

well off the pace in the opening half and Limerick did not have to hit top gear to pull away.

But then Graeme Mulcahy finished a rebound to the net just a minute after coming on.

**Limerick:** N Quaid; T Condon, R McCarthy, R English; D Morrissey, D Byrnes (0-4, 0-03f), S Hickey; J Fitzgibbon (0-01), P Browne (0-04); B Nash (0-02), G O'Mahony (0-02), D Reidy (0-01); T Morrissey (0-02), D Hannon (1-04, 0-03f), C Lynch (0-01).

**Subs:** G Mulcahy (1-01) for Nash (47 mins), D O'Donovan for Fitzgibbon (53 mins), S Tobin (0-01) for Reidy (61 mins).

**Wexford:** M Fanning; A Kenny, M O'Hanlon (0-01), J Breen; A Shore (0-02), L Ryan, P Foley; L Chin (0-02), H Kehoe (0-06, 0-06f); C Dunbar, A Nolan, I Byrne (0-02, 0-02f); D Dunne, S Tompkins, L Óg McGovern (0-01).

**Subs:** S Murphy (0-01) for Dunbar (27 mins), E Conroy for Foley (h-t), E Moore for Nolan (h-t), P Doran for Byrne (h-t), J O'Connor for Tompkins (58 mins). **Referee:** D Kirwan (Cork)

**Round Two: Limerick v Kerry, (21<sup>st</sup> February in Tralee)**

### Deaths

Francis Carmody nee O'Keeffe, Navan and late of Main Street

Seán Sheehan, Newcastle West and Knocknasna

Margaret Sexton nee Harnett, Longford and late of Dromtrasna O'Brien

Tim O'Connor, Sydney and late of St Ita's Terrace

Joan Cotter, Lemington Spa, England and late of Knocknasna

Lily O'Keeffe, St Ita's Terrace

Eily Lane, New Street

Jerry O'Riordan, Dromtrasna

Mary Mann, Church Street

John Morrissey, Cedarville

John Hernon, Bandon and late of Kilconlea

Patrick Roche, Athea, father of Maura Collins, The Hill

Brother Clement McCarthy, Cork and late of Knocknasna

Hannah Marie Broderick, Mount Collins and Cahir

Peigi Woulfe, Ballaugh

Betty Milner nee O'Donnell, USA and Cahir

Michael Finucane, London, husband of Jean Riordan, Cahir

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## **Núacht Na Féile**

### **Praesidium of the Legion of Mary Abbeyfeale**

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### Limerick Diocesan Synod

This is a very important time in our Parish and Diocese as we prepare for the Limerick Diocesan Synod which takes place in this April. It is a long established practice in the Church to review things and make decisions. The Abbeyfeale delegates are Michael Lane, Pastoral Council Chairperson, Eileen O'Brien, Bridge Street, Billy Quirke, Ballaugh and Martina O'Sullivan, the Orchard.

The delegates from all over the diocese have worked on obtaining information and feedback from people of all age groups and socio economic backgrounds through a listening process. Responses were received from over 5,000 people. From these responses the delegates selected the themes for the Synod which are: 1. Community and a sense of belonging; 2. Faith Formation; 3. Pastoral Care of the Family; 4. New models of Leadership; 5. Liturgy & Life and 6. Young People. The delegates have met to consider each of these themes individually and to select concrete proposals which will be decided upon in the April Synod.

Reflecting on the selection of the themes, Bishop Brendan Leahy said, "The listening process we set out on has been an extremely positive one. The first thing we take from it is the sense of belonging that the laity still has with their Church. The clergy know that the Church faces many issues but so does the laity and it wants to play its part in regenerating the Church in the future."

### Student Missionary

The organization known as Work the World organize on an annual basis a Dental Outreach programme in developing countries.

This year at the end of February a group of twelve students from Cork University will travel to Kathmandu, Nepal. Included in the group will be fourth year Dental Student Nadine Smith from Abbeyfeale. Their work will include extractions, fillings, assist in oral surgery procedures and delivering oral hygiene demonstrations.

Patients will travel on foot for days from rural districts as dental care is out of reach for the majority of the community.

For involvement in this work of charity each student has to raise €3000.00. To assist in raising this amount Nadine has organized many different functions very successfully including a "Night at the Dogs" in Tralee. The night will involve a competition for the Best Dressed Man and Best Dressed Lady. One of the judges is Annette Mann from Abbeyfeale.

We wish Nadine every success with this charitable event.

### **Weather**

In our last Newsletter the weather report referred to the conditions throughout November and December and the pattern has been the same since with a continuation of strong winds and at times continuous periods of heavy rain, thunder, hail and snow showers. On one such occasion there was hail in lower Ballaugh and snow in Knocknaboul.

The result of all this is that land has never been as wet while growth was very good, grass grew very high and is now lying flat and rotting in some places.

### **Drama**

The activities of Drama groups at this time of the year reminds me of many years ago when plays were the popular entertainment at this time of the year. As well as being popular, drama provided the only entertainment available as dances were completely forbidden during Lent. This entertainment was usually available both at weekends and midweek by amateur groups while professional groups performed for the full week.

Even that there is now no law forbidding dances etc. drama is still very popular with the amateur groups and at present the Abbeyfeale groups are performing the popular John B Keane play "Sive". The cast is as follows: Niamh Healy, Mary Murphy, Joan O'Connell, Richie Roche, Seamus Lane, Billy Quirke, Dick Woulfe, Pat Scannell, Jeremiah Roche and Richie Prendeville who is the director.

Including the cast there are now over thirty members in the group so there is no shortage of experienced men and women both on and off the stage.

This is not the only group in Abbeyfeale, there are others of which I will inform you at a later date.

At the end of the month the Transition Year students from Coláiste Ide agus Iosef are staging "The Wizard of Oz".

### **Church of Ireland Graveyard**

West Limerick Resources with the assistance of two local groups, Abbeyfeale Men's Shed and the Traveller Men's Group, have erected new gates at the Church of Ireland graveyard in Mountmahon. The work was completed on 7<sup>th</sup> February. After the installation a function was held at the Abbeyfeale Further

Education and Training Centre where refreshments were served followed by a talk on the graveyard by Billy Broderick.

### **National Football League Division 3**

**Round One:** Limerick 1-12, Tipperary 2-09 (31<sup>st</sup> January, Kilmallock)

Four of Limerick's first-half points were Ian Ryan frees, the other a Stephen Cahill effort from play before he was black-carded. Peter Acheson struck for Tipp's goal but the game turned Limerick's way in the second half and sub Peter Nash handed them the lead for the first time with eight minutes remaining. Gearóid Hegarty took advantage of an error to fist the ball but as it bounced back into play, Nash pounced from close range. Conor Sweeney's free kept Tipp right in there but points from Ryan and Seanie Buckley had Limerick 1-11 to 1-8 clear with just minutes left. Keane took a pass from Jimmy Feehan to slot home an equalising goal before the teams traded late points.

Scorers for Limerick: I Ryan 0-9 (8f), P Nash 1-0, S Buckley 0-2, S Cahill 0-1. Scorers for Tipperary: P Acheson 1-1, C Sweeney 0-4 (2f), J Keane 1-0, P Austin (1f) and A Maloney 0-2 each.

**Limerick:** B Scanlon; J McCarthy, P Browne, S Cahill; S O'Dea, B Fanning, I Corbett; G Hegarty, D Tracey; D Neville, P Ranahan, S Buckley; S McSweeney, S Kelly, I Ryan.

**Subs:** M O'Donovan for Cahill, P Nash for McSweeney (25), D O'Sullivan for Scanlon (h.t.), T Lee for Kelly (49), J Naughton for Tracey (62).

**Tipperary:** C Kenrick; C McDonald, A Campbell, C O'Shaughnessy; J Feehan, R Kiely, J O'Callaghan; A Maloney, M Dunne; B Fox, P Acheson, J Keane; N O'Donovan, C Sweeney, P Austin.

**Subs:** K O'Halloran for O'Callaghan (46), B Hewitt for Maloney (61), D Butler for O'Donovan (68), D Leahy for Dunne (70+2).

**Referee:** B Cawley (Kildare)

**Round Two:** Limerick 1-08, Tipperary 0-13 (7<sup>th</sup> February)

### **National Hurling League Division 1B**

**Round One:** Limerick 2-23, Wexford 0-15 (13<sup>th</sup> February, Limerick)

Graeme Mulcahy and Declan Hannon found the net in the second half as Limerick got their promotion bid to Division 1B of the Allianz Hurling League off to a flying start with a 2-23 to 0-15 win at the Gaelic Grounds.

Limerick dominated the opening half and picked off some wonderful points to lead by 0-16 to 0-04 at the break.

Eight Limerick men found the target in that opening half as Wexford struggled to get up to the pace of the game and TJ Ryan's men cantered into a huge lead. Wexford, who lined out without Jack Guiney who has a hamstring problem, were