



# ABBAYFEALE PARISH NEWS



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**Do this in Memory Programme co-ordinators next Monday evening after the 7pm Mass in the sacristy**

### Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of Betty McCarthy, Knockbrack whose funeral took place on Monday.  
 We offer our sympathy to the family of Aoife Collins, Dromtrasna Collins whose funeral took place on Friday. Eternal rest grant unto them O'Lord

**The next Baptism** preparation meeting will take place in Athea on 14th Feb @ 8pm.



**Pope Francis invites us to celebrate St. Valentine's Day!** In his document on The Joy of Love (*Amoris Laetitia*), Pope Francis refers directly to Saint Valentine's Day. This is why, as part of the preparations for World Meeting of Families in Ireland in August 2018, we invite you to mark this St. Valentine's Day in a special way.  
 Meeting of Families 2018 by email <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/contact> and follow us on social media: Facebook [www.facebook.com/wmof2018](http://www.facebook.com/wmof2018) and Twitter [www.twitter.com/wmof2018](http://www.twitter.com/wmof2018)  
**Milford Care Centre & Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of February from 19:00 to 21:00 in Milford Care Centre, Limerick. This is a free event open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for event, please RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb or call 01 4045378.

**The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes** is celebrated on 11th Feb. This is World day of Prayer for the Sick. Blessing of the sick will take place here on Saturday morning. @ 11am

Pope Francis has released his message for the 25th World Day of the Sick to take place on 11 February 2017, the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Day of the Sick was instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1992, who called it "a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering".



Pope Francis entitled his message for the 2017 celebration of the World Day of the Sick "Amazement at what God has accomplished: 'The Almighty has done great things for me...' (Lk 1:49)". He said the commemoration "gives the Church renewed spiritual energy for carrying out ever more fully that fundamental part of her mission which includes serving the poor, the infirm, the suffering, the outcast, and the marginalized." The Pope also expressed his "closeness to all of you, our suffering brothers and sisters, and to your families, as well as my appreciation for all those in different roles of service and in healthcare institutions throughout the world who work with professionalism, responsibility, and dedication for your care, treatment and daily well-being."

He said all the infirm and those who help them should look to Mary, "Health of the Infirm, the sure sign of God's love for every human being and a model of surrender to his will." Mary's apparition at Lourdes to the "poor, illiterate, and ill" Bernadette, he said, reminds us "that every person is, and always remains, a human being, and is to be treated as such."

The sick and the those who are disabled, even severely, have their own inalienable dignity and mission in life." In his message, the Holy Father said God's solicitude for "the world of suffering and sickness" is revealed in Jesus. "The solidarity shown by Christ, the Son of God born of Mary, is the expression of God's merciful omnipotence, which is made manifest in our life – above all when that life is frail, pain-filled, humbled, marginalized, and suffering – and fills it with the power of hope that can sustain us and enable us to get up again."

He said the celebration of the World Day of the Sick should provide "new incentive to work for the growth of a culture of respect for life, health and the environment" and "inspire renewed efforts to defend the integrity and dignity of persons, not least through a correct approach to bioethical issues, the protection of the vulnerable and the protection of the environment." Finally, Pope Francis invited the sick, healthcare workers, and volunteers to turn to Mary in prayer.

He said, "May her maternal intercession sustain and accompany our faith, and obtain for us from Christ her Son hope along our journey of healing and of health, a sense of fraternity and responsibility, a commitment to integral human development, and the joy of feeling gratitude whenever God amazes us by his fidelity and his mercy."

He concluded the message with a short prayer to Our Lady: **Mary, our Mother, in Christ you welcome each of us as a son or daughter. Sustain the trusting expectation of our hearts, succour us in our infirmities and sufferings, and guide us to Christ, your Son and our brother. Help us to entrust ourselves to the Father who accomplishes great things.**

**West Limerick branch of the Irish Red Cross are encouraging you to Shake It Up**

The Limerick branches of the Irish Red Cross have just launched a recruitment drive for new adult members to join the organisation. If you are interested in volunteering you can contact us by calling our dedicated volunteering line on 086-1425000 or by email at [volunteer@limerickredcross.org](mailto:volunteer@limerickredcross.org). We will also be hosting a number of information stands in SuperValu and Tesco, **Newcastlewest** and in Supervalu and Tesco, **Abbeyfeale** from 12noon-4pm on Sat, 4 Feb. We will also be hosting a series of information sessions as follows:

7-8pm on Tuesday 7 Feb at Desmond Complex, **Newcastlewest**  
 7-8pm on Wednesday 8 February at St. Ita's Hall, **Abbeyfeale**

**ICA**, The next meeting of Mainistir na Feile ICA guild will be held on Tuesday night next at 7.30pm at the Adult Education and Training Centre, Mount Mahon.

**The Christmas lighting group** wish to thank the many people who helped in any way to decorate our town this year. We want to thank all who contributed their time on a voluntary basis to help. The new group are already meeting to establish a new and exciting plan to promote and to decorate our town for all. New ideas and new members are welcome.

**ABBAYFEALE FOR AFRICA.** I wish to thank the Good people of Abbeyfeale who supported The CAKE SALE, CHARITY WALK and other fundraising events for over 20 years. I am now retired but I am glad that that Abbeyfeale for Africa will continue to fundraise. I ask you to remember Fr. Tim Galvin and pray for his safety and wellbeing as he continues his wonderful work in South Sudan. Traoine Tobin.

**Start date extended. 'Free to be' (Part 1.) Personal Development Course** will run in the Further Education and Training Centre Abbeyfeale Starting on Monday 27th February and run for 6 weeks till 3rd April. 10am to 12pm. Free to be has been developed in such a way that it encourages and enables you to look at ways of: improving your daily life manage stress and stressful situations, develop relaxation skills & self care. tel 068/31198



**Valentine treat**  
 Why not treat yourself to a wonderful entertaining evening of Drama and laughter on Valentine night by supporting the play. **Abbeyfeale Drama Group** will present a production of Michael J Ginnelly Play **Wake in the West**  
 It will be staged at Fr. Casey's on February 14th Valentine Night, Thursday 16th, Saturday 18th, Sunday 19th, Tuesday 21st, Thursday 23rd, Saturday 25th, and Sunday 26th.

The first night proceeds go to the Lourdes Invalid fund.

### Intentions for this weekend

**7pm** Jerry O'Riordan, Dromtrasna 1st Anniv.  
 Mary Mann, Church Street 1st Anniv.  
 John Ruane Month Mind

**9.30am** Mary J Flynn, Banard 2nd Anniv.  
 Victor Spring died recently  
 David Ward, Ballaugh Anniv.

**12noon** Mary Ann Barry, Knocknasna Anniv.  
 Michael & Josephine Reidy, Shanbally  
 Paddy & Nancy Fitzgerald, Meenahela

### Intention for the week Weekend

**7pm Mon** The Woulfe family, Kilconlea Anniv.

**Tues 8.15am** Private intention  
**Tues 10am**

**Wed 8.15am** John Collins Anniv  
**Wed 10am** William & Julia Madden Anniv.

**Sat 11am** Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes .

### Mass intentions for next weekend

**7pm** Jimmy Ahern, Shanbally Anniv  
 Peter Scannell, Clash Road Anniv.

**9.30am** Joe Murphy, Radharc na Feile

**12noon** Larry Corbett Anniv.

### Synod update Meeting

A meeting will take place in the Devon Inn of Thursday 9th Feb. @ 7.30pm.  
 Pastoral council members are asked to attend..

**"Come and See" Vocations Event** being held in the pallottine House, Thurles on 17th and 18th February 2017. Thinking about the priesthood. This event is for men aged 18– 40 to "come and see" advance booking is required

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**Readers for Feb. 12th Team 7**

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