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18th October 2026 www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@gmail.com Parish Office 068/51915 Mon—Thurs 10am to 12noon

Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Area
Canon Tom Mangan 087/2348226
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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Tim & Maureen O'Connor-Western Inn Anniv.
 Richie Roche, Ballybehy North Anniv.
 Margaret & Michael Healy, Grogeen & DFM.
 Teresa Fitzgerald Dromtrasna South Anniv.
 Sr. Anne O'Sullivan, The Hill Anniv.
 Mary Wallace, Coolewest, Athea, 3rd Anniv.
 Patrick (Packy) O'Connor, Bridge Street Months Mind
 Jack Ryan, Abbeyfeale 2nd Anniv.

10am Maryann & Tom Moloney, The Hill, Anniv.
 and deceased family members .
 Tony Brown, Church Street & London 1st Anniv.
 Fr. Bill Lane & Sr. de Pazzi, Anniv

12noon Nora Enright, Church St. Months Mind
 Terence O'Mahony Collins Park Months Mind.
 Paul Collins Limerick/Abbeyfeale 13th Anniv.

Monday 7pm Luke McAuliffe , Youghal, Co.Cork
 (formally Ballaugh) Con McAuliffe Brother

Thurs 10am Mame & William Harnett Anniv
 Maurice Harnett Knockbrack Anniv.

Fri 10am Frank Woulfe, Knocknasna Anniv.

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm John Joe Broderick, Purt & DFM of the
 Broderick family.

John & Martin Ward & DFM of the Ward family.
 Margaret & William Meehan & their daughter Catherine
 Main St. Anniv.

Denny, Nora, Mary Patrick Lane, Caherlane. Anniv.
 Sean Enright Purt, Anniv.

Tom Lou Ahern, Shanbally & deceased members of the
 Ahern family.

Joe Kelly, Collins Park Anniv.

10am. Eileen & Patrick Roche. Killarney Road Anniv

12noon. Jacques Collins, Jim Collins, Bob Griffin,
 Rebecca Leahy & Joan White Anniversary at this time.

Bishop of Limerick Brendan Leahy has called on people across the Diocese of Limerick to work together in their parishes and to 'think Community' for the common good, saying that great things can happen when people unite around a shared purpose. Addressing a recent Diocese of Limerick Annual Assembly, Bishop Leahy said that the importance of working together can be seen in many areas of life and pointed to the success of the Limerick senior hurling team as a powerful local example of what can be achieved through teamwork, commitment and a shared spirit. Working together, he said, is what builds strong, vibrant communities that shelter, encourage and nurture. "You can imagine the Limerick hurling team wouldn't get far if they just saw themselves as 15 individual players," Bishop Leahy said. "What makes the team great is the teamwork and spirit. We know they work on that." Reflecting on the theme of togetherness, the Bishop said that faith is not simply a private matter but one that calls people into community and service of others. He encouraged parish communities to continue strengthening local connections, building welcoming environments and supporting one another in faith and daily life. "It's when we act as community we are at our best. Think of how we celebrate together as a people, the joy we get in that. Think also of how we come together to support people at times of need and the support we give in that," he said. "God didn't save us simply as individuals. He saved us as a people, to be the 'People of God'," he said. "For Christians, there is a triangle we need to remember: me, my neighbour and God."

The diocesan gathering brought together clergy, parish volunteers, ministry leaders and people involved in a wide range of parish and diocesan initiatives. The programme highlighted the breadth of activity taking place across the Diocese, with participants encouraged by the scale of engagement and outreach underway in local communities. The National Synodal Assembly taking place today, this Saturday, October 17th. Bishop Leahy described this as a significant milestone for the Irish Synodal Pathway on its five-year journey to date since it started in 2021. The guiding question that has accompanied the Synodal Pathway in Ireland is: "*What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?*".

At the gathering this Saturday, some 300 nominated delegates, including seven from Limerick, will gather to consider and make recommendations on suggested actions arising from the five years of listening and discernment. Following the Assembly, the proposals that are approved will be presented to the bishops of Ireland for their consideration. Bishop Leahy also announced that a Limerick Diocesan Synod will be held on March 13th, 2027. Summing up the spirit of the gathering, Bishop Leahy said that while many people can feel isolated within their own parish, coming together reveals the extensive work and commitment that exists across the Diocese."

When we join up the dots, there is a lot going on," he said.

"We should be thankful for that and find new strength to go forward."

Today Sunday 17th/ 18th is Mission Sunday, throughout the world, marking the 100th Anniv. Of the worldwide missionary Day of prayer and collection, Pope Leo's annual appeal in support of overseas mission., serving in over 1,130 dioceses worldwide. This year €2, 473,125 has been sent out to projects from Ireland, mostly in Africa, Asia, Latin America. Let us pray for our Missionaries all over the world as we support them through the Mission Sunday collection. Our daily mission is to make a positive difference. Thank you for your generosity to the Mission collection taken up this weekend at all Masses.

Welcome to Fr. John Mockler this weekend as he begins in our Ide Naofa Pastoral Unit of parishes

Thank you for your Autumn Dues to the Priests of the parish

Password: SOM 410 to Sisters of mercy celebration on our Church webcam

Proposed cy-près scheme - Section 29 of the Charities At 1961 as amended

Estate of Martin (orse Mattie) Carroll Deceased
 (the "Estate" of the "Deceased").

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Milford Hospice wish to thank you for your generosity towards the collection held recently. The amount collected was € 3008.37 Thank you most sincerely much appreciated.

Congratulations to all involved in the Dromtransa Challenge which took place this weekend in Aid of the Milford hospice.

Thanks to everyone who supported our recent coffee morning at the Glórach Theatre in aid of Milford Hospice. It was a lovely social occasion with the grand sum of €940 being raised for a wonderful cause.

Retreat in Monagea

Fr. Duhig will lead a short day of retreat - some prayer and reflection in preparation for the Holy Season of Advent (11.00am to 4.00pm) on Saturday, November 21st in Monagea Community Centre. Please bring a packed lunch and there will be a small charge of €10 to cover heating etc. To book your place contact Trish or Carol at the Pastoral Unit Office in Newcastle West at 069-61816 or email ncwparish@yahoo.co.uk.

Tickets are selling -Save the date,
Michael English concert Abbeyfeale Church on
Sunday 29th November 2026 at 8pm
Tickets on sale at the usual outlets.