



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



20th Dec 2020 4th Sunday of Advent www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@eircom.net Fr Tony Mullins PP 087/2600414 mstrev@gmail.com

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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Joan Ahern, Moss, Denis & Nora Keane

Philly & Donie Cusack, Cratloe
 Mary Enright, Caherlane
 John D Murphy, Ballaugh

10am Hector & Peg Browne
 Quinn & Codyre Family
 John D & Mary Ita Collins and their son John and deceased family members of the Enright family

Geraldine Woulfe, Cratloe

12noon Jim O'Connell 4 St Ita's Road
 Mike Barry, Caherlane
 Ricky Loughnane
 Jim Lane, New Street

Eileen & Paddy Cahill, Hannon O'Neill and deceased family members

Mon 7pm John & Hannah Mai Lane and their daughter Catherine.
 William & Julia Madden
 Dan O'Riordan Banard

Tues 10am John Walsh Anniv.

Wed 10am Pro Populo

Christmas Eve 11am 5pm 8pm & 9.30pm
Christmas Day 8am 10am 12noon
No Mass on Saturday Morning 26th
Mass at 6.30pm Saturday evening.

Christmas Dues

The Christmas Dues Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend and on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day.
 Fr Tony thanks you for your generosity and support during the last year.

Christmas Newsletter

A special Christmas Newsletter will be available on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Church Volunteers

There will be a meeting of the church volunteers on Monday evening after the 7pm Mass at 7.30pm. Thanks again for helping during these times.

Come to Bethlehem

An Invitation to all Families in our parish

Due to the restrictions on Mass attendance it is not possible to accommodate all who would like to attend Mass this Christmas.

As an alternative we are inviting all families to make a short visit to the Church on Christmas Eve, to visit and pray as a family at the Crib.

You are also encouraged to bring the baby Jesus from your own home Nativity set to be blessed. On returning home the youngest member of the family can place the baby Jesus in the family crib.

The Church will be open on Christmas Eve from 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Fr Tony & Fr Dan will be there to greet you and to give your family a blessing for Christmas

Entrance through the front door of the Church.

Service of Reconciliation – An Act of Perfect Contrition

During the current pandemic it has been difficult for us to assemble as a Christian community to celebrate the sacraments. When we have been unable to attend Mass, we have prayed to receive Christ into our hearts through making a Spiritual Communion. Similarly, when we are unable to receive the grace of God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can at any time confidently place our trust in his mercy through an Act of Perfect Contrition. This year because of the pandemic there will be no parish Reconciliation Service. However, a "A SERVICE OF PREPARATION FOR AN ACT OF PERFECT CONTRITION IN THE SEASON OF ADVENT" will be celebrated online only, on Tuesday evening next at 7.00pm. Parishioners can join us on the parish webcam at www.churchservices.tv or on www.abbeyfeale.ie It will be an ideal way to prepare for Christmas in the current circumstances.

Prayer at the Crib
The Word was made flesh

As we come before the crib
 Draw us into the circle of adoration.
 Help us to take on the wonder of the shepherds.
 Lead us to "the wonder child" with us.
 Bless our hearts with memories of other cribs.
 Hold us open to the miracle of
 Divinity in the straw.
 Take us into this surrender in faith
 Give us eyes to see the God who is with us in swaddling clothes.
 Nurture us with the love of Mary and Joseph.
 Minister to our pains and our doubts through
 The humility of the shepherds.
 Help us to hear the song of peace in our hearts.
 Bring us to a place of healing, in to a still centre, into a prayer
 That is deeper than words.
 Amen

Attending Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day We are delighted to welcome some parishioners to Mass on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. Tickets have been distributed to those who have requested them. For those who have tickets we would ask them to follow the instructions below.

- Arrive on time. Be in your seats at least 10 minutes before Mass begins.
- Follow the instructions of the stewards at all times.
- On entry to the church sanitize your hands.
Masks must be worn at all times while in the church.
- Go to the seats you are directed to by the stewards
- If you are from the same household you must sit together.
- Individuals must sit two metres apart from other individual members of the congregation.
- Remain in your seat at all times.
When coming to receive Holy Communion wait for instructions from the stewards.
- Holy Communion will be distributed on the hand only.
- Leave the church in an orderly fashion and remember to sanitize your hands as you make your exit.
- We ask parishioners not to gather around the doors of the church or to congregate with other people who are not from your family in the car park.
- Wrap up well as windows will be open for ventilation.
- Be mindful of safety at all times - Thank you for your cooperation.

New Courses starting in January 2021 in the Further Education & Training Centre, Abbeyfeale (The Old Tech)

The following free classes are starting up in January: Beginners Woodturning, Beginners Art, Craft class (Papermaking, paper crafts, felting and more!), Knitting for beginners, Experimenting with art (drawing, painting making etc), Basic cooking, Cookery for blokes, baking (Breads, pastry's & Desserts), Healthy eating made easy, taste of Italy cookery class, Easy entertaining/summer cookery class, Machine sewing, Furniture Upholstery, Grow your own vegetables class, Beginners Sign Language, Childcare Level 5 & 6, Healthcare Level 5, Beginners Computers, intermediate computers.

If you wish to register for any of the above free classes, please call Mary in the office: 06831198 or log onto www.learningandskills.ie, click on 'our courses, and select the location as 'Abbeyfeale'.

An Advent Prayer

"O Almighty God, gracious provider and giver of life, we anxiously await the celebration of your birth. Like the people of long ago, our ancestors in faith, we, too, are in need of light, in need of direction, in need of your Word, to show us the way. Our busy lives and the consumerism that surrounds us, make it difficult to recognize your kingdom and to hear your voice.
 Help us Lord, to focus on you. Amen."

Visit to Parish Church: The Blessed Sacrament chapel is open each weekday from 11.00am to 6.00pm and on Sunday's from 1.00pm to 6.00pm.

No Ribbon Ceremony

There will be NO Ribbon Ceremony in Reilig Ide Naofa this year. The committee have been busy putting up the Christmas Trees and if you wish at your own convenience you may place a ribbon /or momentum on either tree during Christmas.
 Sympathies to all who are grieving at this May they all rest in peace.

Shop Local:

We are grateful to all the local shops and businesses who help distribute the Parish Newsletter each weekend. It helps parishioners keep in touch with the parish. At this challenging time of restrictions for all shops and businesses we encourage parishioners to support where possible local shops and businesses, especially in the lead up to Christmas.