



**Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Area**

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**Intentions for this weekend**

**6.30pm** Kathleen Kelly, Letterkenny Anniv.  
 Bridie Joe Fitzgerald Clash and deceased family members  
 Dan & Bessie Meehan, Kilmorna Anniv.  
 Diana & Sean O'Mahony Caherhayes 3rd & 14th Anniv.  
 Chris Fealey Convent Road Anniv.

**10am** Denis & Ellen Collins Purt and their son Denis and  
 deceased Geary family members

**12noon** Mary & Will Joe and their sons  
 Billy and Tom Collins Anniv.  
 Jackie Daly, Church street and their daughter  
 Joan Cooper died in Oct 2025  
 Paddy & Molly White Ballaugh and deceased family  
 members Noreen, Jim and Paddy

**Monday 7pm** **Tues 10am**  
**Wed 10am** Bridie O Shea Anniv.  
**Thurs 10am** Ann Romain Anniv.  
 Tom Sheehy Months Mind  
**Friday 10am** **Purgatorial Mass**

**Intentions for next weekend**

**6.30pm** Jackie Harnett Purt 1st Anniv.  
 Maura Collins Purt 1st Anniv.  
**10am** Booked  
**12noon** Pro-Populo

**Death**

We offer our sympathy to the family of Maurice (Moss)  
 Curtin Killarney Road whose funeral took place on  
 Monday. May he rest in peace.

**“Believe more deeply. Hold you face up to the Light,  
 even though for the moment you do not see.”**

*Bill W*

**Census 1926: A New Nation Emerges** Census data is a permanent record of where and how people lived a century ago. The release of the 1926 census is an extraordinarily important moment in our national story. As the first census of the Irish Free State, it provides the earliest snapshot of an independent nation emerging from a period of profound upheaval, the legacy of the First World War, the War of Independence and Civil War, as well as by long-standing patterns of emigration and rural life. The first known census was undertaken by the Babylonians in 3800 BC, and many will be familiar with the story of Joseph and Mary travelling from Nazareth to Bethlehem to take part in a Roman census ahead of the birth of Jesus. The first full census of Ireland was held in 1821, with results published in 1823. The 1841 census introduced significant changes, including the use of Ordnance Survey maps, the appointment of enumerators drawn from the Constabulary, and the introduction of a standard form completed by the head of the household. Censuses were subsequently taken at ten-year intervals up to 1911. The census forms from 1901 and 1911, are available on [the National Archives website](http://the National Archives website) and have become invaluable resources for genealogists and historians. There was no census in 1921 due to the War of Independence, making the 1926 census particularly significant. Since 1951, a census has generally been taken every five years in Ireland due to significant population changes driven by migration. However, there have been exceptions, budgetary concerns in 1976, foot and mouth disease in 2001, and the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021 led to cancellations or postponements. The next census will take place in April and May 2027, with Census Day on 9 May 2027. For the first time in Ireland, there will be an online option to complete the census. The highly popular Time Capsule section, introduced in Census 2022 as a world first, will return in 2027. This voluntary text box allows people to leave a message for future generations, which remains confidential for 100 years.

**Biodiversity Laudato Si corner.**

Give the bees a fighting chance. Let all or some of your lawn grow wild for the month of May. Don't cut it. The bees need the dandelions and wild flowers as a food source

**Trocaire Boxes** can still be handed at any Mass during the week.

**A Church radio system** allows parishioners who are confined to home to listen into Mass. Tune in on 105.900 FM.

**ALONE** the organisation that enables older people age at home are looking for Telephone and Visitation Volunteers to support older people in the community. 1hr a week can make all the difference! Call 0801 222 024 please or see [ALONE.ie/](http://ALONE.ie/) Volunteer for more info.

**FLEADH BY THE FEALE** 2026 returns to Abbeyfeale for its 32nd year with music throughout the town from April 30 to May 4 This year, the fleadh promises workshops, music sessions, headline concerts, and on-street entertainment, bringing both local and national artists to audiences over a jam-packed weekend. **CELEBRITY CONCERT:** Lúnasa supported by the Coláiste Íde agus Iosef school band Sunday May 3. Tickets €25. Booking line 087 1383940.

**MONTH'S MIND FOR FR. JACK O DONNELL:** On Sunday, April 26th, we invite you to join Fr. Declan as we pray for Fr. Jack at our Lyre Mass at 10.00 a.m. and at the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Duagh, to mark his months mind.

**Annual Service of Remembrance** will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of May at 3pm in **Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Milford, Limerick.**

**Knitted Bible Exhibition** now on display at St. Bartholomew's Church, Athea until the end of May featuring hundreds of In dividually knitted characters (including 100 sheep!) from 28 scenes from the Bible lovingly made by Church of Ireland - Blarney. The exhibition was transported and put on display on Saturday last by Athea Pastoral Council and Athea Craft Group. The exhibition will be on display until the end of May and is well worth a visit.

**West Limerick Resources Abbeyfeale**  
**in St Ita's Hall Building**

**Check out their facebook page for all the services they provide here in our parish. Well worth a look and see what services are going on in Abbeyfeale.and NCW**

**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CAFÉ:** Mondays 2-3pm, St. Ita's Hall, Abbeyfeale. A friendly space to take a break, enjoy a cuppa and connect with others. Recharge, relax and leave feeling a little brighter. Further details from Thomas O'Driscoll (HSE) 087 6114799 or Sharon (WLR) 087 9382883.

**Please note the New parish Email is; [fealechurch@gmail.com](mailto:fealechurch@gmail.com) for any correspondence to the parish with the booking of anniversary Masses, parish news etc.**