



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



18th Feb 2024

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11am to 1pm

Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Area

Fr Denis Mullane 087/2621911

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Fr Willie Russell 087/2272825

Fr Dan Lane (Retired) 087/2533030

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Priest on Call

Fr Michael Noonan, Ardagh Parish, is on call this Sunday for Emergency calls only. He can be contacted on 087-6796217.

Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Margaret O'Connor, Knockbrack Anniv.

10am Mary & John Shannon, Main Street Anniv.

12noon Thanksgiving Mass
Special intention

Intentions for the week

Mon 7pm Noeley Downey and his father Noel Anniv.
Eily O'Connell, Meenkilly Anniv.

Tues 10am Pro Populo

Wed 10am

Thurs 10am

Fri 10am

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Brenda Woulfe, Church Street Anniv.
Denis Murphy, The Hill Anniv.

10am

12noon Tom & Mary Flynn and deceased relatives

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of Mary (Moll) Healy Killarney Road whose funeral took place on Thursday.

To the family of Betty Galvin, Hillary Close, Sheskin/Ballaugh whose funeral took place on Friday.

To the family of Norma Healy, Dromtrasna South whose funeral took place on Saturday.

May they rest in peace.

Information and Support for Birth Mothers - whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at www.birthingo.ie or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818 445 500

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2024

This year's Trócaire campaign focuses on Malawi and on the work being done to support and empower local people and communities. We hear the story of Malita and her family, who are on the front of the Trócaire box this year. Malita and her family must make a one-hour trip up to five times a day to collect water. Malita is facing the effects of the climate crisis on a daily basis.

When you listen to the people of this region, you hear the very real ways in which climate change is affecting their daily lives. You hear that the climate is less predictable now and that the lack of trees on the mountain and the land makes them vulnerable to crop failure and contaminated water. Malawi is one of the least developed countries in the world and has been badly affected by climate change.

The people of Malita's village, and others like them, are not the ones who have caused this situation – but they are paying the highest price. Please support Trócaire in helping communities develop sustainable access to clean, safe and reliable water supplies by taking home a Trócaire box today or going to: www.trocaire.org.

A Word from Pope Francis

'Fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance, since it is indispensable for human life and for supporting terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems.' (Laudato Si', 28)

Forms of Friday Penance during Lent

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

- Abstaining from meat or some other food;
- Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;
- Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;
- Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays;
- Visiting the Blessed Sacrament;
- Making the Stations of the Cross;
- Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy;
- Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.

Reflection for the First Sunday of Lent

We need to rethink among other things the question of human power, its meaning and its limits. For our power has increased frantically in a few decades. We have made impressive and awesome technological advances, and we have not realised that at the same time we have turned into highly dangerous beings, capable of threatening the lives of many beings and our own survival. Today it is worth repeating the ironic comment of Solovyov about an 'age which was so advanced as to be actually the last one.'

We need rationality and honesty in order to recognise in time that our power and the progress we are producing are turning against us.

Laudate Deum 28, Pope Francis

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 know someone (family member, neighbour, friend etc.) who would like to travel as part of our assisted pilgrim section please let them know. Further information available from Limerick Diocesan Office on 061-350000.

Lenten Scripture Reflection – A journey through the Bible

Wednesday February 21st & 28th, March 6th, 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

Bereavement Support:

An information evening on bereavement support will take place in Milford Care Centre, Education Department on Tue 27th Feb. from 7pm - 8.30pm. The Bereavement Information evening is designed to give general information on grief and bereavement to bereaved people, their family and friends.

Members of the Bereavement Service will be present to provide general information on Grief and Bereavement. The evening will comprise of: Short talk by a Bereavement Counsellor, Different experiences of Grief, Services available, Question Time. The Information Evening is Free

Family Carer: Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs?

A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

Grow Mental Health - Friendly Community based groups for anyone experiencing mental health issue through 12 Step Program of connection, hope, identity by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth through education, peer support and self-teaching. Based in 33 Henry Street and Croom, several meetings including new meeting on Monday 11-1pm. Contact Celia 0861526966/Wwww.grow.ie

Abbeyfeale Drama group

Don't miss out on this wonderful piece of drama The Banshee of Crokey Hill at the Glorach Theatre on Feb 17th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 24th and 25th.

Play starts at 8pm

Booking and enquires Contact 087/1383940.

This is an emotionally powerful play not to be missed.

