



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



19th Jan 2025 www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@eircom.net Church Sacristy 068 - 51915 Parish Office 11am to 1pm

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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Nora Mary O'Sullivan, Knocknasna 6th Anniv.
 Ned Foley, Dromtrasna Collins Months Mind
 Lily O'Keeffe, St Ita's Road Anniv.

10am

12noon

Intentions for the week

Mon 7pm Teresa O'Donnell, Convent Road Anniv.

Tues 10am

Wed 10am William & Mary Harnett Knockbrack Anniv.

Thurs 10am

Fri 10am

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Patrick & Hannah Marie Broderick
 Dromtrasna Anniv.

Chris Lane and Patrick Lane Bridge Street
 and his nephew Joe Leahy (joker)

10am Denis Mc Enery, Dromtrasna Collins Anniv.

12noon

Monday 27th Eileen Harnett Purt Anniv.

Death

We offer our sympathy to Marie and the Reidy family on the sudden death of Johnny Reidy, New Street whose funeral took place during the week. May he rest in peace.

Church Radio: A new Church Radio system has been installed in the church, which will allow parishioners who are confined at home to listen into Mass and other religious services. You can tune in on 105.900FM

Found

One single house key in the centre aisle Wednesday morning. A tweed man's hat. If the person who rang before Christmas Inquiring about the hat could ring again 06851915 It has been handed in.

Second Sunday in Ordinary time

The **Gospel** is from *John 2:1-12*. There are many lessons we can learn from this incident in Christ's life: for example, Christ's approval of marriage—there were some heretical sects later who said marriage was sinful, unfit for a Christian. Or we could see in it the intercessory power of our blessed Mother. Christ anticipated his "hour" for working miracles in order to grant her request. But the theme of today's readings is the goodness 'and kindness of God and we surely have a convincing proof of that loving kindness in today's gospel story.

Christ worked his first miracle in order to grant a temporal favor, an earthly gift, to save the newly-married groom from embarrassment. It had the other effects of convincing his very recent disciples of their belief that he was the expected Messiah, and also it convinces all Christians of the efficacy of our Lady's intercession for us, but its primary purpose was to confer a temporal benefit on the groom.

By this kind act he has shown us that he is interested in our earthly affairs also. He became man in order that we could become sons of God, he came on earth so that we could go to heaven, but this miracle at Cana proves that he has a deep interest in our many and varied activities during the course of our journey to heaven.

He told us "ask and you shall receive." That "shall" is very definite, our prayers will be answered, and what we should ask for is not only spiritual gifts, but the temporal aids also which we need. The "shall" applies to them too, as the miracle of Cana proves. We shall get our temporal requests, provided of course that they won't impede us on our journey to heaven. No kind father would give his child a gift that would injure him—God is the kindest of fathers and he sees what will or will not impede or endanger our eternal happiness. We can and should therefore make our temporal needs known to God in our prayers, confident that he will give us what we ask if it is for our real good.

But, someone may object: how often have I asked God for temporal favors I needed so badly, and my prayer was unanswered? Was it unanswered really? Perhaps you did not get the exact thing you asked for but you got something more useful, more necessary, something you never thought of asking for, but the good God saw your need of it. We have a father in heaven who really loves us, and cares for us, let us make our temporal, as well as our spiritual needs, known to him in confident prayer. Our requests will not go unanswered.
 —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Parish Clerk Collection

The clerks wish to thank you for your generosity towards their collection last weekend.

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You can now make a donation to the parish, through the parish website.

Click on to the parish website at www.abbeyfealeparish.ie and you will see a Donate button on the right-hand side on the front page of the website. Just follow the instructions and you will be able to make a donation to the parish. It is now possible for parishioners to set up a weekly or monthly donation through the Donate button.

Just follow the instructions on the screen. Sincere thanks for your continued generosity to the parish.

Envelopes for the year.

If you haven't received a box and would like to: contact Anne at the sacristy.

We have Annuals boxes for the special collections Dues, D Needs etc.

Marriages Congratulations to

Gillian Murphy and Keith Harnett whose celebrated the sacrament of Marriage on the 20th December

To Sinead O'Mara and Jerome O'Connor whose celebrated the sacrament of Marriage on the 21st December.

We wish them every happiness in their married life together.

