



**PARISH PASTORAL UNIT
 ABBEYFEALE, ATHEA, TEMPLEGLANTINE, TOURNAFULLA, MOUNTCOLLINS**



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Intentions for this weekend

- 6.30pm** Mai & Tade Collins, Ballaugh
- 10am** Mary & James Scully, Mountmahon
Denis & Ellen Collins Purl and deceased
members of the Geary family.
- 12noon** Stasia & John McGill and deceased
family members
Ann Romain Anniv.

Intentions for the week.

- Mon 7pm**
- Tues 10am Pro Populo**
- Wed 10am** Lena & Paddy Flynn, Duagh Anniv.
- Thurs 10am**
- Fri 10am** Purgatorial

No Saturday morning Mass

Intentions for next weekend

- 6.30pm** Lena O'Connor Month Mind
- 10am**
- 12noon**
- Mon 10th May @ 7pm** Ann O'Connor,
Dromtrasna Harnett 1st Anniv.

Deaths

We offer our sympathy to the family Ita Corbett, The Belfry whose funeral took place on Monday May she rest in peace.

To the family of John Broderick, Ballaugh whose funeral took place on Thursday. May he rest in peace.

To the family of Mary Murphy, Grove Crescent whose funeral took place also this week. May they rest in peace.

The Blessed Sacrament is open from 11am to 6pm Monday to Saturday for private prayer.

Thank you

Sincere thanks to all who continue to contribute to the Weekly Offertory Collection Your ongoing support and generosity is very much appreciated.

Churches Open on the 10th of May

We are delighted with the news that from Monday 10th May churches and places of worship will be open for people to attend Mass or other religious ceremonies. Our first Mass open to the public will be on Monday 10th May at 7.00p.m.

The maximum number of people allowed to attend is 50. The two-metre social distancing rule still applies. As when we opened last summer there will only be one entry point that is the main door at the front of the Church. Stewards will direct you to the hand sanitizing stations and then to your seats. The seats will be clearly marked. Three individual people from different households to a seat. Families from the same household may sit together. The stewards will direct you to Holy Communion and at the end of Mass we are asking people to exit the church gradually and safely.

Because the maximum number of people allowed to attend is confined to 50 for the moment, it may not be possible to accommodate everyone who may wish to come into the church. In that case parishioners will be able to hear Mass in the car park through the Car Park Radio. Tune your car radio to 107FM. For Holy Communion we ask you to remain in your car and Holy Communion will be brought to you.

For the time being we suggest that parishioners come to Mass once a week in order to give all those who wish to attend an opportunity to attend Mass within the church building. We ask you to follow the guidance of the stewards at all times. The church will need to be cleaned thoroughly after each time that it is used. The cleaning of the building after each Mass is essential to maintain safety and prevent the spread of the virus.

Stewards

I want to thank the great army of stewards who volunteered all last year to keep the church open and safe for all those who visited the church.

Stewards are essential if the church is to be opened safely. Once again we need the assistance of many stewards and helpers. I want to thank all those who have already volunteered, but we need many more helpers. Any individual over 18 years of age and with no underlying health conditions is welcome to help with the stewarding and cleaning. We ask all our current stewards and anyone else who is willing to help out with the stewarding to contact Anne our parish secretary this week to confirm that you are available. Tel 086/8661651 Church 51915 Office 31133 The current Mass schedule will remain in place for the summer.

PRAYER TO BE A TRUE BRANCH ON THE VINE

Lord Jesus, let us realise that every action of ours no matter how small or how secular enables us to be in touch with You. Let our interest lie in created things – but only in absolute dependence upon Your presence in them. Let us pursue You and You alone through the reality of created things. Let this be our prayer – to become closer to You by becoming more human.

Let us become a true branch on the vine that is You, a branch that bears much fruit. Let us accept You in our lives in the way it pleases You to come into them: as Truth, to be spoken; as Life, to be lived; as Light, to be shared; as Love, to be followed; as Joy, to be given; as Peace, to be spread about; as Sacrifice, to be offered among our relatives and friends, among our neighbours and all people. Amen.

Bound together

Have you ever visited a vineyard, with its rows of vines, heavy with clusters of ripe grapes? If you're not familiar with vines, think of an apple tree laden with apples, or a fruit bush ripe for picking. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the metaphor of a vine to describe his relationship with his disciples. He tells them that he is the vine, and they are the branches. The life of Jesus flows into us and sustains us, and this is the reason our lives can bear fruit in love, in kindness, patience, compassion and welcome. The symbolism of the vine works on many levels. If a branch is separated from the vine, it cannot flourish on its own. It must be connected to the vine from which it gets its nourishment. Each of us must be firmly rooted in Jesus and nourish that relationship. He invites us to 'remain' in him - to rest in him, to be part of him.

And if you look at a vine plant, often its branches are so entangled, it can be hard to know where one ends, and another begins. We note that Jesus is addressing the disciples as a group rather than as individuals: 'you are the branches'. We are a community, and we grow together, bound together by the love of God.

Today, we reflect on what it means to be so intimately connected with Jesus, the true vine. We bring to mind the many gifts he has given us, and the ways in which his love bears fruit in our lives.

Thanks to all local shops and businesses who facilitate the distribution of the Weekly Newsletter

Church Radio 107FM

The signal from the Church Radio has been extended to a radius of 3 miles approximately. Parishioners can tune into all Masses and Church ceremonies on 107FM. This service will be of benefit to parishioners who do not have access to the internet and the church webcam. We ask you to assist elderly parishioners in tuning in their radios to this service.

VIRTUAL FLEADH BY THE FEALE: The 25th annual Fleadh by the Feale which was always held on the May Bank Holiday will have to take place virtually this year. On Saturday evening a short concert will take place after 6.30pm Mass approx. 7.15pm in the Church abbeyfealeparish.ie

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.

Darkness into Light 2021

You can Join us at Sunrise - Saturday, May 8th

Take the Challenge. Raise vital funds for suicide prevention. Create your very own Darkness Into Light Challenge – whether you choose to organize a 10k hike, run a marathon, skydive or sea dive, your fundraising will support lifesaving suicide prevention services. All funds raised through donations and fundraising will go back into funding the services that Pieta provides, free of charge to those who need them most. Sign up to Darkness Into light before March 31 and you'll automatically be entered into a draw to win a year's free electricity from our proud partner **Electric Ireland**.

A big thank you to all at Electric Ireland for this amazing prize and their continued support of Darkness Into Light.

Visit www.darknessintolight.ie to sign up.



Trocaire: Thank you for very generous donations to the Trocaire campaign

The amount collected so far is €10,926

Boxes can still be handed in on Saturday evening from 6pm to 7.30pm or Sunday from 11.30am to 1pm at the sacristy door
Tel Anne 086/8661651 to arrange a time. Or Sacristy 068/51915

