



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



28th Nov. 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 Brendan Duggan 087/0562674**

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**Sunday Duty**

Fr Joe Cussen, Newcastle West Parish is on call this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December for all emergency calls in the area. Fr Cussen can be contacted on **087-7810960**.

**Mass intentions for this weekend**

**6.30pm** William & Nora Flynn and deceased relatives  
 Jackie & Ann Lyons & Noreen Lyons and members of Lyons and O'Donoghue families  
 Johnny Doran, Clash Road Anniv.

**10am** James Mc Enery, Kilconlea Upper  
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**12noon** Mary & Maurice O'Connell and deceased members of the O'Connell and O'Riordan families  
 Liam & Kitty O'Callaghan and Paddy Leahy, Ballybehy

**Mass intentions for the week**

**Mon 7pm** Mike & Paddy Hennessy and deceased family members  
 Joe Cotter, Purt Anniv.

**Tues 10am** Pro Populo

**Tues 7pm** Vincent McNally, Hillview Drive Anniv  
 William Leahy, Mountmahon Anniv.

**Wed 10am** Feast Day

**Wed 7pm** Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**Thurs 10am** Private Intention

**Fri 10am** Purgatorial

**Intentions for next weekend.**

**6.30pm** Bridget Healy, Lower Knocknasna and deceased family members  
 Ramey Leahy, New Street Anniv.  
 Abbeyfeale ICA Deceased members  
 Frank Foley, St Ita's Road anniv.  
 Hugh & Mary Masterson Anniv.

**10am** Hannah Mai Scannell, Dromtrasna Collins  
 Paddy, Eily Mai & Michael Barry Caherlane

**12noon** Betty & Patie Lane, Kilconlea Anniv.  
 Mary Keating Fitzgerald Clash Anniv.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Wednesday next is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mary is declared by the Angel Gabriel to be "full of grace", conceived without the stain of sin, and whom generations will call blessed. Vigil Mass for the feast day on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. Mass on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am and at 7.00pm.

**Advent Wreath Lighting of the Bethlehem Candle**

On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit. This candle typically represents love. Some traditions call this the "Bethlehem Candle," symbolizing Christ's manger: "This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:12, NIV)



**Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent.**

Christmas is coming! Are you prepared? Are you ready? Are you counting down? Christ is coming! As we prepare for our Christmas celebrations we light the second candle of our Advent wreath, as a sign that we are prepared to be the light of Christ, bringing his healing presence to a needy world.

**Prayer:** Light the second candle and pray - *Lord of all, remind us of the things that are truly important. Come to this world, come to us, come to all people and bring the joy and justice that few expect but all need. Amen. (Say 1 Our Father and 3 Hail Mary's and pray for all who need healing in their lives at this time)*

**The Jesse Tree**

Many of you will be familiar with the TV programme "Who do you think you are?" This is a programme where celebrities trace their family tree. In the programme the celebrities discover lost connections and unfamiliar histories are revealed. They discover stories of courage, joy, sacrifice and resilience. As they say everyone has a tale to tell. During the season of Advent Christians go on a similar journey through the scriptures - we go back in time, we go back to our roots, our family tree and we learn how the people of the Old Testament lived and struggled in their relationship with God and how they looked forward in hope for the coming of the Messiah. To help us in our family tree journey, we have placed a Jesse Tree in the sanctuary of the church.

The Jesse Tree was named after the Biblical figure Jesse, and the tree is a reference to the passage from Isaiah 11:1, "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse is known to be one of the ancestors of Jesus. We know from the genealogy of Jesus that he was the father of King David. The Jesse tree is decorated with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, and prophecies of the Old Testament. They remind us of events leading up to the birth of Jesus. Using these stories, we trace the story of Jesus and his ancestors from the first day of creation to the birth of Jesus.

**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.

**Advent Season of Hope and Expectation**

**St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal**

St. Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Christmas Appeal will take place next weekend at all Masses on the 11th & 12th December. Christmas is meant to be a time of togetherness and hope. But for many families, it will be filled with worry. In the winter, families around the country face impossible choices. They will struggle with the decision of heating the house or having a Christmas dinner. Should they put presents under the tree, or oil in the tank? Christmas is not the same for everyone, but with your help we can help alleviate the struggle of families facing these and many more impossible choices. Through our generosity we can help ensure everyone is safe and warm and can enjoy a little bit of the magic and love that comes with this season. Many families will face impossible choices at Christmas. Please support St. Vincent de Paul in helping these families this Christmas.

The Society's Annual Christmas collection will take place at all Masses next weekend.

**COVID - 19**

As the pandemic continues we especially remember and pray for all our frontline workers. We are grateful to all who have worked tirelessly to protect our health and have cared for those who have fallen ill. The public health advice is to get vaccinated, as vaccination offers the best protection for you, your family and for others against severe disease. Vaccination has provided greater protection for people's health, especially that of the most vulnerable. Vaccination will reduce the number of people needing to go to hospital and will free up ICU beds in the hospital system. It is important to remember that vaccination has also helped to ease the restrictions placed on the social and religious life of our communities.

**Thank You**

We are thankful too for the continuing commitment of so many of our volunteer parishioners who ensure that our church remains a safe places where people can gather in confidence to worship. It is important that we remain vigilant, conscious of the threat still posed by the virus and any new variants which emerge and continue to take the steps we know will protect our own health and the health of others. Face-coverings should continue to be worn at all gatherings in our churches and parish buildings. Ventilation in our church, and allowing space between ourselves and others, are essential ways in which we can contribute to the health of our parish community. Thanks to all our parishioners for your goodwill and continued cooperation in the current situation.

**Death**

**We offer our sympathy to the family of Paddy Aherne, Convent Street/England whose funeral took place on Saturday. May he rest in peace.**

**Bereavement Support Services .**

**Milford Care Centre**, Castletroy, Limerick. Tel: 061 485 800  
 Email: [info@milfordcarecentre.ie](mailto:info@milfordcarecentre.ie)  
**Children's Grief Centre, Limerick.** Tel: 061 224 627  
 Email [info@childrensgriefcentre.ie](mailto:info@childrensgriefcentre.ie)

**National bereavement support services:** Freephone 1800 80 70 77 available from 10am to 1pm, **Anam Cara Tel:** (0)1 4045378. Mobile: +353 (0)85 2888 888