



ABBAYFEALE PARISH



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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Reasons to cherish a culture of life

Life before birth

At the moment of conception, 23 chromosomes from the mother and 23 chromosomes from the father combine to create a new, unique human life. The combined 46 chromosomes contain the entire genetic blueprint of a new human life including gender, fingerprints, freckles, eye colour and blood type. By day 21, a baby's heart is beating. Facial features are forming from week four. At just six weeks, the baby's eyes and eyelids, nose, mouth and internal organs have developed in their basic form. The first movements occur at seven weeks. From week eight the nervous system is beginning to respond. From week nine the baby can yawn. From week 12 the baby can suck its thumb. A stunning slideshow highlighting the development of life in the womb up to 12 weeks is available to view on our website www.chooselife2018.ie.

Stand Up for Life

Stand up for Life is the final rally before the referendum. This is the last opportunity to come together in huge numbers to show our support for the 8th and play our part in these critical days before we vote. Your presence is vital. To find out more and to register please go to www.loveboth.ie For information about transport to the rally contact or text 087-2668702

Choose Life 2018

24 hours of Adoration here in the parish over the next 3 Fridays of Prayer for the Protection of the Unborn.



Holy hour each day from 3-4pm

Join us every day in the blessed sacrament Chapel from 3-4pm. We will have an hour of prayer for the protection of the 8th Amendment. Including the rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and time for quiet prayer. We encourage anyone who can, to come and pray for the continued protection of the unborn in our country. Stay for the whole hour or drop in for as long as you are able.

Adoration committee

ABBAYFEALE PARISH CHURCH celebrates its Jubilee this year. The church was opened in June 1968. It has been suggested that an exhibition of memorabilia connected to the building and opening of the church would be a nice part of the celebration. If anyone out there has anything of interest and would be willing to lend it for this exhibition please contact 089 4356981.

The Jubilee mass takes place on June 16th at 7.30 pm.

There has been great interest in the publication therefore we intend to print plenty of them no need to book.

A Desert Day will take place in Westbourne Convent, Ashbourne Avenue, Limerick on **Saturday May 19th from 10.30 to 5.15**. The day will give you an opportunity to take a break from your busy schedule to prepare for the great feast of Pentecost in a calm and peaceful environment. There will be time for quiet prayer and reflection and the day will conclude with the Eucharist. Booking is essential as places are limited.

Memorial launched to Limerick's most popular ever visitor – Saint Pope John Paul II

On Monday 30 April 2018 Limerick took a special moment and place today to remember its most popular ever visitor as a memorial was unveiled to Pope Saint John Paul II. The county and city's first citizen, Mayor Stephen Keary; Bishop of Limerick Brendan Leahy and Papal Nuncio to Ireland Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo led the formalities as over 200 people including some parishioners from Abbeyfeale, turned out at Bishop's Quay in the city centre as the memorial, with a likeness of Pope Saint John Paul II making his signature salute embedded, was revealed.

The idea for the memorial, which stands on the quay overlooking the river Shannon, was conceived during the 2014 City of Culture year and the plaque was designed by Limerick artist and sculpture Clodna Cussen. It is a reminder of that historic event 39 years ago when the first Pope ever to visit Ireland arrived in Limerick to say his final Mass before leaving Ireland. It also recalls his dedication as a 'Freeman of Limerick' by then Mayor, the late Bobby Byrne. Held at the old Limerick Racecourse at Greenmount, the attendance that wet Monday morning was all of 400,000 people, the largest ever gathering of people for any event in Limerick and a gathering that is not likely to be surpassed.

FLEADH BY THE FEALE:

The grand celebrity concert will take place in Coláiste Íde agus Iosef on Sunday, May 6 and features the Shandrum Céilí Band with support from the Coláiste Íde agus Iosef Band. Doors open 7pm with show from 8pm. Tickets & further information: Nora 086/2427003, Celine 087/7697672, Vincent 087/2443353 and Mary 087/7419343.

The Remembering Zoë Charity Cycle in association with Abbeyfeale Cycling Club takes place on Sunday May 13th, starting in Abbeyfeale at 9am from Fr. Casey's GAA Club.

Pieta House walk/run takes place at The Desmond complex Newcastle West May 12th

at 4.15 am Registration dates are as follows for anyone who needs help with online registraton

Red Door Newcastle west May 4th-----4 pm to 7 pm

ALZHEIMER'S TEA DAY.

A tea day on behalf of above will be held in St.Itas's Hall main st. on Wed May 9th from 10.30 to 1.30.approx.Dementia is on the increase in Ireland. All funds raised go to services which support people with dementia in your area.Please call in and have a cuppa. Madeline

Blessing and Dedication of Padre Pio Sculpture

Limerick has been chosen to have one of four nine-foot Padre Pio sculptures carved by Tim Schmalz. It will be installed at St. Saviour's Dominican Church during a special Mass of dedication celebrated by Bishop Brendan Leahy on **May 25th** at 1pm. Devotions will begin at 12:30pm (including veneration of Padre Pio's glove) and tea and biscuits will be offered after the Mass and blessing of the statue. All are welcome.

Mass intentions for this weekend

- 6.30pm** Patrick O'Brien, 16 Radharc Ne Feile Month mind
- 9.15am** William & Eileen Healy, Ballaugh
- 12noon** Catherine Broderick and all the Holy souls

Mon 7pm Maura & Christy Leahy, Knockbrack and Nora & William Harnett, Rylane

Tues 10am

Wed 10am Michael Broderick Month Mind

Thurs 10am Friday 10am Sat 11am

Intention for next weekend

- 6.30pm** Moss & Lily Colbert, New St. Anniv.
- 9.15am** Louis MC Enery, Dromtrasna Anniv. James Collins, Dromtrasna Anniv. Rhona Danaher, Church Street & Shanbally
- 12noon**
- Mon 14th** James Collins, Dromtrasna Anniv. Billy O'Brien, Bridge St. Month mind.

Ministers for next weekend May 13th B C A

Readers for next weekend May 13th Team 3

Weddings Bells

Congratulation to

Olivia Behan and David Howley who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage here in Abbeyfeale on Saturday 5th May. We wish them every happiness in their married life together

Counselling services collection will take place next weekend at all Masses. 13/14th May

Used stamps collected for Peru can be handed in to the basket behind the Altar.

Killeenagh Well. Mary's Month

May is the month dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. We invite you to honour her by joining us in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for recitation of the Rosary each night at 7.30pm Mon-Fri and before the vigil Mass on Saturday.

Rosary at Killeenagh

Rosary will be recited at the Holy Well in Killeenagh each Friday evening during May. Walk to the Well will take place on 27th May.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL: Adoration will continue from 10-10pm every Tuesday and Friday and from 6-8pm every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. New adorers are always very welcome.

Baptismal Team meeting in Abbeyfeale on Tuesday 8th @ 8pm in the Sacristy.



Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 8th @ 7.30pm

Queen of the May

Bring flowers of the rarest, bring blossoms the fairest,
From garden and woodland and hillside and dale:
Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest flower on the vale.

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

Their lady they name thee, their mistress proclaim thee.

Oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true,
As long as the bowers are radiant with flowers,
As long as the azure shall keep it's bright hue.