

## PARISH PASTORAL UNIT NAOMH IDE ABBEYFEALE, ATHEA, TEMPLEGLANTINE, TOURNAFULLA, MOUNTCOLLINS



7th Dec 2025 www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@gmail.com Church Sacristy 068 - 51915 Parish Office 11am to 1pm Mon—Thurs

Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Area Canon Tom Mangan 087/2348226

Fr Willie Russell 087/2272825

Fr Dan Lane (Retired) 087/2533030

Fr Michael Edoziumo

Fr James Ambrose (Retired) Tel 087/7740753

Intentions for this weekend

Bridie & Sean Leahy Bogmount and their son John 6.30pm

and his wife Eileen Bogmount

Mary O'Connor Rooska East 1st Anniv. Ramey Leahy, New Street Anniv.

Vincent McNally Anniv.

Bridget Healy Lower Knocknasna and deceased member of the Saunders family.

Michael Miney Harnett Knocklougha/Abbeyfeale Hill 1st Anniv.

Michael (Glover) Collins Purt 6th Anniv. John (Luke) O'Connor Knockbrack 1st Anniv.

Mary O'Connor Knockbrack

Hannah Mai Scannell Dromtrasna Collins and 10am

deceased family members

Patie & Betty Lane Kilconlea Upper Anniv. 12noon

William & Nora Flynn and deceased family members

Julia Kelly and deceased family members

Liam & Kitty O'Callaghan & Paddy Leahy Ballybehy Anniv.

Monday Feast of the Immaculate Conception

10am Willie & Dermot Leahy, Mountmahon Anniv.

11am Funeral Mass Connie McMahon, Convent Street

John & Mary Sheehy Muingwee Get Well Intention

Bill Lane, Ballaugh Anniv.

Tues 10am Wed 10am

Thurs 10am Mary Gleeson Morrissey Ballaugh Anniv. Thomas O'Connell, New Street and deceased Fri 10am

family members

Intentions for next weekend

**6.30pm** Frank Foley, St Ita's Road Anniv.

Denny & Nora & Mary Patrick Lane, Caherlane and deceased family members

Paddy & Mary O'Connor Caherhayes and deceased family members

10am Ann Hennessy, Knockbrack Months Mind David Collins Templeglantine Anniv.

Sean Reidy, New Street 2nd Anniv. 12noon

Tom Dillane, Kilconlea Lower 15th Anniv. Michael Barry Caherlane 6th Anniv.

Joan & Tom Murphy, Ballaugh Anniv.

**Second Sunday of Advent** 

(second candle of the wreath is lit)

We began our Journey through Advent on Sunday. Many call it the run into Christmas. It is certainly that but it is also much more. Advent has been described as a spiritual treasure. This treasure is not hidden or meant just for a select few. It is ours to explore and to know that there is a beautiful message waiting to be discovered. At the heart of this message is that we are loved, unique, precious and special.

The God of Christmas is a God of love. In a world where darkness and negativity seem to have lots of momentum, Christmas reminds us that this momentum can be slowed down. On Christmas Eve and Christmas day it comes to a gentle halt. We have our Advent Wreath here. We have seen it many times before and it is always a sign of hope. It is circular to remind us of God's eternal and constant love of us. Nothing will ever change this. The late Pope Francis said in one of his Christmas letters: "Those who open their hearts to God's love and are open to receiving the light of Jesus, cannot keep this gift to themselves."

**Advent Praver** 

Hail and Blessed be the hour and moment in which the son of God was born of the pure Virgin Mary, at mid-night in a stable in Bethlehem in the piercing cold.

At the same hour vouch safe. Amen.

Monday Dec. 15th at 7.30pm Christmas Confessions for the parishes of Ide Naofa Pastoral Unit, there will be the

opportunity for individual confession with priests of the Pastoral Area present on the evening in Abbeyfeale church.

**Baptismal Information Night** will take place on Tuesday 9th Dec at 8pm in Abbeyfeale Church. All parents who intend to baptise their child in the next month or so are encouraged to attend. contact 086/3756606 to book in.

The Christmas Ribbon Ceremony in Reilig Ide Naofa **Gravevard** will take place on Sunday 21st at 1pm.

The church will be closed most evenings except for the winter months at 6pm from this weekend on.

The Church gates will be closed at 8pm on the evening before a Funeral or parish event to facilitate parking for families.

**Christmas by Candlelight** 

Mick & Noreen from the Losts Souls, with Declan, Naoise, Nime and Lily from Abbbeyfeale Creative Youth Hub. Sunday Dec 7th Fr Casey's GAA @ 8pm. Tickets €15 available at An Siopa Milseán and Ticketsource. Proceeds to Fr Casey's LGFA

Parish Clerks Collection winter collection will take place on the weekend of 20th /21st Dec.

Scoil Mháthair Dé will also perform their Christmas Cantata, "Nativity Story" in the Church of the Assumption on Thursday 11th December at 7.00 p.m. All are welcome.

The Christmas Calendar will be available at the doors of the church on the weekend of 14th & 15th

Eucharistic Adoration will take place in the Blessed Sacrament chapel after Mass for an Hour during the season of Advent. Adoration will not be on the day of a funeral.

fealechurch@gmail.com for any correspondence

To book a Mass intention contact the sacristy during mass times. 068/51915

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Depression & Bipolar Disorder Support www.aware.ie Tel: Freephone 1800 80 48 48 (available 7 days, 10am-10pm). Email: <a href="mailto:supportmail@aware.ie">supportmail@aware.ie</a>

St. Ita's Community Hall:

There is a wide range of activities taking place every week in the Community Hall for the benefit of the community, from parent & toddler group to the Memory Lane café, supporting people living with dementia. Check out all the events on the Hall Facebook page Facebook or in the notes in the Weekly Observer.



Thank you to all who support the Community Hall, it is really at the centre of the community.