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## Intentions for this weekend

- 7pm** Vera Broderick, New Street Anniv.  
Sonny & Kitty Doody New Street Anniv.  
Frank Noonan, Colbert Ter. & New York
- 9.30am** Nora, Betty and Patrick Collins Meenkillly  
**12noon** Ted Mulcahy, Dromtrasna Anniv.  
**Mon 7pm** Lisa Doran, Luton Anniv.
- Tues 8.15am** Margaret McNarmara nee Collins  
**Tues 10am** Sr Catherine Hyland. Bernadette's sister  
**Wed 8.15am** Special intention  
**Thurs 10am** Mary & James Scully, Mountmahon  
**Sat 11am** Michael Walslh, Dromtrasna Anniv.
- Intention for next weekend**  
**7pm** Peg McCarthy, Caherlane Anniv.  
Kitty Fitzgerald, Railway Bar Anniv.  
**9.30am** Fintan & Mary Anne Collins Anniv.  
Sean, Margaret & Lukeen Scannell, The Hill  
**12noon** Mary Collins, The Hill Anniv.  
Eileen Ahern and her husband John and son  
John and grandson James Taylor.

**Stations Dues for the clergy can still be handed in at all masses this weekend.**

13th March Readers Team 5

**Drugs initiative programme** for confirmation children is on Wed. March 9th at 7:30 until 9pm at Scoil Mhathair Dé. Both confirmation children and their parents to attend. Second part will take place Wed April 13th

**Confirmation Programme**  
"Be My Witness" @ 10.30am this Sunday.  
**Palm Sunday Walk** 20th to Killenagh Well @ 3pm. Make a note in your diary.

## Year of Mercy

**Mass of Chrism** will take place in St John's cathedral on Wed March 23rd @ 7pm. All Parishioners are invited to attend but in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Bishop Brendan would like to extend a particularly welcome to those who give witness to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Essentially he is seeking to involve those who help and re helped within our community.

## Synod

Bishop Brendan has asked us to remind our parishioners of the arrangements for Synod Weekend 8th—10th April 2016. **There will be NO baptisms that weekend in order to facilitate attendance by priests at the Synod. Mass on Friday 8th @ 8.15am & No Saturday morning Mass Sat evening Mass @ 7pm. Sunday Mass @ 9.30am there will be No 12noon Mass.**

We pray the synod prayer for the success of the Synod.  
**Synod Prayer**  
God our Father,  
You have called us to be your Church at the beginning of a new millennium. Be with us in the power of your Spirit; Open our ears to hear your work, Our eyes to see the needs of your people. Help us to cast off our prejudice, To face bravely the problems of your church. Keep us united in constant prayer with Mary our Mother. So that together in mission – a time to begin again, We can build your church, your people, to be a sign of your living saving presence in our country and our Diocese. Amen

## Prayer for the Synod

"Prayer Session" for Naomh Ide Pastoral Area in Abbeyfeale Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 7pm on April 6th. Sr. Vera Hehir (Salesian) will facilitate the evening. All are welcome.

## "Watch one hour with Me"

**Perpetual Adoration continues on Monday at 10am. until 12noon on Saturday.** Make a special effect to call in for a visit for the last few weeks. Cards are available on the table in the church if you wish to commit your hour of prayer for a special person.

**The next Baptismal Team meeting on 8th March in**

**The running father ....** A friend was preparing an older Chinese lady for Baptism once, by reflecting on the parables. Having lived in a communist country, the lady had never before heard these stories so was always surprised by the endings - and often thought God was unfair to be so kind, generous and forgiving!! It really taught the rest of the group about how blind they were to the power of these stories. Maybe we too, because we know the ending, are a little too casual with the message of this beautiful parable Sometimes I think we should rename 'the Parable of the Prodigal Son' as 'the Parable of the Running Father'. For surely the defining part of the story is not that one son tried so hard to be perfect and the other tried so hard to be free ... but that the Father loved each, exactly as is was and was not. No matter where we are, we are loved. How amazing is that!!! No matter how institutionalised or wild we are, we are loved. No matter how angry or scared we are, we are loved. No matter how perfect or imperfect, we are loved. No human being, no story, is beyond the arms of the Father who runs - not walks or waits - to hold us and heal us. This is the mercy of God: not a tap dripping carefully but a waterfall of grace. All we need to do is let ourselves trust and accept the love of God.

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him and say that we love him; open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen; open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

May we always have the courage and grace to come home. Amen.  
**(Mothering Sunday)** "...whoever honours a mother is like someone amassing a fortune." *Ecclesiasticus/Sirach 3:4*. On this Mothering Sunday we remember mothers in the developing world who struggle, through no fault of their own, to care for their children. Mothers like Teresina Karimi in Kenya who skips meals so her children can eat. We pray that with Trócaire's support Teresina will be able to look forward to a brighter future. Find out more at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org).

We also remember all of you whose mother's are no longer with us. Lord grant them

## Who will Speak - Marty Haugen

Who will speak if you don't?  
Who will speak if you don't?  
Who will speak so their voice will be heard?  
Oh, who will speak if you don't?

Who will speak for the poor and the broken?  
Who will speak for the peoples oppressed?  
Who will speak so their voice will be heard?  
Oh, who will speak if you don't?

## We give you thanks

For the bread and wine we share here, for the friends that we embrace, For the peace we find in healing, for all who gather in this place, for the faith of those around us, for the dead and all those here, for the hope we find in mem'ry, for the love that draws us near:

## CHORUS

We give you thanks, we give you thanks for the grace we receive, in you we believe. We give you thanks, we give you thanks.

## Spirit Come to Us Hilda Leader

Spirit come to us, we are your people, come fill our hearts with the fire of your love. Spirit come to us, come among us, send us your light, you will renew the face of the earth.

Truly the love of God has been poured into our hearts. The power of your spirit will bring peace and joy forever.

## ST. MARY'S BOYS' SCHOOL HEADING FOR THE ABBEY THEATRE !

St. Mary's Boys' School have won the All-Ireland Drama Competition which was organised by the Abbey Theatre in Dublin in conjunction with RTE and the Department of Education and Science. We will be performing our play on the stage of the Abbey Theatre in Dublin after Easter. Our boys are thrilled to have been afforded this once in a lifetime opportunity. We are all very, very proud of them and wish to extend a "mile buíochas" to all those who voted for us. Your

## Keeping Faith in Religious Education

iCatholic will host a live panel discussion on Mon 14th March at 8pm on the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment's proposal to introduce an approach to teaching religion in all primary schools that may present significant challenges for Catholic primary schools and for the teaching of Catholic religious education. See iCatholic.ie/live or the iCatholic facebook page for more details and don't forget to tune in to icatholic.ie on the 14<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm.

## Pastoral Council Meeting in the Sacristy on 15th March @ 7.30pm.

**LIMERICK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME**  
FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY Sept 28th – Oct 2nd 2016  
Led by Bishop Brendan Leahy  
Price: € 799 per person sharing Included in the price: Catholic Talks 9th March @ 7pm, T1 18, TARA Building  
*Catholicism and Credibility: The Challenge of Faith Formation* by Dr Anthony Towey, Director of the Aquinas Centre for Theological Literacy at St. Mary's University, Strawberry Hill.  
Admittance Free – Everyone welcome

**Fealefit / St Ita's Ac Charity 5k Walk / Run** sponsored by Kostal, St Patrick's day [morning March 17th at 10am](#) from Fealefit with a Green theme ,€10 to register. No times, No winners, No pressure just the enjoyment & achievement of completing 5k.. All money raised will be donated to charity!

**Remembering Zoe Back 2 School Theme Party** Railway Bar Abbeyfeale, Easter [Sunday Night](#) March 27th, Doors open [9pm](#). Entertainment with Band No Direction & Late night Dj. Remembering Zoe nominated charities 2016 Make A Wish Foundation, Hope Foundation, Community games & Abbeyfeale Town Park Playground

## University Hospital Limerick

To celebrate International Womens Day the Rotary Clubs of Limerick are hosting a charity luncheon in aid of the Symptomatic Breast Cancer Services Unit University Hospital ,Limerick on Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 , from 12.45 p.m. to 3.00p.m.at the Greenhills Hotel, Ennis Road, The two guest speakers are Prof.Colette Cowan, CEO University of Limerick hospitals group and Ms. Anne Merrigan, Consultant General and Breast Surgeon, Symptomatic Breast Cancer Services Unit, UHL Both men and women are most welcome to attend. Tickets €30 Ph- 0876707627 Mary 0863785328 Barbara 0863142087 Ursula