



7th Jan 2024

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Anne 11am to 1pm

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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Jim Joy, Ballaugh & Peg Joy, Convent Road Anniv.
 Timmy Daly, Dromtrasna Collins
 Jimmy Quirke, Kilconlea Upper Anniv.
 Tom Enright Rathorna Anniv.
 John Collins, Ballaugh and deceased family members

10am Michael & Dan McCarthy, Purt Anniv.

12noon Julie O'Connor, Mountmahon
 Tade Joe Healy Glenashrone 1st Anniv.
 Pdraig O'Connor, Main Street and deceased family members

Intentions for the week

Mon 7pm Charlie Conefrey Anniv.

Tues 10am Pro Populo

Wed 10am Thanksgiving Mass

Thurs 10am Dereck Walsh 1st Anniv.

Mary O'Brien 1st Anniv. & Thomas O'Brien 8th Anniv.

Fri 10am

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Jim & Peg O'Grady and their son James Meenkillly Anniv.
 Tom Aherne, Glenashrone 2nd Anniv.

10am

12noon Bridie & Jeremiah Moriarty The Hill Anniv.

Divine Mercy Meetings will take on Monday 8th January.

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.

Our Baptismal Calling

It is only weeks since the start of the Christmas story. It is still fresh in our minds as we abruptly come to the Feast of Jesus' Baptism. The Magi have just come and gone, and our Christmas decorations are put away for another year.

This weekend we jump from the Child Jesus to the mature Jesus setting out on his mission which is publicly inaugurated by his Baptism by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. By accepting baptism, Jesus was committing himself to the work of taking away the sins of the world.

The start of the new year provides us with an opportunity to review our commitment to Christ and reflect on our calling as a member of God's family. Our special role is to announce Jesus to the world. The ways of doing this are many and varied. We are called to witness to Christ in our own sphere of living and to make the world a better place by our presence. The lighted candle lit for us during our baptism ceremony, means that we are to show forth Christ by word and deed wherever we go. Let our good deeds and faith filled lives shine brightly throughout 2024. May we inspire one another by giving personal witness to the values of the Gospel in all that we do. Values of Truth, Justice, Love and Peace.

***Arise, Shine; For Your Light Has Come
 (Reflection on the Feast of the Epiphany)***

How many stars there are in the sky! And yet the Magi followed a new and different star, which for them shone all the more brightly not just in the sky, but in their restless hearts. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, that star led them on a remarkable journey to a humble stable where they recognised, in that fragile child, the Christ whose light would overcome the darkness of fear and sin and death and offer to all the promise of salvation.

In a very busy world, our task is to seek out the signs God offers, to follow his guiding light. Our role is simply to be reflectors, seeking and recognising the light of Christ and radiating that light to the world, beginning in our own families and in our community.



A Prayer for Guidance

Jesus, light of the world.

When I am afraid and unsure,
 comfort me with the light of Your presence.

When loneliness chills me,
 warm me with the light of Your love.

When the road ahead seems
 dark, guide me with the light of Your way.

When I don't understand and my thoughts are unclear,
 fill me with the light of Your wisdom.

When I seem spent like a candle consumed,
 replenish me with the light of Your life.

Then, so filled with Your light, use me,
 so that I, with You, may be light for the world.

Parish Clerk:

The Parish Clerks collection will be collected at all Masses this weekend. A word of thanks to Anne our parish clerk for the time and commitment to the church and to the parish. We know you will be generous in your acknowledgment of her service. You can also make a donation next weekend by using the envelopes in your box and place them in the collection boxes at the entrances to the church.

Return to School: As our schools reopen after the Christmas holidays we wish all our students and staff members every blessing for the new school term.

Feast of St Ita. Monday 15th January. St Ita was born in Co. Waterford of noble and Christian parents. Early on she set her mind on serving Christ in religious life. She founded a monastery in Kileedy, Co Limerick, which attracted a great variety of young people. She was given the title 'Foster -Mother of the Saints of Ireland.' She died in 570. St Ita's feast day will be celebrated in the parish of Kileedy on Monday 15th January.

Citizens Advice Helpline

Are open to dealing with your queries Monday to Friday. You can contact between 9:30am and 4:15pm by phone on 0761-07-5780, or by email at limerick@citinfo.ie

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Depression & Bipolar Disorder Support www.aware.ie Tel: Freephone 1800 80 48 48 (available 7 days, 10am-10pm). Email: support-mail@aware.ie

Bodywhys

Eating Disorders Associations of Ireland www.bodywhys.ie Email: alex@bodywhys.ie 01 2107906

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