



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



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**To book a mass intention contact the church  
 068/51915 during mass times.**

**Intentions for this weekend**

**6.30pm** Noreen Daly, Ballybehy Anniv.

Connie & Eilish & Bridget Harnett,  
 Kilconlea Upper

Veronica Doyle, Glenashrone 1st Anniv.

Terry Morrissey and his grandparents

David and Nora and Nan Peggy Horan

**10am**

**12noon** Daniel Hartigan, NCW 1st Anniv. And his

Parents Richard & Hannah late of Colbert Terrace.

Patrick Moriarty London & Caherlane 19th Anniv.

Kathleen Spillane, St Ita's Housing Anniv.

**Intentions for the week**

**Mon 7pm** Bill Cahill, Clash Road 3rd Anniv.

Mike Fitzgerald, The Railway Bar

**Tues 10am Pro-Populo**

**Wed 10am** Edward Walters

**Thurs 10am**

**Fri 10am Purgatorial**

**Intentions for next week**

**6.30pm** Moss & Joan Fitzgerald Anniv.

Bill & Bridget & John Joe Collins, The Hill Anniv.

**10am** Johnny & Peggy Stack, Craughatouke Anniv.

Richie Woulfe, Cratloe 4th Anniv.

Billy O'Connell, Rea, Kilmorna Anniv.

**12noon** Ned O'Connell, Kilconlea Anniv.

Mossie McEnery, Dromtrasna Collins 1st Anniv.

**Priest on Call** 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

**The Ministry of Deacon**

In a letter read at all Masses last Sunday, Bishop Leahy invited candidates interested in taking up roles as permanent deacons across the diocese to step forward. Deacons had a ministry in the early Church, which focused on service, both within the church community helping in the administration of the Diocese and in reaching out to the marginalised in society. Deacons gradually began to celebrate baptisms presiding at weddings, funeral services and preaching at Mass. For a long time, this ministry practically died out. The Second Vatican Council, held in the 1960's, proposed the ministry should be re-vamped

One of the interesting features of this ministry is that most deacons are married with families so their experience can bring a particular help to families. While only men can be ordained deacons at present, a commission is currently studying the question of a female diaconate. This followed the suggestion by the 2019 Synod of Bishops on the Amazon, which had recommended that women be considered for certain ministries in the church, including the permanent diaconate. Bishop Leahy said that "Several Dioceses now have deacons, with about 100 overall in Ireland. At our Limerick Diocesan Synod in 2016, it was agreed we might explore developing the ministry of deacons in our diocese. So, at this point I would ask for expressions of interest from men over 35 years of age, married or single" Anyone interested in this ministry should get in touch with Bishop Leahy at Limerick Diocesan Centre, St Munchin's, Corbally, Limerick. Tel 061-350000 or on office@limerickdiocese.org

**The Sacrament of Confession**

From next weekend onwards Confessions will be heard on Saturday evenings just before the Vigil Mass from 6.00pm to 6.25pm. We return to hearing Confessions in the Confession boxes. Some slight alterations have been made to the boxes to make them safer during the ongoing pandemic. We would ask that parishioners who want to go to Confession follow all safety guidelines by sanitizing their hands when entering the church, wearing a mask and follow the instructions which will be placed on the door of the confession boxes. If anyone would like to celebrate the sacrament outside of the confession box let Fr Tony know and he will make alternative arrangements for you.

**First Holy Communion**

Congratulations to the children from Scoil Mháthair Dé and St Mary's Boys' School who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday. This year the ceremonies had to be postponed due to the threat of the ongoing pandemic. Gratitude is expressed to the parents and teachers concerned, for their continued support throughout the period of restrictions.

Thanks to all our parishioners who ensured that the Church was looking so well. Thanks too to all our singers, musicians and stewards.

Next Saturday the children from Meenkilly, Knocknasna and Dromtrasna schools will celebrate First Communion.



**10 Tips on how to care for our 'Common Home'**

The Season of Creation runs from September 1st (World Day of Prayer for Creation) to October 4th (the feast of St. Francis of Assisi). During the days of September, we are asked to join together to celebrate creation through prayer, reflection and action.

On a practical level there are many things we can do for example – You can

1. Raise awareness of the gift of creation and the threats to the environment in our discussions at home in our families and with our friends.
2. Explore the use of renewable energy in our homes.
3. Evaluate your heating systems with timer and thermostatic controls.
4. Fit energy saving light bulbs. Switch off unnecessary lights and not leave items on stand-by (e.g. TV, laptop, kitchen appliances).
5. Use environmentally friendly cleaning materials & paint.
6. Compost your garden and food waste.
7. Avoid or reduce the use of chemicals in your home and garden.
8. Plant pollinator friendly plants in your window box or garden at home.
9. Shop wisely. Buy Fairtrade and buy locally made products when possible.
- 10 Avoid waste. Reduce, reuse, recycle, recover, treat.

**'Make Way Day'**

This week the National Disability Federation of Ireland launched its awareness campaign 'Make Way Day'. The initiative aims to highlight the obstacles people with disabilities and those with visual impairments face on a daily basis, particularly on footpaths. People with disabilities encounter obstacles every day as they try to make their way through our streets. These obstacles limit the right of people with disabilities to full and meaningful participation in society.

So far this year, thousands of fixed charge notices have been issued by Gardaí for people parking on footpaths. Gardaí are calling on motorists to be more aware of the surroundings when they are parking, to consider the impact that their actions may have on people with disabilities and not to cause obstruction on footpaths.

It is a simple request, and it is what *Make Way Day* is all about, according to Clare Cronin who is Communications Manager with the Disability Federation of Ireland.

"Probably people think they're doing a good service, you know, they're pulling the car in off the road and saving more space (on the road), but they're just not thinking of over 13% of the population who have a disability and it affects all sorts of people." Make Way Day is an Initiative to remind drivers to be aware of people with disabilities and visual impairments.

**Back to school prayer**

Loving God thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends excitement at new experiences  
 and a love of learning.

Watch over all who learn replacing fear with joy,  
 anxiety with peace and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience and joy in serving their students

In Jesus's name we pray Amen

