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ABBEYFEALE, ATHEA, TEMPLEGLANTINE, TOURNAFULLA, MOUNTCOLLINS



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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Bridie Collins 2 Mountmahon 2nd Anniv. Maureen & Brendan Burke and their son John and granddaughter Fiona NCW

10am Ita O'Connell, Kilmanihan Anniv.

Nora & Patrick & Betty Collins, Meenkilly

12noon Paddy & Anne Walsh and their son Mike Dromtrasana Anniv.

Intentions for the week.

Mon 7pm

Tues 10am Pro Populo

Wed 10am

Thurs 10am Eva White, Killarney Road

Fri 10am Kathleen Clarke nee Kelly, Knocknasna and Dublin died recently.

No Saturday morning Mass

6.30pm Patrick Sonny O'Sullivan The Hill Anniv

Paddy & Kit O'Donovan and Family

John Brennan Senior & Junior late of

NY Killarney Road and Tipperary

10am

12noon Mary B Kelly, Julia Kelly and Sr Maria Kelly Knocknasna

Parish Finance

Sincere thanks to parishioners who continue to support the church through their weekly offerings. Your weekly contributions enable us to keep the parish functioning and we are grateful for that. As well as using the weekly envelopes, parishioners can also use the DONATE button on the parish website www.abbeyfealeparish.ie. An increasing number of parishioners are opting to use this electronic donating system. It is a completely secure and confidential method of supporting the church.

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Thursday 25th March

The Feast of the Annunciation is the reason why we celebrate Christmas on December 25. Christmas comes exactly nine months after the Archangel Gabriel invited the Virgin Mary to be the Mother of God, an event we commemorate on March 25.

What does Mary's "Yes" say to us? The encounter between Mary and the Angel opens up the meaning of our own lives, by shedding light on our call to participate in God's loving plan. Mary, in her selflessness, was open to the angel's visit. She recognised who was speaking. She listened, received and responded. In so doing, she shows us the way to respond to the Lord's call in our own lives.

God initiates a relationship with each one of us - and we respond in surrendering freely to him by accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Not just once, but daily. This dynamic, our free response to the Lord's invitations, leads to a dialogue, a conversation, a way of life.

We are continually reminded of the importance of this feast to our salvation in various devotional prayers. Two examples that highlight the importance of this feast are the Angelus and the Joyous Mysteries of the Rosary.

Prayer Service - Thursday 25th March at 7.00p.m.

A Prayer Service celebrating the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord will take place on Thursday 25th March at 7.00pm. The Prayer Service will be livestreamed on www.churchservcestv.ie and on www.abbeyfealeparish.ie You are welcome to join us for this short Service.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent online from the Church beginning at 9.30am.

Prayer for Families

God, our Father,
 We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
 One family, in the Spirit of your love.
 Bless us with the joy of love.
 Make us patient and kind,
 gentle and generous,
 welcoming to those in need.
 Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
 Protect all families with your loving care,
 Especially those for whom we now pray:
 [We pause and remember family members and others by name].
 Increase our faith,
 Strengthen our hope,
 Keep us safe in your love,
 Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.
 This we ask, through Christ our Lord,

St Patrick's Celebrations.

Our sincere thanks to the Murphy family and Denis Curtin for the wonderful concert that they put on in the Church after the Vigil Mass for St Patrick's day. We know that there were over 1,100 links to the concert through the Church Services TV Network. Our intention was to reach out to parishioners both at home and abroad so that we could celebrate St Patrick's day. The music and song along with the celebration of Mass prior to the concert, certainly gave a much-needed lift to our spirits during this time of lockdown. We are grateful to Donal Murphy for organising the concert and to Riona Curtin and Katie O'Connor for the beautiful music and song during the celebration of Mass which Fr Dan celebrated in Irish. From messages received all was very much appreciated by parishioners both in Ireland and from around the world from Dublin to Dubai, from New York to London.

Outreach to Frontline Healthcare Workers

Fr Chris O'Donnell and the Pastoral Outreach team are offering another opportunity for front-line healthcare workers to take time out on Thursday 25th of March. There will be two sessions on the day, one at 3pm and another at 8pm. You can register on the link below to receive the Zoom link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/healthcare_breather

Please feel free to share this invitation with any of your colleagues that might benefit from it.

Revive your life! – Lived Streamed Event for Young People

Tired of being bored? Frustrated with life? Are you restless? Why not join The Holy Family Mission for Music, Prayer and Sharing. *'How God has worked in our lives!* On Friday 26th March 7.30pm -8.30pm. Live-Streamed on www.HOLYFAMILYMISSION.IE Holy Family Mission is headed up by Fr Patrick Cahill who is a regular visitor to the annual Abbeyfeale Parish Faith Camp.

Could God be calling you to serve Him as a Diocesan Priest?

A Virtual Discernment Evening for men (18years+) who wish to explore the Diocesan Priesthood, takes place Tuesday on 23rd March 7.30-9pm. Join on zoom meeting with priests, seminarians and young men who will share their experiences. For more information or to register, please email info@vocations.ie <<mailto:info@vocations.ie>>

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

During Lent there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday evening from 6.00pm to 7.00pm and on Thursday mornings after the 10.00am Mass until 12noon.

Trócaire

This year's Trócaire Lenten campaign is focusing on the impact of conflict on families in South Sudan. Ajak and her son Ngor, along with Awut and her granddaughter Nyajima, are featured on the 2021 Trócaire box. Both families had to flee the awful violence of South Sudan's war. Ajak lost her husband due to the fighting and had to flee her home with her young children. She came to a village where she met Awut, who had also been forced to flee for her life. Despite having so little herself, Awut welcomed Ajak onto her small patch of land and now both families support each other to rebuild their lives. Every day remains a struggle for Awut and Ajak and their families. They strive to earn money, grow food and attend school. Life continues to be full of challenges and obstacles for these amazing women, but they face these challenges together, with dignity and solidarity. Please join in supporting this year's Lenten campaign. Trócaire boxes are available in all our Churches and every cent collected does make a difference. Trócaire thanks you for your support in these difficult times,

