



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



27th June 2021

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Priest on Call During the summer months 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*

Intentions for this weekend.

6.30pm Ann Cullinane, Killarney Road 1st Anniv.
Marie O'Leary, Brosna Month mind
Mary Teresa O'Brien 1st Anniv.

10am Richard Gleeson, Kilconlea Lower
Gerard Cotter, New Street Anniv.

12noon Denny Murphy, Glenashrone 50th Anniv.
Brian McAleer Anniv.
David Leahy & Rebecca Leahy &
Mick Collins and Maurice Griffin Anniv.
Breda O'Kelly 2nd Anniv.
Sr Felecity McEnnis Anniv.

Intentions for the week

Mon 7.00pm

Tue 10am Funeral Sean Casey, Knocknasna
Wed 10am Mary O'Riordan Purt Yard

Thurs 10am

Fri 10am Purgatorial

No Saturday morning Mass

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm
10am John Michael Kennelly Anniv.
12noon Joe Thompson, Knocknasna Anniv.
Mary & Tom Flynn

Winners take time to relish their work,
knowing that scaling the mountain is what
makes the view from the top so exhilarating.

Funerals

Following Government advice and HSE guidelines regarding public gatherings all funeral are private to family only. In compliance with the current HSE guidelines the number attending a funeral Mass is currently limited to fifty people. People who come to pay their respects in the car park or the cemetery are reminded not to shake hands with the bereaved.

Deaths

We offer our sympathy to the family Teresa Riordan, Banard whose funeral took place on Friday.

To the Family of William (Billy) O'Sullivan, Springmount whose funeral took place on Saturday.

To the family of Sean Casey, Knocknasna/ England his funeral will take place on Tuesday at 11am in Abbeyfeale Church.

May they rest in peace.

Postponement of the Celebration of Confirmation & First Holy Communion

There is great disappointment in the parish this week following the decision to postpone the celebration of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Earlier this week the Department of Public Health Mid-West, Health Service Executive, strongly advised parishes to postpone the celebration of Confirmation and First Communion until September.

The HSE indicated the reasons for this recommendation are: 1) the rate of infection is still high; 2) a lot of parents will not have been vaccinated; 3) a lot of queries asking for their recommendation.

A spokesperson for the HSE told the Limerick Leader this week that

"While we are confident that churches and places of worship have been generally safe environments within the parameters of Public Health guidelines, indoor gatherings and celebrations traditionally associated with Communions and Confirmations are considered high-risk settings for those who are unvaccinated,"

There is also concern that the situation will become more serious still with the Delta variant and who knows what might happen next week regarding the easing of restrictions for July 5th. We will keep the situation under review and please God come September we will be in a much safer position to celebrate the sacraments. Meanwhile we encourage parents to continue to pray with their children and to bring them to Mass during the summer holidays.

We acknowledge the huge amount of work done by teachers and parents in preparing the children for our ceremonies in July. This work will stand to the children when we do get to celebrate the sacraments in the autumn.

LOUGH DERG 2021: Lough Derg regrets that it will not be possible in 2021 to reopen Station Island for the Traditional 3 Day Pilgrimage or even for the autumn programme of Day Retreats. Lough Derg will again offer the opportunity to "Do Lough Derg from wherever you are" on July 3-5. The outdoor Pilgrimage on the Lough Shore Pilgrim Path will also be available as the summer goes on. Further information from Lough Derg office (0353) 719861518 or www.loughderg.org.

RECOVERY HAVEN CANCER SUPPORT: If you or someone you know is in need of support contact 066 7192122.

AUTISM ONLINE CONFERENCE 2021:- Thriving with Autism: This online conference offers interventions, skills and strategies to support people on the autism spectrum. Suitable for parents, families, caregivers, autistics, employers, educators, professionals, agencies, advocates and anyone with an interest in autism. Visit www.autismcork.ie

Summer Holidays

The school year is coming to conclusion and we want to wish all the pupils and staff members of our parish schools a very happy and safe holiday. Due to the ongoing pandemic it has been another challenging year for everyone in our school communities.

We acknowledge the great work done to ensure that our schools remained open during this difficult period. This could only have been achieved by the collaboration and goodwill of everyone involved.

For our 6th class children, it is the end of their time at primary school. It is a time for them both to look back and give thanks for all that they have learned, for the life-long friends they have made and for the care and guidance of their teachers. They look forward to new schools, new friends and new beginnings in September.

We wish them every blessing and success in the years ahead.

Thank you to all our teachers and staff member who worked tirelessly throughout the year to meet the needs of all the children entrusted to their care.

Thank you to the parents who work with their children, and the school, to support the home-school connection that is vital for pupil success. Thank you to all those parents and guardians who volunteered to assist our schools in so many ways.

Your involvement is invaluable.

Thanks to all the members of the boards of management for their time, their interest and their management of our parish schools. Finally, we thank our children for always working to the best of their ability throughout the school year. We are confident that they will continue to build upon the knowledge and skills that they acquired this school year. Wishing all of you a wonderful summer filled with blessings and God's grace. Be safe and enjoy the days ahead of rest and relaxation!!

Fr Tony



Summer blessing for families:

May we make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves,

but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.

Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts

during these months of summer and vacation days.

Grant us refreshment of mind and body.

May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.