



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



13th Dec 2020 3rd Sunday of Advent www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@eircom.net Fr Tony Mullins PP 087/2600414 mstrev@gmail.com

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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Bridget Healy and deceased members of the Saunders family lower Knocknasna.

Peggy Woulfe, Cratloe/Ballaugh
 Patie & Betty Lane, Kilconlea
 Mary Morrissey
 Jimmy Galvin, Ballaugh Month Mind
 Paddy O'Connor, Meenkilly Anniv.
 David Collins, Templeglantine

10am Hannah Mai Scannell,
 Dromtrasna Collins
 Paddy & Eily Mai & Michael Barry
 Dan & Teresa O'Connor

12noon Norrie & Paddy Kennedy
 Kathleen & Jerry Herlihy and son Danny
 Patrick Lane, Ballaugh
 Bill Lane, Ballaugh
 Eamon Daly, Castleknock and Main Street

Mon 7pm Finton Morris
 John Power, Enniscorthy & Dromtransna

Tues 10am
Wed 10am Pro Populo

Thurs 10am
Fri 10am
Sat 11am

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Joan Ahern, Moss, Denis & Nora Keane

Philly & Donie Cusack, Cratloe
 Mary Enright, Caherlane
 John D Murphy, Ballaugh

10am Hector & Peg Browne
 Quinn & Codyre Family
 John D & Mary Ita Collins and their son John and deceased family members of the Enright family

Geraldine Woulfe, Cratloe
12noon Jim O'Connell 4 St Ita's Road
 Mike Barry, Caherlane
 Ricky Loughnane
 Jim Lane, New Street

Eileen & Paddy Cahill, Hannon O'Neill and deceased family members

Holy Communion Calls

Fr Tony has resumed Holy Communion Calls to those confined at home. He will ring in advance to check that it is ok to visit.

Christmas Mass

Mass on Christmas Eve will be celebrated at 5.00pm and 8.00pm. Mass on Christmas Day will be at 8.00am, 10.00am and 12noon. Entry to all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be by ticket only. These tickets will be allocated by lottery draw. If parishioners wish to attend Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day they must apply for a ticket. Parishioners must fill out a request for a ticket card. On the card parishioners can indicate whether they wish to attend Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and the number of tickets required. The first tickets drawn will be for the 5.00pm Christmas Eve Mass followed by the tickets for the 8.00p.m. Mass. The Christmas Day tickets will be drawn in the following sequence 10.00am, 12noon and 8.00a.m.

All parishioners are welcome to request a ticket. The draw for the tickets will take place on Thursday 17th of December and the draw will be live streamed on the church webcam at 7.00pm. Request for ticket cards will be available at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on this Sunday 13th December from 1.00p.m to 3.00p.m and on Monday 14th from 12noon to 2.00pm. One request for ticket card per household.

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Unfortunately, it is not possible to accommodate all who would wish to attend Mass this Christmas, but we invite parishioners to join us on the church webcam system and on local radio. During Christmas, all Masses will be live streamed on the Church Services webcam. The 10.00a.m Mass on Christmas day will also be broadcast live on West Limerick 102FM. In addition, a parish radio system has been installed to enable those who wish to attend Mass in the car park to tune into the Mass while remaining in their car.

Car park radio 106fm just installed yesterday.

Communion will be distributed at the Grotto for those who are in the car park.

'Living our faith in a time of Covid-19' 10 Tips from Bishop Leahy

TIP 6. 'Mark Sunday in a special way'. Gathering for Mass is at the heart of who we are. But if for some serious reason, we cannot get to Mass we should mark Sunday – participating in a liturgy online, reading the Mass Readings, spending time in quiet prayer, doing acts of love for people who are sick or alone. The full text of Bishop Leahy's Pastoral letter is available on the diocesan website www.limerickdiocese.org

Deaths

We offer our sympathy to the family of Ned Ahern, New Street whose funeral will take place on Monday at 11am Mass. To the family of Philomena Curtin nee Ahern who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

Distributors of annuals envelopes

We thank you for your help in distributing the annual envelopes in the parish. There are still a few areas to be delivered. Envelopes can be collected at the church after any Mass. If anyone hasn't received a box and would like to do so contact the sacristy on 068/51915

The Crib

It is possible to experience the spiritual richness of this special season in many ways. Our homes can become "little churches" where we invite the Christ-child in. The age-old tradition of having a Christmas crib in the home and gathering there as a family to pray or to sing a carol will be especially meaningful this year. We are also encouraging families or "household bubbles", especially those who are unable to attend Mass, to pay a visit to the church on Christmas Eve between 1.00pm and 4pm to offer a prayer at the crib and to pray together for your families and for those particularly impacted by the pandemic. Fr Tony and Fr Dan will be there to greet you, to offer your family a blessing for Christmas. If families so wish, they might like to bring along the figure of the infant Jesus from their own crib, to be blessed, and on returning home to have the youngest member of the family place it in the crib.

Christmas Dues

The Christmas Dues Collection for the support of the priests can be handed in next weekend or at Masses on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. Fr Tony is grateful for the financial support and encouragement that he received from parishioners in the past year. Whatever you can afford to give is very welcome and appreciated.

Pastoral Support to Parishioners in Nursing Homes

Due to the necessary Covid -19 restrictions it is not possible for Fr Tony to visit parishioners in Nursing Homes this Christmas. Fr Tony is asking family members to let him know which nursing homes their relatives are resident in so that he can write to them for Christmas. All contact details will remain confidential to Fr Tony. You can email the contact details to mullinstrev@gmail.com or text 087-2600414

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Exploring Eucharist.

We continue to reflect on phrases from the Mass. This week we reflect on

'The Lord be with you, and with your spirit. Lift up your hearts, we life them up to the Lord.'

How is your heart as you hear these words? Are you down hearted, heavy hearted, broken hearted? Are you feeling heartened, or 'hale and hearty'? Are you good-hearted, great hearted, opened hearted? Is your heart in the right place? What heartfelt feelings emanate from within you?

The Lord says, 'Life up your heart.' Why? Because if you lift up your heart your heart will see something more than it can see at present - it will see into the heart of God, opened for us, broken for us. The Lord says, 'Life up your heart.' Why? Because this is the time of grace. Life up your heart and your spirits will be uplifted. May the celebration of the Eucharist be an uplifting experience for all; may it give us new heart for living.

(From Exploring Eucharist by Donal Harrington)

An Advent Prayer

"O Almighty God, gracious provider and giver of life, we anxiously await the celebration of your birth. Like the people of long ago, our ancestors in faith, we, too, are in need of light, in need of direction, in need of your Word, to show us the way. Our busy lives and the consumerism that surrounds us, make it difficult to recognize your kingdom and to hear your voice. Help us Lord, to focus on you. Amen."

Visit to Parish Church: The Blessed Sacrament chapel is open each weekday from 11.00am to 6.00pm and on Sunday's from 1.00pm to 6.00pm.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Clara Daly and Paul Murphy who celebrated the sacrament of Marriage here in Abbeyfeale on Friday 11th. We wish them every blessing in their married life together.



Shop Local:

We are grateful to all the local shops and businesses who help distribute the Parish Newsletter each weekend. It helps parishioners keep in touch with the parish. At this challenging time of restrictions for all shops and businesses we encourage parishioners to support where possible local shops and businesses, especially in the lead up to Christmas.