



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

Happy
Fathers Day

20th June 2021

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Priest on Call During the summer months Fr Dan Lane will be on call every Wednesday.

Fr Mullins will not be available on Wednesdays.

Fr Lane can be contacted on 087-2533030

Intentions for this weekend.

Sat 6.30pm Dan & Madge Cusack and deceased family members.

Ger Roche, Caherhayes, Months Mind.

Breda McAuliffe, Dromtrasna Collins, Months Mind

John Leahy, The Corner House Anniv.

10am Vilamova Fernambes Anniv.

Bridget & Maurcie Harnett Anniv.

Michael Scannell, Dromtrasna Collins

12noon Jim Lane, Knockalougha

Hannah & Michael McElligott Anniv.

Intentions for the week

Mon 7.00pm Maureen Woulfe, Cratloe Anniv.

Sean Healy, The Hill Anniv.

Tue 10am Pro Populo

Wed 10am , Thurs 10am, Fri 10am

No Saturday morning Mass

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Ann Cullinane, Killarney Road 1st Anniv.

10am Richard Gleeson, Kilconlea Lower

Gerard Cotter, New Street Anniv.

12noon Denny Murphy, Glenashrone 50th Anniv

Brian McAleer Anniv.

David Leahy & Rebecca Leahy &

Mick Collins and Maurice Griffin Anniv.

Deaths

We offer our sympathy to the family Jeffery Bradshaw, Kilmorna whose funeral service took place during the week.

May he rest in peace.

Congratulations

Fr Tony and the parishioners of Abbeyfeale extend congratulations to Fr John O'Shea, former parish priest who is celebrating the Golden Jubilee of his ordination. Fr John was ordained on the 12th of June 1971. During his fifty years in the ministry, Fr John has served in a variety of pastoral settings including chaplaincy to NIHE (UL), director of Limerick Social Service Centre, Chaplain to the Defence Forces, as well as parish priest of Corpus Christi, Moyross, Limerick City and Abbeyfeale. We wish him continued blessing in his ministry. An interview with Fr John with Bishop Brendan Leahy is now on the diocesan website at www.limerickdiocese.org. or google Bishop Brendan Leahy in conversation with Canon John O'Shea.

Confirmation and First Communion

Both Sacraments will be celebrated here in the parish on the week of the 5th to the 8th of July. There will be two ceremonies each day and a rehearsal with the children and their parents each evening. As a result, the main church will be closed to all other parishioners from the evening of the 4th of July until 9th of July. Funeral Masses that week will be at 10.00am. Parishioners are encouraged to join in the ceremonies through the Church Services TV Network or through the Church Radio on 107FM.

The Church will reopen to all parishioners for 10.00a.m. Mass on Friday 9th July.

The dates and times are listed below.

Monday 5th. Meenkilly/Knocknasna. Confirmation 12.00noon. First Communion 2.30p.m.

Tuesday 6th. Dromtrasna. Confirmation 12.00noon. First Communion 2.30p.m.

Wednesday 7th. Scoil Mháthar Dé. Confirmation 12.00noon. First Communion 2.30p.m.

Thursday 8th. St Mary's Boys. Confirmation 12.00noon. First Communion 2.30p.m.

Funeral Masses that week will be at 10.00a.m.

Funerals

Following Government advice and HSE guidelines regarding public gatherings all funeral are private to family only. In compliance with the current HSE guidelines the number attending a funeral Mass is currently limited to fifty people. People who come to pay their respects in the car park or the cemetery are reminded not to shake hands with the bereaved.

Vaccine ethics and equity

Bishops have encouraged Catholics to support the programme of vaccination, not only for their own good, but for the protection of life and the health of those who are vulnerable. In renewing that message, bishops acknowledged the hard work that has been done in both jurisdictions in Ireland to implement the Covid-19 vaccination programme and offered their appreciation to all who have been involved in the process. It was also noted that many people have expressed their appreciation of the professionalism and courtesy that they have experienced at the vaccination centres. Recognising the urgent need to address the huge shortfall of vaccine supply to developing countries, bishops welcomed commitments made by the G7 group of nations, during its meeting last week on 11 – 13 June, to make large quantities of COVID-19 vaccines available to developing countries and by the EU to support the expansion of vaccine production in Africa. While the quantity offered is in no way adequate, bishops stated that vaccine equity is a very serious moral test for the global community, and that wealthy nations have an obligation to ensure access to vaccines for poorer countries, as none of us are safe until all of us are safe. Hope was expressed that the G7 commitments will be implemented quickly.

Best wishes to all Dads and Father figures in our lives on this Fathers Day. God, bless all the fathers in the world., Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Eternal rest to all fathers who have died especially recently. We remember them in a special way today. Amen

Bishops thank public for generosity to Trócaire

Bishops thanked the public for its continued generosity to Trócaire which works in support of people affected by poverty, conflict and injustice worldwide. Bishops noted that Trócaire's support brought positive change to the lives of 2.7 million people in 25 countries over the course of the last challenging year. Bishops acknowledged that the Lenten campaign is essential to enabling Trócaire carry out this work and, in expressing their gratitude, noted that Covid-19, combined with the threats of climate change and conflict, have put many more millions of lives at risk of extreme poverty. Bishops encouraged all individuals to make their Lenten return either through their parishes, or by donating by post, phone or online at trocaire.org/donations/now/

The amount sent to Trocaire on your behalf was €12, 491 in Abbeyfeale.

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena 18th – 26th June

THE annual Our Mother of Perpetual Help novena will again be different this year from those that took place before Covid-19. The novena will be celebrated online only via the Redemptorist website, novena.ie <http://novena.ie>. There will be four sessions daily – at 8am, 10am, 7.15pm and 9pm.

Prayer for Healing

O Jesus, we believe in you, we hope in you, and we love you. Strengthen our faith, renew our hope and love, and grant our prayers. Touch with your healing love, O Lord, all who feel the hurt of life's wounds. Long ago, when people prayed to you for healing, you listened to them, blessed them and answered their prayer. Heal us now of our sinfulness and of the hatred that divides us. Take away our hardness of heart. Open our eyes which are often blind to the needs of others. Remove our selfishness and our greed. Give us self-control at all times, and fill our hearts with your eternal love. O Jesus, we ask you now to heal and bless us, and fill us with your peace. Amen.

Novena Prayer

Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence we come before your holy picture to be inspired by the example of your life. We think of you at that moment when, full of faith and trust, you accepted God's call to be the mother of his Son. Help us, your children to accept with joy our own calling in life. When you learned that your cousin Elizabeth was in need you immediately went to serve her and offer your help. Help us, like you, to be concerned for others. We think of you, Mother, at the foot of the cross. Your heart must have bled to see your Son in agony. But your joy was great when he rose from the dead, victorious over the powers of evil. Mothers of Sorrows, help us through the trials and disappointments of life. Help us not to lose heart. May we share with you and your Son the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of life. Amen

