



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



**10th March 2024**    [www.abbeyfealeparish.ie](http://www.abbeyfealeparish.ie)    email [fealechurch@eircom.net](mailto: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**  
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**Fr Dan Lane (Retired) 087/2533030**  
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**Priest on Call**

Fr John Keating, Kileedy Parish 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** Kitty Fitzgerald, Railway Bar Anniv.  
 Tamzin O'Brien 2nd Anniv.

**10am** Margaret, Sean & Lukeen Scannell The Hill Anniv.  
 Michael & Teresa Devine and deceased family members

**12noon** Nora, Patrick & Betty Collins, Meenkilly Anniv.  
 Hugh Collins, Dromtrasna Collins Anniv.

**Intentions for the week**

**Mon 11am** **Funeral Mass** Mary Ita Barry, Clash Road.  
**Mon 7pm** Lisa Doran, Luton Anniv.  
**Tues 10am** **Pro Populo**  
**Wed 10am** Thomas & Jerry O'Connor, Knockbrack Lower  
 Knocknagoshel Anniv.

**Thurs 10am**  
**Fri 10am**

**Intentions for next weekend**

**6.30pm** Peter Healy, The Hill Anniv  
 Ned & Peg Leahy, The Milstream and their  
 son Emmet and their daughter Ita  
 Jeremiah McCarthy, Riverview Knockbrack 2nd Anniv.

**10am** Tom Scanlon, Athea Anniv.

**12noon** Norma Healy Dromtrasna South Months Mind.

**Lection 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 Agata Bajak whose funeral took place on Tuesday. May she rest in peace.

**Reflection for Lent**

Lent can be more than a time of fasting; it can be a season of feasting. We can use Lent to fast from certain things and to feast on others. It is a season in which we can:  
 FAST from judging others; FEAST on the Christ within them.  
 FAST from emphasis on differences; FEAST on the unity of life.  
 FAST from apparent darkness; FEAST on the reality of light.  
 FAST from thoughts of illness; FEAST on the healing power of God.  
 FAST from words that pollute; FEAST on phrases that purify.  
 FAST from discontent; FEAST on gratitude.  
 FAST from pessimism; FEAST on optimism.  
 FAST from worry; FEAST on divine order.  
 FAST from complaining; FEAST on appreciation.  
 FAST from negatives; FEAST on affirmatives.  
 FAST from unrelenting pressures; FEAST on unceasing prayer.



**God's Helpers**

God could not be in every place  
 With loving hands to help erase  
 The teardrops from each baby's face,  
 And so He thought of mother.

He could not send us here alone  
 And leave us to a fate unknown;  
 Without providing for His own,  
 The outstretched arms of mother.

God could not watch us night and day  
 And kneel beside our crib to pray,  
 Or kiss our little aches away;  
 And so He sent us mother.

And when our childhood days began,  
 He simply could not take command.  
 That's why He placed our tiny hand  
 Securely into mother's.

The days of youth slipped quickly by,  
 Life's sun rose higher in the sky.  
 Full grown were we, yet ever nigh  
 To love us still, was mother.

And when life's span of years shall end,  
 I know that God will gladly send,  
 To welcome home her child again,  
 That ever-faithful mother.

--George W. Wiseman

**Lord bless all mothers today.**  
**Help us to appreciate them 365 days a year not just today.**

**Sacrament of Confirmation:**

Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday. Sincere thanks to all our teachers for their wonderful preparation of the young people. Thanks to all who helped with music, singing and in preparing the church for the celebration.

**Thank You**

The Board of Management, Staff and Parents Council of Meenkilly National School would like to thank everyone who supported the recent fundraising concert held in the Devon Inn Hotel, in aid of a Defibrillator for Meenkilly N.S. Congratulations to Denis Curtin and his band for a great night's entertainment. A great celebration for all the community.

**During Lent we are called to share our resources with the poor.**

Nelson Mandela said that 'Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity, it is an act of justice. Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings. Sometimes it falls on a generation to be great. You can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom.'  
 We can help create a more just world by supporting the Trócaire Lenten Campaign. Make sure you have a Trócaire Box at home. Boxes are available as you leave the Church.

**St Patrick's Day:** Next weekend we celebrate St Patrick's Day. Masses will be celebrated at the usual times – Vigil Mass Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm. Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Mass at 10.00am and at 12noon. The Senior Choir will sing the Sean O'Riada music setting of the Mass in Irish at this Mass. All are welcome. St Patrick's Day Parade begins at 4.00pm.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Church each weekday during Lent beginning after the 10.00am Mass and continuing until **8.00pm**. If you would like to give some of your time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, we encourage you to write your name on the timetable which is located at the side of the altar in the main church. Make a promise to the Lord that you will do your best to be faithful to the commitment you make.

**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 Wednesdays 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