will speak to you today. The God of Jesus Christ.

So come in, relax,  
 let your tiredness roll away.  
 Lift up your hearts, and listen

This Sunday we will hear of John the Baptist, John the wild man who lived in the desert, John who said it straight and cut through the politeness, politics and pretence that we waste so much time on.

This Advent, notice how much time you are wasting on unimportant things. When it seems impossible to be still, or to make time for family - be strong like John and cut through the noise and busyness. Ask God to break into your life in a new way now - clearing what is unnecessary so that what really matters can come to the surface.

We wait in joyful hope - but we also work to prepare the way!

### Prayer of Invocation

Loving God,  
 be to us as a bulldozer of the spirit.  
 Clear your road in us;  
 clear a path through the detritus of possessions and obsessions.

Thrust aside our divided aims and devious games.  
 Topple the ramparts of pride and the doubts that deride.  
 Make a highway on which Christ may come  
 and take possession of the whole territory of our being.  
 To the glory of your name we pray.  
 Amen!

## Intentions for this weekend

**7pm** Sonny McCarthy, Caherlane., Anniv.  
 Joan Simmons/Jimmy Doody Kilconlea Upper Anniv.  
 Nell & Donal Fitzgerald & their Son Patrick, Knockbrack Anniv.  
**9.30am** John Murphy Ballaugh,/Groegen Mary Matterson & Hugh Matterson Tom Lane, Knocknasna Anniv.  
**12noon** William Flynn & deceased family members. Anniv.  
 Theresa O'Connor & D M O'Connor, Caherhayes Anniv.

## Intentions for next week

**Mon 7pm** John & Mary Sheedy and deceased family members  
**Tues 10am**  
**Wed 10am** Mick & Joan Gallagher Anniv.  
**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**  
**Wed 7pm** Vincent McNally 20th Anniv  
 Deceased members of the ICA  
**9.30am**  
**12noon** Eileen O'Connor and her sister Anne Keating Main st & Dublin.  
**Fri 10am** Julia Kelly and family members

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**7pm** Bridget Healy and the Saunders family Knocknasna Lower 10th Anniv.  
 Ramey Leahy, New St Anniv.  
 James O'Grady, Meenkilly Anniv.  
**9.30am** Paddy Barry, Caherlane and the Barry family.  
 Hannah Mai Scannell, Dromtrasna Collins Anniv  
 Nick & Eleanor Cotter, Upper Purt Anniv.  
**12noon** Tom Dillane, Kilconlea Anniv.  
 Frank Foley and family members Anniv.  
 Dick Murphy Anniv.

**Mon 12th @ 7pm** Maurice Grffin late of Main Street month mind who died recently.

**SVP Collection** is being taken up at all Masses this weekend 3/4th Dec. Your support is greatly appreciated.  
**St. Vincent de Paul:** 087/1213560

## Baptismal Programme

The next meeting will take place in Abbeyfeale on the 13th Dec. in the Sacristy @8pm



## Night Vigil to Knock on 7th Dec

**Contact Legion of Mary**  
 The 44th Annual Eucharistic All-Night Vigil at Knock Shrine will take place on Wednesday 7th December, beginning with confessions in the Chapel of Reconciliation from 10pm, followed by Vigil at midnight in the Basilica with Rosary, Candlelight Procession, Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour with Fr. Brendan Walsh, S.C.A. Concelebrated Mass will then take place at 4am with Fr. Freddy Warner, S.M.A.

The Vigil will be available to watch live on the Knock Shrine website: [www.knockshrine.ie/watch](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch). For further information, please contact Knock Shrine (094) 93 88100 / [info@knock-shrine.ie](mailto:info@knock-shrine.ie)

## Readers for Dec 4th 2016

**7pm** Aoife Daly  
**9.30am** Eileen Nelligan  
**12noon** Billy Lane

**"I am more than I appear to be.  
 All the worlds strengths and powers rest within me"**



**An Evening of Christmas Carols and Music;**  
**The Church of the Assumption**  
**Abbeyfeale**  
**On Sunday 11th Dec 2016**  
**At 7pm**  
**Adm Free.**

**Hampers being raffled on the night in aid of Youth Ministry in our Parish.**  
**Please support this wonderful evening.**

**Scoil Mháthair Dé will perform their Christmas Nativity and Cantata in the Church of the Assumption on Thursday 15th December Nativity at 1.30 p.m. Cantata at 7.00 p.m. All Welcome.**

## Abbeyfeale for Africa

There will be a Christmas Cake Sale in St. Ita's Hall on Sunday 11th Dec. at 10.30am-1pm. Enjoy some home baking Cakes, Plum Puddings, Bread, Tarts, Jams and Marmalades. All proceeds are in aid of Fr. Tim Galvin. Everyone welcome, come early. Cakes can be dropped in to Batt Harnett at the square or contact Mairead 086/8594983 or into the sacristy to Anne.



## Advent Prayer

Hail and Blessed  
 be the hour and moment in which the son of God was born of the pure Virgin Mary, at mid-night in a stable in Bethlehem in the piercing cold. At the same hour vouch safe O My God, hear my prayer and grant my petition.  
 Amen.

## O Come, Emmanuel

O Come, O Come Emmanuel,  
 to free your captive Israel .  
 That mourns in lonely exile here,  
 until the Son of God appear

Rejoice, rejoice O Israel  
 To you shall come Emmanuel

O royal branch of Jesse's tree,  
 Redeem us all from tyranny;  
 From pain of hell your people free,  
 And over death win victory

O come great daystar, radiance bright.  
 And heal us with your glorious light.  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night.  
 And death's dark shadows put to flight

**Family Farm Rights Group are holding a meeting at the Railway Bar on Monday 5th Dec at 8pm. Issues with dairy, beef, sucking, marginal and designated ground to be discussed and relayed to Minister for agriculture in the New year. Please support this important meeting.**