



PARISH PASTORAL UNIT
ABBAYFEALE, ATHEA, TEMPLEGLANTINE, TOURNAFULLA, MOUNTCOLLINS



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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Willie (Pa) O'Connor, Collins Park
 Jerry O'Riordan, Dromtrasna Collins
 Siobhan Tobin Month Mind

10am Mary & John Shannon, Main Street

12noon William Curtin, Devon Road Anniv

Intentions for the week.

Mon 7pm Maire & Christy Leahy Knockbrack
 Patrick Sheehan Anniv.

Tues 10am Pro Populo

Wed 10am Elizabeth & John and Moss
 O'Connor
 Lizzie & James O'Sullivan Anniv.

Thurs 10am Mass for the Sick

Fri 10am Deceased members of the O'Connor
 and Colbert families

No Saturday morning Mass

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Peter Scannell, Clash Road Anniv.
 Eileen Broderick, Purt Months Mind
 Jimmy Ahern, Shanbally Anniv.

10am Willie Riordan, Upper Purt Anniv.

12noon

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of
 Kathleen (Kate) Curtin, Dromtrasna Collins who
 has died. Funeral arrangements later.
 May she rest in peace.

Readers lists and Missal are available from the
 sacristy.

St Anthony Novena take place each Monday
 evening during the 7pm Mass

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help each
 Friday during the 10am Mass

Ash Wednesday and the distribution of ashes.

One of the most significant days in the Christian calendar is Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. This year due the Coronavirus restrictions it will not be possible for people to gather for Mass in church on Ash Wednesday.

Here in Abbeyfeale parish and in our neighbouring parishes of Athea, Templeglantine, Tournafulla - Mountcollins we plan to distribute a Lenten Pack which will include unblest ashes, a prayer card for Ash Wednesday and a Trocaire Box. Parishioners will be able to collect these Lenten packs from their local churches on the afternoon of Sunday 14th of February.

On Ash Wednesday ashes will be blessed at Mass and the blessing will extend to the ashes collected from the church the previous Sunday. In the current climate for the safety of all parishioners, no ashes will be distributed at any of the churches in our pastoral unit on Ash Wednesday.

Parish Finances

I would like to acknowledge the ongoing financial support of parishioners. Your donations to the church and the various collections is greatly appreciated. However, the ongoing lockdown continues to impact on parish finances. Last year the offertory collection was down by 35% on the previous years collection. The offertory collection is the main source of income for the parish. Despite the lockdown, the continuing maintenance of the church building and the service provided to parishioners remains constant. I encourage parishioners to continue to make contributions towards the running of the church. You can do so by setting up a direct debit with your bank. For further information on this method of donating to the parish, contact the parish office and you will be helped in putting the payment in place. Parishioners can also contribute to the parish through the DONATE system now in place on the parish website. If parishioners wish to contribute by way of their weekly envelope, we will collect any offerings you may wish to give in on Sunday 14th of February. This can be facilitated when parishioners come to collect their Lenten Pack on the afternoon of the 14th of February between 2 and 4pm.

All donations are welcome. Sincere thanks to all of you for your ongoing generosity to the parish and for all the personal support that I receive. God Bless and protect you at this time. *Fr Tony Mullins.*

Prayer for Gods Support

May He support us all the day long,
 till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
 and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over,
 and our work is done.

Then, in His Mercy, may He find us safe lodging
 and a holy rest, and peace at last. Amen.

World day of Prayer for the Sick

Thursday 11th of February is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. The celebration of Mass on Thursday morning will include special prayers for all who are sick at this time and for all our frontline workers.

We invite you to join us online for this special feast day.

In his message for World Day of Prayer for the sick, Pope Francis said that "The experience of sickness makes us realize our own vulnerability and our innate need of others. It makes us feel all the more clearly that we are creatures dependent on God.

When we are ill, fear and even bewilderment can grip our minds and hearts; we find ourselves powerless, since our health does not depend on our abilities or life's incessant worries. Sickness raises the question of life's meaning, which we bring before God in faith".

In his message Pope Francis refers to what he calls 'fraternal solidarity'.

Pope said "Here I wish to mention the importance of fraternal solidarity, which is expressed concretely in service and can take a variety of forms, all directed at supporting our neighbours. Serving means caring ... for the vulnerable of our families, our society, our people. In this outreach, all are called to set aside their own wishes and desires, their pursuit of power, before the concrete gaze of those who are most vulnerable... Service always looks to their faces, touches their flesh, senses their closeness and even, in some cases, 'suffers' that closeness and tries to help them. Service is never ideological, for we do not serve ideas, we serve people".

Pope Francis also acknowledged the contribution of all frontline workers. The Pope said "The pandemic has highlighted the dedication and generosity of healthcare personnel, volunteers, support staff, priests, men and women religious, all of whom have helped, treated, comforted and served so many of the sick and their families with professionalism, self-giving, responsibility and love of neighbour. A silent multitude of men and women, they chose not to look the other way but to share the suffering of patients, whom they saw as neighbours and members of our one human family". Mass for the intentions of all the sick and all our frontline workers will be offered on Thursday morning next 11th February at 10.00am.



Prayer for the Sick

Lord Jesus Christ, Healer of all diseases
 And our Great Physician of all times,
 We intercede for all those who are in
 traumatic condition.

Not knowing the depth of their illness
 We pray for you to come and take your place
 in spirit in the doctors, nurses and specialists who
 will aid them in medical needs.

We believe nothing is impossible in your hands of Power,
 in your hands of Healing, in your heart of
 Love, Mercy and Compassion. Amen