



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



3rd March 2024 www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@eircom.net Church Sacristy 068 - 51915 Parish Office 068/31133 11am to 1pm

Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Area

Fr Denis Mullane 087/2621911
Fr Tony Mullins 087/2600414
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Fr Dan Lane (Retired) 087/2533030
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Priest on Call

Fr John Keating is on call this Sunday for Emergency calls only. He can be contacted on 087-6322212 or 069-85014

Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Peg O'Connell, New Street Anniv.
 Kathleen Fitzgerald, New Street Months Mind
10am
12noon Johnny Lane, New Street Anniv.
 Ted Mulcahy, Dromtrasna Anniv.
 Margaret Quirke Killarney Road 2nd Anniv.

Intentions for the week

Mon 7pm James & Betty Reidy, The Hill Anniv.
Tues 10am Pro Populo
Wed 10am Alice & Denis Harnett Anniv.
Thurs 10am
Fri 10am Confirmation Ceremonies
10am 11.30am 1pm

The Church Yard will be locked on Thursday evening at 8pm

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Kitty Fitzgerald, Railway Bar Anniv.
10am Margaret, Sean & Luke Scannell The Hill Anniv.
 Michael & Teresa Devine and deceased family members
12noon Nora, Patrick & Betty Collins, Meenkilly Anniv.

Lectio Divina will take place after Mass on Tuesday Mornings in the Blessed Sacrament Church during Lent. All are welcome.

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of Mary Healy, Caherlane whose funeral took place on Wednesday.

We offer our sympathy to the family of Mary (May) Mullins whose funeral took place on Saturday.

To the family of Tadhg Quinn, Purt Yard whose funeral took place on Saturday. May they rest in peace.
 Ar dheis Dé raibh a anam.

Simple Acts of Compassion

The sixth station of the cross tells of a woman named Veronica from Jerusalem who is so moved with sympathy upon seeing Jesus on route to his crucifixion that she offers Jesus her veil to wipe his face. His face caked with blood, sweat, and dirt, Jesus uses the veil to wipe his weary face, then hands it back to Veronica with his image imprinted upon the piece of cloth. While there is no explicit reference to Veronica in the Gospels, her gracious act on the Via Dolorosa has lived on in legend for centuries. Veronica had the courage to reach out to the Lord in his suffering. May we never fail to feel the sufferings of others and seek to lighten their burden. For whenever out of love we minister to the needy, the homeless, the refugee we receive an increase in grace and the image and likeness of Christ grows in our souls. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus states clearly that our Final Judgment will be based on whether we saw the hungry, the thirsty, the imprisoned, and the naked and acted with compassion. It is this compassion that Veronica is compelled by when she moves to wipe Jesus' face.

Questions for us to reflect on as we journey through Lent.

- Where have I received a moment of compassion from someone in this community?
- What was a moment that I acted with compassion for someone else in this community?
- What was an opportunity to act with compassion that I may have missed?
- What is one act of compassion that I can commit to doing regularly beyond this season of Lent?

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2024

This year the Trócaire Lenten Campaign focuses on the water crises in Malawi. Malawi is often referred to as the warm heart of Africa. Malawi is a country with extremely high levels of poverty, where life is already a struggle for many. Climate change means flooding and droughts are becoming both more extreme and unpredictable. People are losing their homes, their livelihoods and even their lives. In Malawi, longer and more severe droughts in recent years have dried up small streams and water holes. Unfortunately, some areas are also affected by cyclones and flooding. When this happens, the simple mud houses are badly damaged. The water that falls is not suitable for drinking or farming but causes a huge amount of destruction. Trócaire is working with local partners to help communities to rebuild after these events and to be better prepared for the future.



To learn more, go to:
<https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/>

Sacrament of Confirmation: Bishop Brendan Leahy will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in Abbeyfeale next Friday 8th of March. Parishioners should note that the Church Car Park will be closed on Thursday evening at 8pm and will not reopen to the public until 3.00pm on Friday afternoon. This is to facilitate parking for the families of children who will be confirmed on Friday.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Church Wednesday Thursday and Friday from 10.30 am to 8pm during Lent.

Volunteers Needed. The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (Thursday 20th to Tuesday 25th June 2024) is back in its full capacity for 2024, bringing a full team of workers and assisted pilgrims. If you would like to be a volunteer helper on the pilgrimage, please contact the organisers of the pilgrimage at the Limerick Diocesan Office on 061-350000.

Lenten Scripture Reflection – A journey through the Bible Wednesday March 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th. Venue –Athea Library 7.30pm – 8.30pm followed by a cuppa and a chat. All are welcome. For further details, contact Pat Higgins on 087-2034626 or Sean O' Mocháin on 087-2321375

St Joseph's Young priests Society Monthly meeting will take place in the Parish Office on Tuesday 5th March at 7.30pm. All welcome.

A white rosary beads of sentimental value was lost in the church grounds on Monday. If found please hand into the sacristy.

Stations of the Cross

There will be reflections on the Stations of the Cross every Friday morning during Lent at 9.30am.

Baptisms in Abbeyfeale will be celebrated on the first Saturday of each month at 5.00pm. Also, on the second Sunday of the month after the 12noon Mass. Contact the Sacristy 068/51915 during Mass Times.



Please take the leaflet home with you to reflect on the reading / Gospel during the week or return it to the basket at the doors. Thanks.

Have a good weekend.