

“Be compassionate to all in whatever situation they are in”

ABBAYFEALE PARISH

“Believe more deeply. Hold you face up to the Light, even though for the moment you do not see.” *Bill W*

7th October 2018

Day for Life

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr Tony Mullins PP 087/2600414

Fr Brendan Duggan 087/0562674

Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Dee Harnett, Kilconlea Upper 1st Anniv.
Vera & Patrick O’Connell, Purt Anniv.
Joan & Moss Fitzgerald, Ballaugh Anniv.
Rebecca Leahy Month Mind

9.15am Margaret Culhane, Knockbrack
Richard Woulfe, Cratloe West 1st Anniv.
Johnny & Peggy Stack, Craughatouke
Kathleen O’Donnell, Purt 1st Anniv.

12noon Ned O’Connell, Kilconlea Anniv.
Michael Moloney, Killarney Road
Detlef Hoepfler, Shanbally Anniv.
Mike Scannell, New Street Anniv.

Mon 7pm Eileen Chilver memorial mass

Fri 10am Mai Flynn, Main Street Anniv.

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Margaret & Michael Healy and deceased family members
Theresa Fitzgerald, Dromtransa Anniv.
Mary Ann & Tom Moloney, The Hill and deceased family members
Ray Stryker, Kilmanihan Anniv.

9.15am Eileen & Timothy O’Donoghue
Ellen O’Connor, Knockbrack,
Knocknagoshel Anniv.

12noon Tom & Joan Murphy, Ballaugh Anniv.

Rosary

Pope Francis has decided to invite all the faithful, of all the world, to pray the Holy Rosary every day, during the entire Marian month of October, and thus to join in communion and in penitence, as the people of God, in asking the Holy Mother of God and Saint Michael Archangel to protect the Church from the devil, who always seeks to separate us from God and from each other.

The Holy Father has also asked that the recitation of the Holy Rosary during the month of October conclude with the prayer written by Leo XIII:

Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Rosary from coast to coast this Sunday 7th Oct. at 2.30pm

Safeguarding website Address

www.limerickdiocesefeguarding.com

We encourage you to click into the website and check out the procedures and policies in place in the diocese and in this parish. Details are on the notices board at the front of the church.

Notice webcam

The webcam in our church is used by a large group of people each week. The webcam is always live along with the security camera’s 24hrs a day. www.abbeyfealeparish.ie

The Hope Foundation

Coffee morning at St Ita’s Hall the 12th October at 10.30am ,all proceeds in aid of The Hope Foundation .

Station dues

Station envelopes for the support of the clergy can be handed in at all Masses this weekend or during the week.

Baptismal Team meeting in Athea on Tuesday 9th @ 8pm in the sacristy

Dromtrasna Challenge 2018 in aid of Miriam Joy Cancer Treatment Fund and Breast Cancer Ireland will take place on Saturday 20th October. 2K Kids Run, 4K Walk/Run and 10K Run. Something to suit everyone. Lets all TAKE THAT STEP. Online registration and further details available at www.dromtrasnachallenge.com.

Promoting emotional wellbeing

A public presentation by John Lonergan (former governor of Mountjoy prison) entailed
How to be Happy and Content Date 17th October in the Longcourt House Hotel NCW at 7.30pm Contact Cora 086/1014373

Prayer Meeting with Moss and Janice Carrig at St Mary’s Church Knocknagoshel on Sunday 7th October @ 3pm.
Join us for prayer, hymns and a healing session.

Wednesday Prayer: Parishioners are invited to gather in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Wednesday afternoon at 3p.m to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.
This prayer meeting will take place every Wednesday.

Adoration Committee

Now that the Listowel races are over and that the children are well settled back in school,
I’m sure some of you are planning your Autumn schedule of activities.
Would you consider factoring in an hour of Adoration?
As you know the Adoration is a great gift to the parish. However to keep it going we are always looking for new committed Adorers .If you cannot sign up for a specific hour perhaps you could write down your name as a substitute.
The rewards are great ,as you know the Lord is never outdone in generosity.

CREATIVE WRITING

The above group meet in St.Ita’s hall twice monthly . Next meeting Fri. Oct 12th. We do short stories, poetry etc. It is also a nice social get together with a cup of tea. Anyone interested in joining us just come along to any meeting.

Funeral Ministry

At the time of a loved one’s death, the support and help of the parish community for the bereaved family is very important. In Ireland funerals are community events, where neighbours and parishioners offer as much support as possible to the bereaved family. The death of someone close to us can affect us deeply. In the days following death, preparing for the final farewell in the midst of grief and all our emotions can be very bewildering. The funeral rites of the Church, celebrated with family and the Christian community, seek to provide an environment of consolation, healing and support, based on Christian faith and hope.

The funeral rites also remind us that we come together to mark the death of a Christian, not only in sorrow, but also in thanksgiving. The funeral rite is a celebration of God’s merciful love and forgiveness, and of the life of the risen Christ, shared by the person who has died. It is in this context that the Church promotes the active involvement of all the faithful, especially the family. We are used to family members participating in the funeral Mass, reading the scriptures, presenting the offertory gifts, participating in the music and reading the prayers of the faithful. Up to now the priest has led the various prayer services in the homes of the deceased and in the funeral homes.

In the coming weeks we will be introducing Funeral Lay Ministers who will assist the priest in leading prayer at the home of the bereaved, or in the funeral home. The Funeral Lay Minister will also assist the priest at the Reception of the Body at the Church. Over the past five weeks 20 parishioners from the Íde Naofa Pastoral Area have attended a training programme which was directed by a Funeral Lay Ministry Team from the diocese of Cork & Ross. We welcome the introduction of this ministry in the parish and three parishioners will be commissioned for this ministry in the coming weeks. The Íde Naofa Pastoral Area includes the parishes of Abbeyfeale, Athea, Templeglantine and Tournafulla/Mountcollins.

Day for Life – 7th October 2018

Day for Life is the day in the Church’s year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year’s *Day for Life* is celebrated on 7th **October**.

This year’s theme is focused on human trafficking and below is a testimony with regard to that topic.

Testimony

“My name is Daia*. I’m from a small town in Edo State, Nigeria. My family were very poor and from a young age I was always chasing a ‘better life’.

At 18 I met and fell in love with Victor*, from Lagos. I was so impressed by his fine clothes and his confidence. Victor suggested going together to London – he said he had friends there and a job for me, cleaning in a hair salon. I was so excited. Victor travelled ahead and I was to follow him.

After a long journey I arrived in Dublin. I had never heard of this place but thought it was just another stop-over on my way to London. Victor had arranged for someone to meet me. This man took me in his car. But we did not go to Victor, or to the hair salon, or to London. He took me to a brothel. I have been here ever since.”

“*This is a true story. Names have been changed to protect identities.*”

Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery

Jesus tells us, “I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10 NJB).

But many people do not have life to the full. They have fallen victim to the scourge of human trafficking and modern slavery which are an assault on a person’s innate human dignity. People are not commodities to be traded ruthlessly for criminal profit.

Indeed, this is something that is happening in communities across our country, not just in our big cities. It’s not only happening in brothels and nail bars, but on farms, building sites and factories as well. Nor is this a problem confined to immigrant communities, it is affecting our own citizens too.

Trafficking is a growing problem and the UN estimates that over 40 million people worldwide are in slavery. In the UK alone, it is estimated that every year there are over 13,000 victims of trafficking from all countries.

Criminals exploit some of the most vulnerable and desperate people. We can act together to stop this. It is a crime hidden in plain sight, it’s difficult to investigate, and the police need our help to identify and stop the traffickers and rescue and support the victims.

Please keep all victims of human trafficking in your prayers.

“**The trade in human beings violates the God—given dignity of so many of our brothers and sisters, and constitutes a true crime against humanity’.**

Pope Francis nov 2016

We pray for the victims of human trafficking that they may be helped to rebuild their lives after the traumatic experiences they have gone through. Amen.