



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



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**Intentions for this weekend**

**6.30pm** Theresa Jones nee Farrell Kildare who died recently.

**10am** Nora Mary O'Sullivan 2nd Anniv. Pat Quinn husband of Patricia Burns late Coolaneelig, Duagh who died during the week. Funeral arrangements later.

**12noon** Funeral Mass for Gerard Ahern, Convent Street. Michael O'Shea, 10th Anniv.

**Mon 7pm** Nell Lenihan, Cragg Anniv. Maurice & Nora O'Connell Anniv.

**Tues 10am Pro Populo**

**Wed 10am** Jean Rathenbury

**Thurs 10am** Daniel Francis & Nell O'Connor Main Street.

**Fri 10am** Mame Harnett, Knockbrack Anniv.  
**No Saturday morning Mass**

**6.30pm** Lily O'Keefe, St Ita's Road Anniv. Anne Lyons, The Square Month Mind

**10am** Denis McEnery Anniv.

**12noon** Patrick & Hannah Marie Broderick, Dromtrasna Collins Anna Mai Lane, Killarney Road Anniv.

**Newsletter is available in the local shops.**

**Christmas Dues**

Fr Tony would like to thank all who contributed to the recent Christmas Dues Collection. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated by him

**Level 5 Restrictions in Church**

Due to current restrictions around Covid-19 parishioners are not allowed to attend Mass inside the Church Building but you are welcome to attend Mass in the Church Car Park, remaining in in the comfort of your own car and listening to Mass on the Car Park Radio on 107fm.

**Statement of Archbishop Eamon Martin on the publication of the report by the Commission of Inquiry into Mother & Baby Homes**

Welcoming the publication of the report, by the Commission of Inquiry into Mother & Baby Homes, Archbishop Eamon Martin said. "As a Church leader today, I accept that the Church was clearly part of that culture in which people were frequently stigmatized, judged and rejected. For that, and for the long-lasting hurt and emotional distress that has resulted, I unreservedly apologise to the survivors and to all those who are personally impacted by the realities it uncovers. Mindful of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which calls us to protect life and dignity and to treat everyone – especially little children and all who are vulnerable – with love, compassion and mercy, I believe the Church must continue to acknowledge before the Lord and before others its part in sustaining what the Report describes as a "harsh ... cold and uncaring atmosphere".

Archbishop Martin continued, "the Commission's Report helps to further open to the light what was for many years a hidden part of our shared history and it exposes the culture of isolation, secrecy and social ostracizing which faced "unmarried mothers" and their children in this country.

Together we must ask "How could this happen?" We must identify, accept and respond to the broader issues which the Report raises about our past, present and future. As Church, State and wider society we must ensure together that, in the Ireland of today, all children and their mothers feel wanted, welcomed and loved. We must also continue to ask ourselves where people today might feel similarly rejected, abandoned, forgotten or pushed to the margins.

I commend those who have fought to have this story told and I thank those who have already been supporting survivors through various organisations and providing a platform for their voices to be heard".

**Deaths**

We offer our sympathy to the family of Eileen Broderick, Upper Purt whose funeral took place on Saturday. May she rest in peace.

To the family of Gerard Ahern, Convent Street whose funeral will take place on Sunday at 12noon. May he rest in peace.

**Funerals** Due to current restrictions only 10 mourners are allowed to attend funerals.

**Weddings** Due to current restrictions only 6 people are allowed to attend weddings.

**The Parish Clerks Collection** should have been taken up on the weekend of the 2nd/ 3rd January. Due to the current lockdown this was not possible. Parishioners can drop their envelope for this and other collections into the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. You can also drop them into the Parish Office.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th – 25th January**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21). The theme for this week's prayer for unity is "Abide in my love... You shall bear much fruit" from the Gospel of John, chapter 15. During this coming week, we invite parishioners to pray for Christian Unity.

**Prayer for Christian Unity**

Gracious Lord, we pray for all the member of your holy Church, that all may abide in you and you in them, that they may be one in your love and bear much fruit. We also pray for the world, that all may come to believe in your love for them by the fruit of our witness. We know that our divisions are a source of scandal to your world, and we know that in love we are called to unite as one in the vine and branches. The vine is our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. We are meant to be his branches. Help us we pray, to love, to forgive, to seek justice and to be your prophetic voice in the world. May your grace effect growth of good fruit among us, that our world may realize peace. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, your Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Laudato Si**

Laudato Si is the title of a letter from Pope Francis to the people of the world on the care of the earth. It was released five years ago. The Diocese of Limerick is organising a Laudato Si Book Club workshop. See the dates below. The idea is to put on four workshops on a thematic basis, rather than going through the encyclical letter chapter-by-chapter. The Book Club will last for 4 weeks, leading into Lent, with a follow up session after Easter.

Pope Francis has asked that we dedicate our attention on Laudato Si` during this fifth anniversary of its publication. The first workshop will take place on Zoom on Tuesday 26th January at 7.00pm We will publish more details next weekend./

**Church Readers lists** are available at the church for collection during Mass times. 068/ 51915

**RTE Apologizes for New Year Breach of Standards**

In response to thousands of complaints to RTE about their New Year's Day TV programme, Dee Forbes, Director General of RTE said on Thursday 7th of January, "We accept the findings of the Editorial Standards Board that this [New Year's Day] sketch was not compliant with our own guidelines or with our obligations under the relevant codes. On behalf of RTÉ, I fully apologise for that. We will now review the processes involved and engage constructively with the BAI."

The RTE board for editorial standards found that the sketch was in breach of:

The provisions of Section 39 (1) (d) of the Broadcasting Act 2009 and the BAI Code of Programme Standards in relation to material that causes "undue offence"; The provision of Principle 5 in the above Code (Respect for Persons and Groups in Society) regarding "due respect" for religious beliefs.