



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

Vocations Sunday

25th April 2021

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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Bridie & Joe Fitzgerald, Clash and deceased family members

Kathleen Kelly, Knocknasna 1st Anniv
 Michael O'Connor, Mountmahon

10am Richard Tobin, Convent street

Will Joe & Mary Collins and theirs sons
 Billy & Tom

Fr Peadar De Búrca

12noon Patrick Reidy, Meenkilly 4th Anniv.

Intentions for the week.

Mon 7pm Michael Barry, Caherlane
Birthday remembrance.

Geraldine Tobin, Knockbrack 1st Anniv.

Tues 10am Pro Populo

Wed 10am

Thurs 10am Ann Romain Anniv.

Sean O'Mahony, Caherhayes 8th Anniv

Fri 10am Deceased members of the Hughes & McEnnis Families

No Saturday morning Mass

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Mai & Tade Collins, Ballaugh

10am Mary & James Scully, Mountmahon

Denis & Ellen Collins Purt and deceased members of the Geary family.

12noon Stasia & John McGill and deceased family members

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family Patrick (Paddy) Flynn, Main Street whose funeral took place on Friday.
 May he rest in peace.

The Blessed Sacrament is open from 11am to 6pm Monday to Saturday for private prayer.

Thank you

Sincere thanks to all who continue to contribute to the Weekly Offertory Collection
 Your ongoing support and generosity is very much appreciated.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on this Sunday, April 25, 2021 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life,

While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms, male and female religious life, in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life. We ask you to keep in your prayers all who are contemplating the priesthood, religious life and permanent diaconate as a way of life.

Who is God Calling You To Be?

Do you recognise Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others?

Perhaps you are being called to the Priesthood or the Diaconate?

If you are considering this possibility, contact the Limerick Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Noel Kirwan, St John's Cathedral, Limerick on 087-2616843. For more information log on to the diocesan website at www.limerickdiocese.org

The Good Shepherd

In Jesus' time, being a shepherd was not a pleasant job. Sheep became easily lost and the shepherd's job was to guide them back to safety. There were many dangers and the sheep were totally dependent on the shepherd. Shepherds would round up their sheep in the evening and guide them into their pen. But it had no gate, so the shepherd would have to lie across the space in case the sheep were attacked in the night. The shepherds literally lay down their lives for their flock. John compares the sacrifice of the shepherd to the 'hired hand' who is not really committed to the flock. He does what he has to but flees at the first sign of trouble.

This Good Shepherd Sunday the Gospel describes Jesus as the 'genuine' Shepherd who wants a personal relationship with each one of us and who would lay down his life for us. The Gospel emphasises the importance of relationship as the shepherd knows his flock and cares for them. They 'Follow Him' and it is not a Facebook or Twitter type of following, rather it is a genuine relationship. Everyone matters to the Good Shepherd, regardless of their situations. We are told 'I know my own and my own know me'. We are called today to follow Jesus in a more personal more intimate way. Even when we stray off the path and get lost, it is then especially that the Good Shepherd comes looking for us.

Prayer for vocations

Father, in the power of your Spirit. You sent your Son to bring hope to all peoples. We pray that you will give the same Spirit to young men and women, so that they, like Jesus, may answer your call to bring Good News to the poor, give new sight to the blind, and announce that the Kingdom of God has come. Amen.

Thanks to all local shops and businesses who facilitate the distribution of the Weekly Newsletter

This Newsletter can also be viewed on the website abbeyfealeparish.ie in colour.

Church Radio 107FM

The signal from the Church Radio has been extended to a radius of 3 miles approximately. Parishioners can tune into all Masses and Church ceremonies on 107FM. This service will be of benefit to parishioners who do not have access to the internet and the church webcam. We ask you to assist elderly parishioners in tuning in their radios to this service.

VIRTUAL FLEADH BY THE FEALE: The 25th annual Fleadh by the Feale which was always held on the May Bank Holiday will have to take place virtually this year. See local papers for details.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.

Darkness into Light 2021 You can Join us at Sunrise - Saturday, May 8th

Take the Challenge. Raise vital funds for suicide prevention. Create your very own Darkness Into Light Challenge – whether you choose to organize a 10k hike, run a marathon, skydive or sea dive, your fundraising will support lifesaving suicide prevention services. All funds raised through donations and fundraising will go back into funding the services that Pieta provides, free of charge to those who need them most. Sign up to Darkness Into light before March 31 and you'll automatically be entered into a draw to win a year's free electricity from our proud partner Electric Ireland. A big thank you to all at Electric Ireland for this amazing prize and their continued support of Darkness Into Light. Visit www.darknessintolight.ie to sign up.



Faith

Faith, it's a beautiful thing,
 That little word with the special ring,
 It's faith in the things I cannot see,
 Like knowing my God is always with me,
 Faith that everything will turn out alright,
 That my days of darkness will lead into light,
 Faith that Jesus will take my hand,
 And guide me through things I don't understand,
 That no matter where I roam, far and wide,
 My God will be there by me side,
 And until I'm home in Heaven above,
 I will always know my God's true love,
 And until that day He call me home,
 I will never have to walk alone,
 To know that someday I'll hear angels sing
 Faith, it's a beautiful thing.



Trocaire: Thank you for very generous donations to the Trocaire campaign

The amount collected so far is €10,276

Boxes can still be handed in on Saturday evening from 6pm to 7.30pm or Sunday from 11.30am to 1pm at the sacristy door
 Tel Anne 086/8661651 to arrange a time. Or Sacristy 068/51915

Thanks