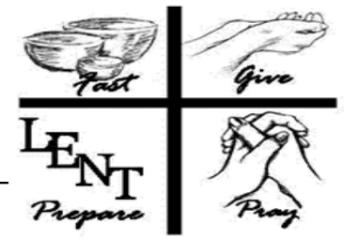




**PARISH PASTORAL UNIT
 ABBEYFEALE, ATHEA, TEMPLEGLANTINE, TOURNAFULLA, MOUNTCOLLINS**



14th Feb 2021

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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Peter Scannell, Clash Road Anniv.
 Eileen Broderick, Purt Months Mind
 Jimmy Ahern, Shanbally Anniv.
 Chris Lane, Bridge Street Months Mind

10am Willie Riordan, Upper Purt Anniv.

12noon Patrick Cahill, Dromtrasna Collins,
 Months Mind

Intentions for the week.

Mon 7pm Gerard Ahern Months Mind

Tues 10am Pro Populo

Wed 10am Elizabeth & John and Moss
 O'Connor
 Lizzie & James O'Sullivan Anniv.

Thurs 10am Paddy Roche

Fri 10am Deceased members of the O'Connor
 and Colbert families

No Saturday morning Mass

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm
10am
12noon Mary Foley, St Itas Road Anniv
 Bob Browne, Church Street Anniv.

Readers lists and Missal are available from the sacristy.

St Anthony Novena take place each Monday evening during the 7pm Mass

*The
 Season
 of
 Lent*



Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday before the 10am Mass during Lent

Lent an Opportunity for Personal Renewal

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (17th February). The season of Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in the Gospel.

In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

What about "giving up something" for Lent?

When many of us were children, we might remember our giving up sweets for Lent. And it seemed like a real sacrifice. As we grew up, it was often more difficult to decide what special thing to do, to make Lent a special season - to get our attention and to prepare ourselves for deeper sacrifices.

What would help me grow in freedom? That's the question to ask. For some of us, it could be, committing ourselves to give up judging others, every single day of Lent. For others, it could be giving up a bad habit we've developed. For still others, it is obvious what seems to be the important choice for me during Lent. For many of us, the choice may not be to give something up, but to add something to our daily lives during Lent. We may commit ourselves to extra prayer time. We may decide to do some service to the needy, once a week during Lent. We may choose to increase our almsgiving to the poor - (Trocaire).

Whether it is fasting, abstaining or other acts of penance, the whole desire we should have is to use these means to help us grow closer to our Lord and prepare ourselves "to celebrate the paschal mystery at Easter with minds and hearts renewed."

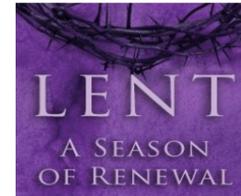
The distribution of ashes.

This year due the Coronavirus restrictions it will not be possible for people to gather for Mass in church on Ash Wednesday. Here in Abbeyfeale parish and in our neighbouring parishes of Athea, Templeglantine, Tournafulla - Mountcollins a Lenten Pack which will include unblest ashes, a prayer card for Ash Wednesday and a Trocaire Box will be distributed in all the local churches on this Sunday afternoon 14th of February. Parishioners are asked to collect their Lenten Pack between **2 and 4pm**. On Ash Wednesday ashes will be blessed at Mass and the blessing will extend to the ashes collected from the church on Sunday. In the current climate for the safety of all parishioners, no ashes will be distributed at any of the churches in our pastoral unit on Ash Wednesday. Masses in Abbeyfeale on Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 10.00am and at 7.00pm. Join us for the Mass and the blessing of ashes online by linking on to abbeyfealeparish.ie or churchservicestv.ie.

Any parishioners wishing to contribute to the Church Fund or Spring Stations are welcome to do this Sunday between 2 and 4pm. A special collection box will be available to receive your donations.

Sincere thanks to all of you for your ongoing generosity to the parish

Trocaire Boxes are available at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel door throughout the week if you wish to collect one. Last year (YOU) Abbeyfeale Parish donated €12099 which was slighter higher than the previous year.



Pope Francis invites believers to prepare to celebrate Easter with Minds and Hearts Renewed

Fasting, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to "devour" everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts.

Prayer, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy.

Almsgiving, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus, to rediscover the joy of God's plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.

Pope Francis says "Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption and turn to Jesus. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation.

Deaths

We offer our sympathy to the families of Kate Curtin, Dromtrasna Collins
 Mary Clancy, New Street
 John Joe Lane, Ballaugh

whose funerals took place during the week. May they rest in peace.

Courage

Give me courage, Lord, today to face what comes along.
 Give me the faith and love I need to fill each day with song...
 Give me courage, Lord, today to follow in your way; Help me to do what I should do,
 And hear me when I pray...
 Give me courage Lord today And strength to do your will;
 Lead me and guide me, precious Lord,
 For I need your presence still...
 Come, take away my pain
 You are my Master, Lord, and King and ever shall remain.



*'The LORD bless you, and keep you.
 The LORD make his face to shine on you,
 And be gracious to you.
 The LORD lift up his face toward you,
 And give you peace.'*

Numbers 6:24-26 (NHEB)

www.lords-prayer-words.com

Valentine Prayer



I said a Valentine prayer for you and asked the Lord above to fill your heart and bless your soul
 With the precious gift of love.
 I asked Him for sincere love
 The kind that's meant to stay Just like the generous love You give to those you touch each day. I prayed for love from family And from every cherished friend Then I asked the Lord to give you His love that knows no end.
 (Author unknown)