



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



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**Intentions for this weekend**

**6.30pm** Pa Colbert, Killarney Road  
 Billy & Joan Colbert, Killarney Road  
 Mary Clancy, New Street Month Mind

**10am** Ned & Peg Leahy, The Millstream  
 their son Emmet and Daughter Ita Kelly  
 Sean & Margaret and Lukeen Scannell  
 The Hill Anniv.

**12noon** Kitty Fitzgerald, The Railway Bar.  
 Anniv.

**Intentions for the week.**

**Mon 7pm**

**Tues 10am Pro Populo**



**St Patrick's Day Masses**

The Vigil Mass on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March will be celebrated at 6.30p.m.in Irish.

The 10.00am Mass on St Patrick's Day will be broadcast on West Limerick 102FM.

Mass will also be celebrated at 12.00noon.

All Masses will be live streamed.

**St Patrick Day Eve**

**6.30pm** Peter Healy, The Hill 8th Anniv.

**Thurs 10am** John Joe Lane, Ballaugh

**Fri 10am**

**No Saturday morning Mass**

**Intentions for next weekend**

**6.30pm** Bridie Collins 2 Mountmahon 2nd Anniv.  
 Maureen & Brendan Burke and their son John and granddaughter Fiona NCW

**10am** Ita O'Connell, Kilmanihan Anniv.

Nora & Patrick & Betty Collins, Meenkilly

**12noon**

**Death**

We offer our sympathy to the family of Peg O'Connell, New Street whose funeral took place recently. May she rest in peace.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation**

The dates for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be announced when restrictions are lifted. Meanwhile on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March the diocese of Limerick will host a webinar for the parents of children who will be confirmed this year. This webinar will assist parents prepare with their child for Confirmation. The title of the webinar is: **"Confirmation: Journeying with your Child"**. It will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> 7-8pm. It is important to register for the webinar beforehand.

**Registration closes on Friday March 19th at 5pm.**

You'll find the link for registration on the page of the Diocesan website and Facebook announcing the webinar.

<https://www.limerickdiocese.org/news/webinar-for-parents-of-children-for-confirmation/>

**A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS**

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old. We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

**Tribute to mother**

If I were hanged on the highest hill,  
 I know whose love would follow me still.

Mother of mine. Mother of mine.

If I were drowned in the deepest sea,  
 I know whose tears would come down to me.

Mother of mine, Mother of mine.

If I were damned by body and soul,  
 I know whose prayers would make me whole.

Mother of mine, mother of mine  
 Rudyard Kipling

**Humour**

No one deserves a special day all to herself more than today's Mom.

A cartoon showed a psychologist talking to his patient: "Let's see," he said, "You spend 50 percent of your energy on your job, 50 percent on your husband and 50 percent on your children.

I think I see your problem."

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 A teacher gave her class a lesson on the magnet and what it does. The next day in a written test, she included this question: "My full name has six letters. The first one is 'M'. I pick up things. What am I?" When she was correcting the test, the teacher was astonished to find that almost 50 percent of the students answered the question with the word ; 'Mother'

**St Patrick's Day Celebrations**

The continuing lockdown in Ireland means that once again St Patrick's Day will be a muted affair. However in an attempt to lift our spirits we are delighted to announce that Donal Murphy and family have accepted an invitation to give a short concert in the church here in Abbeyfeale after the Vigil Mass on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> of March, the eve of St Patrick's Day. This concert will go out live on the Church Services TV Network. All musicians will be socially distant and all Covid -19 rules will be adhered to. We are especially hoping that parishioners who live abroad will link in with us for the Vigil Mass for St Patrick's Day at 6.30pm and for the concert which will follow immediately afterwards. We ask you to spread the word.

**The Celtic Heart**

We're all on a journey through life, for some this is a spiritual journey, we're not tourists but pilgrims in search of the Holy, we journey to be together, we journey to escape, we journey to grow up, we journey to experience, we journey to change things, we journey to find ourselves, we journey to come home. But until we find our home in You our journey is incomplete. We are people of the way searching for landmarks for our heart's journey. Listening to the voice of the Spirit. Listening to the voice of the soul. Give us the courage to continue to journey inwards. To journey we must travel, to find you we must lose ourselves. Be a light for our path and help us to step out in courage, step out in faith, step out in love and help us always to walk in your footsteps.



**St Patrick's Breastplate**

"I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me,  
 God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,  
 God's eye to look before me,  
 God's ears to hear me,  
 God's word to speak for me,  
 God's hand to guard me,  
 God's shield to protect me."



**Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday during Lent online from the Church beginning at 9.30am.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

During Lent there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday evening from 6.00pm to 7.00pm and on Thursday mornings after the 10.00am Mass until 12noon.

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

During the current lockdown Baptisms may only be celebrated where there is an urgent need such as danger of death. Parents who want to have a child baptised should contact the parish when the current restrictions are lifted.

**Trócaire's Lenten Appeal**

People across Ireland have been moved by the stories of families living in conflict highlighted by Trócaire in its 2021 Lenten Appeal. Millions remain trapped in long-running wars in countries such as South Sudan, Syria and Somalia. Trócaire's Lenten Appeal brings life-saving support to these people, but it also reminds us of our duty to show compassion and fraternity to people living through conflict and extreme poverty. One of the tragedies of Covid-19 is that the world's poorest people have been made poorer by this pandemic. Please join in this Trócaire Lenten campaign. Trócaire boxes can be collected from the Blessed Sacrament Church and the Post Office. Alternatively, people can donate directly at trocaire.org.

