



**PARISH PASTORAL UNIT**  
**ABBEYFEALE, ATHEA, TEMPLEGLANTINE, TOURNAFULLA, MOUNTCOLLINS**



4th July 2021    [www.abbeyfealeparish.ie](http://www.abbeyfealeparish.ie)    email [fealechurch@eircom.net](mailto:fealechurch@eircom.net)    Church Sacristy 068 - 51915    Parish Office 068 - 31133

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**Fr Tony Mullins 087/2600414**

**Fr Dan Lane (Retired) 087/2533030**

*Priest on Call During the summer months Fr Dan Lane will be on call every Wednesday.*

*Fr Mullins will not be available on Wednesdays.*

*Fr Lane can be contacted on 087-2533030*

**Intentions for this weekend.**

**6.30pm** Richard Fealey, Cryle View Manor Anniv.

**10am** John Michael Kennelly Anniv.

**12noon** Joe Thompson, Knocknasna Anniv.  
Mary & Tom Flynn

**Intentions for the week**

**Mon 7.00pm** Jackie Lane late of Kilconlea  
Lower died 25th June

**Tue 10am** Pro Populo

**Wed 10am** William & Julia Madden Anniv.  
James & John Bennis Anniv.

**Thurs 10am      Fri 10am**

**No Saturday morning Mass**

**Intentions for next weekend**

**6.30pm** Jeremiah & Bridie Moriarty, The Hill  
Moss & Lily Colbert New Street

Marie & Michael O'Donnell, Kilconlea Upper  
**10am**

**12noon** Eamon Roche, Riverbrook New Street  
Month Mind

**Mon 12th** Martin Collins, Glenashrone  
2nd Anniv.

***Bishop Leahy in Conversation***

Why not link into Bishop Brendan Leahy in conversation with Seamus Hickey, former Limerick County Hurler, talking about hurling, family, fatherhood and faith. To view the interview link on to [www.limerickdiocese.org](http://www.limerickdiocese.org)

***Statement from Bishop Brendan Leahy on deferring First Holy Communion and Confirmation***

In a letter addressing parents and children, teachers and priests, Bishop Leahy said it is with great regret that, following both the email from the Taoiseach's department on Wednesday and last week's recommendation from the HSE, it is necessary to defer First Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies until further notice.

"Due to the uncertainty at the moment regarding the impact of the Delta variant, we have been strongly advised that no ceremonies should be rescheduled until public health advice allows," Bishop Leahy wrote in the letter.

"I deeply regret that we are in this position again of having to defer these special celebrations that you all had committed to and were so looking forward to. Your preparations still stand. "However, I appreciate this is a huge disappointment to all concerned and I would dearly wish if circumstances were different. It is not something we anticipated a number of weeks back when we were requested to defer until after the anticipated post July 5th lifting of restrictions. "But given that the Taoiseach's request, based on public health advice, has come so quickly following last week's recommendation from the HSE in the Mid-West, it is clear that there is really no choice but to take this on board."

Bishop Leahy acknowledged the huge inconvenience and disappointment this will be to families. "I also regret the timing and that families have only a matter of days to react ahead of the first scheduled ceremonies next week. While this is very difficult for people to take, we should not ignore warnings given about the substantial threat from the Delta variant and subsequent advice from the Taoiseach's department relating to this. "If anything, this latest COVID-19 set-back is reminding us all again of our vulnerability. COVID has, indeed, reminded us of many things but, above all, our need to do whatever we can to protect the vulnerable in society. So, it is with a heavy heart that I ask you to accede to the Government's strong advice to defer," he concluded.

***Croagh Patrick Pilgrimage***

The traditional Reek Sunday pilgrimage on Croagh Patrick has been adapted for 2021 to take account of public health guidance as a result of Covid-19.

Last year's pilgrimage was officially cancelled due to the pandemic.

Those planning on doing so this year are asked to plan their journey in advance and prepare for all weather eventualities.

Numbers will be restricted in line with guidelines relating to outdoor gatherings

**LOUGH DERG 2021:** Lough Derg regrets that it will not be possible in 2021 to reopen Station Island for the Traditional 3 Day Pilgrimage or even for the autumn programme of Day Retreats. Lough Derg will again offer the opportunity to "Do Lough Derg from wherever you are" on July 3-5. The outdoor Pilgrimage on the Lough Shore Pilgrim Path will also be available as the summer goes on.

Further information from Lough Derg office (0353) 719861518 or [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org).

***Congratulations to Fr Casey's - Three in a Row***

Congratulations to Fr Casey's Minor Football team on capturing their third successive county minor premier title when beating Newcastle West in the delayed 2020 final in the Gaelic Grounds last weekend.



**Fr. Caseys GAA**  
Cumann An Athar Uí Chathasaigh Est. 1884



***The Morning Offering***

Many of us would have grown up with the tradition of the "Morning Offering." It was an opportunity to offer everything that would happen that day to the Lord, in a sense it meant the whole day was a prayer. The following is a "Morning Offering" that you might find helpful on your own prayer journey;

*"God of my life, I welcome this new day. It is your gift to me, a new creation, a promise of resurrection.*

*I thank you for the grace of being alive this morning.*

*I thank you for the sleep that has refreshed me.*

*I thank you for this chance to make a new beginning.*

*This day, Lord, is full of promise and opportunity, let me waste none of it.*

*This day is full of mystery and the unknown, help me to face it without fear and anxiety.*

*This day is blessed with beauty and adventure, make me fully alive to it all.*

*During this day keep me thoughtful, prayerful, and kind.*

*May I be courteous and helpful towards others and not turned in on myself.*

*Keep me from any word or deed that would hurt, belittle or destroy.*

*May the thoughts of my mind be pleasing in your sight.*

*When night comes again, may I look back on this day with no grievance or bitterness in my heart and may nobody be*

*unhappy*

*because of anything I have done or failed to do.*

*Lord, bless this day for me and for everyone.*

*Make it a day in which we grow to have the*

*Mind of Christ your Son. Amen.*

***On the 29<sup>th</sup> of June, Feast of St Peter and St Paul Pope Francis said***

*"At the heart of the story of Peter and Paul is not their own gifts and abilities, but the encounter with Christ that changed their lives. They experienced a love that healed and set them free, and because of that, they became apostles and ministers of freedom for others"*