

# ABBEYFEALE PARISH

Listen to the Word of God.



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#### Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm. Maureen Higgins & Monica & Michael
Collins and the Collins Family
Juliann McCarthy, Meenkilly & Collins Park
Jack O'Grady, Dromtrasna South Anniv.
Kathleen Fitzgerald, Dromtrasna North Anniv.
9.15am Kate Naughton, Hill Road &
Denis Naughton Mountcollins
Molly Coleman & John Coleman Manchester
12noon Paul Collins, Convent Street &
Limerick 5th Anniv.
Michael O'Sullivan Colbert Terrace Anniv.

Mon 7pm. Tom & Mary McAuliffe & Helen Buckley and her parents Joan & Neil, Banard. Tues 10am Canon James Neville Wed 10am Special Intention Wed 8pm Young Priests Society Mass Thurs 10am Fri 10am Sat 11am Intentions for next weekend

Sat 6.30pm Nonie & Jack Kelly and daughters
Mary B, Teresa and granddaughter Lisa.
Terry Morrissey and his grandparents
David & Nora Morrissey.
9.15am Frank Collins, Banard Anniv.

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#### **Prayer for vocations**

Father, in the power of your Spirit. You sent your Son to bring hope to all peoples. We pray that you will give the same Spirit to young men and women, so that they, like Jesus, may answer you call to bring Good News to the poor, give new sight to the blind, and announce that the Kingdom of God has come.

#### Death

We offer our sympathy to Patrick and his family on the death of his wife Rebecca Leahy died last Sunday. May she rest in peace.

**St Ita's Reading Group** is starting again after the Summer break on Wednesday September 12th @10.30 in The Adoration Chapel. Do come and take a book for the long Winter evenings.

Milford Care Centre & Anam Cara: The organisation that supports bereaved parents is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 20th September at 7:00pm in Milford Care Centre, Limerick. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Milford Care Centre & Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc., please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Wednesday 19th September or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

## YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER TRAINING

2018: This year the Limerick Diocesan Youth Ministry Team delivered youth ministry training to 29 people from 13 parishes. This training was one of the key actions arising from the Synod process and the subsequent Pastoral Plan. The feedback from participants and clergy was very positive and we will be running another course beginning in September 2018. Please get in contact with Aoife at 061-350000 or email awalsh@ldpc.ie if you are interested in taking part in this year's training.

Catholic Grandparents Association: Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage September 9th 2018, Knock Shrine 2.30pm. Everybody welcome to honour & thank Grandparents alive & dead for all they have done for us down through the ages. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio - Combined Choirs of Knock Parish - The Tuttle Family - Dana sings 'Our Lady of Knock'

St Joseph's Young priests Society will hold the Limerick Diocesan Meeting in Abbeyfeale on Wed 12th Sept. Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Church @ 8pm. Meeting afterwards in the Day Centre. All welcome.

Adult Faith Formation classes, offered by the Dominican Sisters in St Saviour's Dominican Church, Limerick. A comprehensive overview of the Catholic faith will be presented in 10 sessions. Come be a part of this special opportunity to grow in knowledge, faith, and community. The group will meet every Wed.evening, from 7:00-8:30, beginning the 3rd of October.

# What Pope Francis said in Croke Park

Last weekend we began to reflect on what Pope Francis had to say about Family life in his Croke Park speech. We continue our reflection this week as we read what the Pope had to say about forgiveness in the family. ""The poet says that "to err is human, to forgive divine". And that is true: forgiveness is a special gift from God that heals our brokenness and draws us closer to one another and to him. Small and simple acts of forgiveness, renewed each day, are the foundation upon which a solid Christian family life is built. They force us to overcome our pride, our aloofness and embarrassment, and to make peace. How many times do we get angry at one another and then want to make up, but we don't know how! It is embarrassing to make peace, but we still want to do it. It isn't hard. It's easy. Give a caress, and peace is made!

It is true that I like to say that in our families we need to learn three words. They are "sorry", "please" and "thank you". When you quarrel at home, be sure that before going to bed you apologize and say you are sorry. Before the day is done, make peace. Do you want to know why it is necessary to make peace before ending the day? Because if you don't make peace, the next day you have a "cold war" and that is very dangerous! Watch out for cold wars in the family! Maybe you get mad sometimes and are tempted to sleep in another room, all by yourself. If you feel that way, just knock on the door and say: "Please, can I come in?" All it takes is a look, a kiss, a soft word... and everything is back to the way it was! I say this because when families do this, they survive. There is no such thing as a perfect family; without the practice of forgiveness, families can grow sick and gradually collapse.

To "forgive" means to "give" something of yourself. Jesus always forgives us. By the power of his forgiveness, we too can forgive others, if we really want to. Isn't that what we pray for, when we say the Our Father? Children learn to forgive when they see their parents forgiving one another. If we understand this, we can appreciate the grandeur of Jesus' teaching about fidelity in marriage. Far from a cold legal obligation, it is above all a powerful promise of God's own fidelity to his word and his unfailing grace. Christ died for us so that we, in turn, might forgive and be reconciled with one another. In this way, as individuals and as families, we can know the truth of Saint Paul's words that, when all else passes away, "love never ends" (1 Cor 13:8)".

Next weekend we will reflect on the Popes comments on the use of Social Media.

#### ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE (0667134276)

**Annual Gathering for Diocesan Parish Contact People:** Wed., Sept. 12th 7.30pm-9.30pm.

Fall Adult Religious Education Programme: Fr. Sean Sheehy,

What does God want me to do with my life? This is an 8-session course each Wednesday, begining Sept.19th, 7.30pm-9.00pm.

**Parental Grief Retreat:** Caroline Ni Dhuinn, Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents USA, Sat, Sept 29th, 9.00am-6.00pm. <a href="www.emfgp.org">www.emfgp.org</a> to register or call 7125129.

#### Abbevfeale ICA.

Abbeyfeale ICA guild resumes activities on Tuesday night next at the Further Education and Training Centre, Mountmahon from 7.30 - 9.30pm. The guild usually meet first and third Tuesday of the month (except September). Activities include Talks, Demonstrations and Workshops. New members welcome. Tel. Anne Maria 06831145 for further details.

Readers of the Word of God Sept 16th Team 1 Maura O'Donnell. David Davy, Paul Morris Ministers of the Eucharist Sept 16th Team D E F

### <u>Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></u> <u>September</u>

Luxury coach leaving the Church Abbeyfeale at 7am sharp. Cost: €20 and must be paid beforehand to ensure a seat. Please contact: Bernard Broderick 068 31565 Sean Broderick 068 31213Michael Lane 068 32757 087 298084 David Davy 087 0994272

#### **ARA Na Feile**

Cancellation of the meeting on the 12th and rearranged for Wednesday 19th Sept @ 2pm.

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP: 11am – 12.30pm every Tuesday and Thursday, St Ita's Hall. New people always welcome. Contact Mary on 087 9382883.

STUDY THEOLOGY BY DISTANCE LEARNING: Flexible and Accessible Courses. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or online from the comfort of your own home and build modules towards a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology. Application deadline September 25. Call 01 404 8124 or visit

West Limerick Brach of the Red Cross are holding a recruitment Drive this Wednesday 12th Sept. in St Ita's Hall from 8-9pm. Drivers especially required. Call in and talk to one of the members about First Aid training, CPR training etc. Tel Ciara 0863106009. All are welcome.

#### **Youth Clubs**

Leaders needed to start up new youth club for present 2<sup>nd</sup> year students. A meeting will be held at St ITA'S HALL on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 O'Clock We need a considerable number of parents to volunteer to be able to start up this club Come and see what we are about

Cork Autism Conference 2018 - Re-Thinking Autism - A Positive and Integrative Approach, Sunday September 30th, Rochestown Park Hotel, Douglas, Cork. Conference provides a unique forum for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Adults with ASD, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism and aspergers syndrome. All are welcome. More info here: <a href="https://www.bookwhen.com/corkautism">www.bookwhen.com/corkautism</a> or call 089 239 8900

Christmas Pilgrimage Group to the Holy Land 19h – 27th December 2018 (Last Remaining Places) Taking in Bethlehem,

Jerusalem (Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Last Supper Room and Calvary), Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee. Contact James Treacy 061-921470 or 0860572216 payments can be made in instalments before December.

Rome/San Giovanni Easter 2019 with Papal Ceremonies in Rome for the Easter Period 7 nights €995 pps Payments can be made in instalments contact James Treacy on 061921470 or 0860572216