



# ABBAYFEALE PARISH NEWS



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## Synod Sunday

*Song Tune (Morning has broken Bunesan)*  
God of compassion you come to meet us  
Showing your love in Jesus your Son  
Trusting in you, no fear can defeat us  
God of immense love, they will be done.

*Jesus, the image*

We see God's face in Jesus our Brother  
Giving his life for us on the Cross  
Teaching us we should love one another  
In ev'ry need, and weakness and loss.

*The Church*

Jesus has sent us to every nation  
Bearing the news of all God has done  
Messengers with the great proclamation  
Christ's new creation has now begun.

## 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.

## 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.  
With faith and hope and love, we give you thanks.

## 11<sup>th</sup> Feb Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

The following are extracts from the Holy Fathers Message for the World Day of Prayer for the sick.

Illness, above all grave illness, always places human existence in crisis and brings with it questions that dig deep. Our first response may at times be one of rebellion: Why has this happened to me? We can feel desperate, thinking that all is lost, that things no longer have meaning...

In these situations, faith in God is on the one hand tested, yet at the same time can reveal all of its positive resources. Not because faith makes illness, pain, or the questions which they raise, disappear, but because it offers a key by which we can discover the deepest meaning of what we are experiencing; a key that helps us to see how illness can be the way to draw nearer to Jesus who walks at our side, weighed down by the Cross. And this key is given to us by Mary, our Mother, who has known this way at first hand.

**On this World Day of the Sick** let us ask Jesus in his mercy, through the intercession of Mary, his Mother and ours, to grant to all of us this same readiness to be serve those in need, and, in particular, our infirm brothers and sisters. At times this service can be tiring and burdensome, yet we are certain that the Lord will surely turn our human efforts into something divine. We too can be hands, arms and hearts which help God to perform his miracles, so often hidden. We too, whether healthy or sick, can offer up our toil and sufferings like the water which filled the jars at the wedding feast of Cana and was turned into the finest wine. By quietly helping those who suffer, as in illness itself, we take our daily cross upon our shoulders and follow the Master (cf. Lk 9:23). Even though the experience of suffering will always remain a mystery, Jesus helps us to reveal its meaning.

*Let us entrust to the Virgin Mary our trials and tribulations, together with our joys and consolations. Let us beg her to turn her eyes of mercy towards us, especially in times of pain, and make us worthy of beholding, today and always, the merciful face of her Son Jesus! With this prayer for all of you, I send my Apostolic Blessing. From the Vatican, Pope Francis.*

## Blessing of the sick will take place at the 10am Mass on 11th Feb

**Ash Wednesday.** Mass at 8.15am 10am & 7pm.

Ashes will be distributed at each Mass.

**The Adoration Chart** is available behind the Tabernacle if you wish to commit for one hour a week in adoration during Lent.

**Growing Faith – Prayer:** - Would you like to learn more about your faith as part of a six week reflection group on the new *Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults*. During six Wednesdays in Lent we will be reflecting on the last part of the *Catechism* on Prayer and will be exploring questions like: What is prayer? Why is prayer important? What are the different ways of praying? What if I don't feel anything while praying? Venue: Newcastle West Parish Centre beginning Wednesday, February 10th 2016 (8.00pm to 9.30pm)  
Cost: €5 per night. Please contact Lorraine (061-400133/069-61816) for more information and booking (Place must be booked). All are welcome.

**From The Catechism for Adults**  
**Corporal Works of Mercy**

**Schools Enrolment** All National Schools in the parish are now accepting enrolments for September 2016. Please enrol before end of Feb.

**The schools Collection** last weekend amounted to €1962. We thank you for your generosity towards your parish schools.

**St Ita's reading group** will meet in the Adoration chapel on Wednesday February 10th @ 2p.m. New people always welcome.

**Baptismal Meeting** will take place in Athea on 9th Feb @ 8pm in the Sacristy. Parents from the Pastoral area intending to baptize their child are encouraged to attend this gathering.

**The Irish Bishops Drugs initiative programme** for confirmation children will take place on Wednesday night March 9th and Wednesday night April 13th from 7:30pm until 9pm at Scoil Mháthair Dé.

## Trocaire Boxes

We ask our usual distributors to collect the Trocaire boxes at the church this weekend to be distributed for Lent. We appreciate your help.

**Sagart Lourdes Reunion** in the Woodlands House hotel on Friday March 4th Tickets €25 Contact Mary on 087/7919414

## Pioneer Lenten Challenge!

Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by visiting [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie) and joining online or by contacting your local Pioneer centre representative. Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. Go for it and make a difference to someone's life!

**Narcotics Anonymous** meet on Monday evening in the office.

**Al Anon** meet in the parish office every Tuesday evening

**AA** meet on Friday evening in the parish office

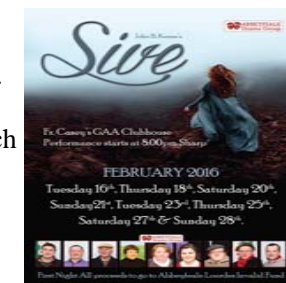
## Clean Up

"Anois teacht an earraigh, beidh an lá ag dul chun síneadh..."

Have you noticed how much rubbish has gathered along the roadside close to your home? How unsightly it is! Don't wait for someone else to pick up the rubbish. Let's get out there and do something about it. Grab a litter picker, put on a hi-viz vest and a pair of rubber gloves and start with the road margins near your home. Soon your road, your townland, your parish and your county will be amazing.

**Tournafulla Camogie Club** are holding a Fashion Show, featuring local models, on Thursday 18th February in Tournafulla Community Hall, commencing at 7.15 with a Cheese and Wine Reception

**Abbeyfeale Men's Shed and Traveller Men's Group** have collaborated on repair and hanging of gates in the Church of Ireland Graveyard at Mountmahon. The fitting of the gates will take place on Tuesday 9th Feb. @ 12 O'Clock. Billy Broderick local historian will give a brief talk on the history of the Church of Ireland Graveyard. Refreshments afterwards



## Intentions for this weekend

**7pm** Peter Scannell, Clash Road 9th Anniv  
Peggy Foley, Ballaugh Anniv.

**9.30am** Dan McCarthy, Collins Park Anniv  
John Stack, Purt 2nd Anniv.

**12noon** Gerard O'Shea Anniv.  
Mary Ann Barry, Knocknasna 1st Anniv.

**7pm Mon**  
**Tues 8.15am** Private Intention  
**Tues 10am** Private intention  
**Wed 8.15am 10am Wed 7pm Ash Wednesday**  
**Thurs 8.15am** Mass of Thanksgiving  
**Thurs 10am** Larry Corbett Anniv.  
**Fri 8.15am** Holy Souls  
**Fri 10am** Joe Murphy, Radharc Na Féile Anniv.  
**Sat 11am**

## Intention for next weekend

**7pm** Jim Ahern, Shanbally Anniv.  
Sr Ita Leahy of the Assumption, Millstream

**9.30am**

**12noon**

**Mon 7pm** Lillie Reidy, 1st Anniv. & her husband  
Con Reidy

## Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of Eily Lane, Lanes Stores, New Street whose funeral took place on Tuesday. May she rest in peace. Amen

**"Eternal rest grant unto them Lord."**  
**May they rest in peace.**

## Commitment Mass

Confirmation Children, parents and sponsors

**Commitment Mass** will take place on Sat 13th Feb @ 7pm.

**First Confessions** will take place on Tuesday 16th Feb @ 10.30am