



# ABBAYFEALE PARISH



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Mercy Sunday

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## Divine Mercy Novena

There will be special ceremonies here in Abbeyfeale on next Sunday

**Mercy Sunday 8th April @ 3pm.**

Devotions to the Divine Mercy including Mass, Blessing of the sick, confession and Veneration of the Divine Mercy Picture.

Confessions @ 2.30pm.

Jesus told St Faustina “The soul that will go to confession receive Holy Communion on that day shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment”.



## Divine Mercy Novena began of Good Friday and ends on Mercy Sunday.

**The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion:** The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC: A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world. B - Be Merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us. C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive. The Divine Mercy Novena which began on Good Friday concludes this Sunday with Divine Mercy Novena Prayers, Confessions, Mass and Devotions beginning at 2.30p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Although the life of a person is a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God.

## World Meeting of Families: Register, Volunteer, Join us!

Would you like to volunteer for the WMoF2018? Questions about registering groups, parishes, families and individuals? Join us to find out more on Tues, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 4p.m. at the St Munchin’s Diocesan Centre, Corbally, Limerick – Focus on Schools and Youth Groups. Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30p.m. at the Desmond Complex Newcastle West – Focus on Parish, Individuals, Families. Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30a.m. at Mt St Alphonsus, Redemptorists, - Focus on Limerick Parishes.

## Prayer for fine weather

All powerful and ever living God, we find security in your forgiveness. Give us suitable weather we pray, so that we may rejoice in your gifts of kindness and use them always for your glory and our good. Amen

**A Word from Pope Francis:** “Situations can change; people can change. Be the first to seek to bring good. Do not grow accustomed to evil, but defeat it with good” — Pope Francis, The Church of Mercy

**Recent Death:** We remember in our prayers this weekend Michael Broderick, late of Convent Street who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

**St Joseph’s Young Priests’ Society:** Monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30p.m.

**Pastoral Council:** The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of April at 7.30p.m. in the sacristy. All members are asked to attend as we prepare for the Church Jubilee celebrations on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June.

**Easter Dues** for the support of the clergy may be handed in a all Masses this weekend. Thank You.

## An Easter Prayer

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.

source: New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book

## Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Ann-Marie O’Connor, Kilconlea Lower and Thomas O’Connor who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage here in Abbeyfeale on 7th April.

We wish them every happiness in their married life together.



## Mass intentions for this weekend

- 6.30pm** Sean Enright, Purt Anniv.  
 Ita & Timmy O’Donoghue, Ballaugh  
 Anne Keating, Dublin & Main Street
- 9.15am** Finton & Mary Anne Collins, Knocknasna  
 Patrick & Tom McCarthy, Caherhayes
- 12noon** Michael Wall, Mountmahon Anniv.  
 Patrick Woulfe (Paddy) Kilconlea Lower  
 Patrick Collins, Glenashrone  
 Daniel Joseph Murphy, Main St & Killarney Road
- Mon 7pm** Michael Ahern Anniv. and  
 Nollaig Ahern Died recently.
- Tues 10am** Eileen & John Ahern sons John, Dan  
 and nephew James
- Wed 10am** Special Intention
- Thurs 10am**
- Fri 10am**
- Sat 11am** Requiem Mass for Kathleen O’Brien  
 nee Broderick

## Intention for next weekend

- 6.30pm** Patrick Lane Grogeen and deceased  
 family members  
 Phyllis Cotter, Purt Anniv.  
 Bessie Mehan, Kilmorna
- 9.15am** Denis & Ellen Collilns, Purt and  
 the Geary family
- 12noon** Mary O’Connor  
 William, Hannah, Michael & Paul Quirke



**Trocaire Boxes** can be handed in at all Masses this weekend.



## From Darkness to Light

We can only imagine the absolute joy and amazement of the disciples in today’s gospel. After the death of Jesus, they had locked themselves behind closed doors, utterly depressed and dispirited. They thought that all was lost. Now suddenly everything is turned upside down again. First, they hear reports that Jesus has been raised from the dead. Then they actually see him in the flesh. They are able to touch him, talk to him, eat with him. They hear him explain what had happened over the previous days and why it had to happen, and they understand. Their despair turns, first to shock, then to incredulity, and finally to belief and to total joy. They are filled with hope again. These are difficult times for our church. There have been so many scandals and disappointments. Like the disciples, we can lock ourselves behind doors of fear or despair or depression. But we need to remember that for Christians, joy and hope are at the heart of the Easter Season. We need to remember that no matter how bad things might seem from time to time, the darkness of Good Friday will give way to the joy and promise of Easter.

## Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018

The Lourdes office, is open in the Social Service Centre, Henry St., it will be run by Sr. Margaret Hogan. Office Hours are: 10a.m. to 12.30pm and 2.00pm to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. All details concerning the Pilgrimage maybe had from the office at the above number or from myself.

The fares for this year will be the same as last year, Pilgrims-All Hotels €719 except The Alba €709 and for a Hospital Pilgrim €609, this is inclusive of travel insurance and coach transfer to and from Lourdes Airport.

Any sick person who may wish to travel with the pilgrimage should contact the Diocesan Office as soon as possible or Fr Tony.

**Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** Direct from Shannon Airport, staying at the Solitude Hotel, from the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September Full Pilgrimage Programme. Booking forms available from Fr Tony Mullins. Fr John O’Shea & Fr Willie Fitzmaurice.

**Choose Life:** Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin, said recently that “The Christian message is a message of life. It is about how every human life is a reflection of the very life of God. Each of us is created in the image of God. Catholic teaching clearly affirms that every human life has unique and irreplaceable dignity. Every human life has the right, from its very beginnings, to flourish and develop as God wants it to. The 8th Amendment to the Constitution guarantees equal protection for both mothers and unborn children. All should be equal in the face of the law. Any society, which attempts to define certain lives as being of lesser worth and of lesser protection, betrays the common good”.