



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



27th March 2022 www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@eircom.net Church Sacristy 068 - 51915 Parish Office 068 - 31133

Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Area

Fr Brendan Duggan 087/0562674
Fr Denis Mullane 087/2621911
Fr Tony Mullins 087/2600414
Fr Dan Lane (Retired) 087/2533030.

Mass intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Margaret O'Connor, Knockbrack Months Mind Paddy & Kit Donovan, Dromtrasna and deceased family members.

John Brennan Senior and Junior Killarney Road
10am Gretta and William O'Rourke and Maura O'Leary Anniv.

12noon Mary B Kelly Knocknasna and Sr Maureen Kelly and deceased family members Pascal McCarthy Shanbally Anniv.

Mon 7pm Peggy Moloney, Knocknasna 7th Anniv. Jimmy O'Mara, Church Street Anniv.

Tues 10am Liturgy Service

Wed 10am Liturgy Service

Thurs 10am Lill, John and Moss O'Connor Anniv. Ann Romain Birthday Remembrance

Fri 10am Eva White, Killarney Road Anniv. Purgatorial

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Jim & Nora Hatnett and deceased family members
 Hannah & John O'Donoghue, Knocknasna Anniv

10am
12noon Fintan Mary Ann Collins Knocknansa Anniv
 Maureen & John Canty, Fealesbridge Anniv.

Appeal for the people of Ukraine: Thanks to all who have contributed to the special collection held in all churches throughout Ireland this weekend. All funds raised will be sent to Caritas Internationalis. They are supporting massive relief work in Poland and Ukraine. Caritas is confederation of over 160-member organisations of which Trócaire is one who are working at the grassroots in almost every country of the world. Inspired by Catholic faith, Caritas is the helping hand of the Church – reaching out to the poor, vulnerable and excluded, regardless of race or religion, to build a world based on justice and fraternal love.

First Friday Communion visits. Fr Tony has postponed his First Friday Communion calls until Holy Week (10th – 17th April). He will be in contact with the people involved to make arrangements.

Clerical News

Many of you will be aware that Fr Tony tested positive for Covid-19 during the week and is currently self-isolating. He hopes to be back to work towards the end of next week. He appreciates all the support and offers of help giving to him during the past few days. Sincere thanks to Fr Denis Mullane and Fr Brendan Duggan who are celebrating Mass in Abbeyfeale this weekend. We appreciate their support and availability. We also want to wish Fr Duggan a very happy and healthy retirement. He reached the retirement age for clergy (75 years) at the end of February. Fr Brendan will be leaving Athea parish on Easter Sunday. Even though he is retiring from parish ministry, he is taking up a new position with his religious congregation in Rockwell College, Co. Tipperary. We wish Fr Brendan all the best for the future and we thank him for all his pastoral work in Athea parish and for all his help in the parish of Abbeyfeale and for all his assistance in the Pastoral Area. Fr Denis and Fr Tony will be taking over responsibility for the parish of Athea from Easter Sunday onwards. Fr Jack O'Donnell will celebrate Mass on Monday evening at 7.00pm. Thanks to Fr Jack for his help and assistance. Prayer Services (Liturgy of the Word), will be celebrated on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 10.00am. Thanks to our Lay Readers of the Word for leading these special liturgies.

Spring Stations: Fr Tony would like to thank all who contributed to the recent Spring Stations collection. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.

Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us “
Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God.”
 In this time of great worry, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit sustain all the people of Ukraine to be vigilant and dedicated to peace and justice. Grant their leaders wisdom and prudence. Yet, may they also have the strength and perseverance to defend their land from all adversity and foreign attacks. Help us all to live according to your Divine Will.
 O God, our Father, in the days to come, we beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the faithful departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom.
 We ask also that the Most Holy Mother of God extend her blessed mantle of protection over our Ukraine. Amen. Source: Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family

Adoration: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Blessed Sacrament Church, every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Lent from 10.30am to 8.00pm

‘Sorry seems to be the hardest Word’

Today we have road rage, air rage, online rage, even rap rage. Our fuses are getting shorter, our skins thinner and thinner and our patience stretched beyond breaking point. What is wrong with us? How did it get this bad? There are many explanations and theories, but they don't touch upon the heart of the matter; the human heart, our need for repentance and conversion; the fallen human condition and our inclination to justify ourselves, defend ourselves and insist upon our rights first, over and above everyone else.
 How do we deal with our anger? How do we control our rage? The remedy is always repentance. Anger is always diminished by the humble and necessary first step of saying ‘Sorry’, which for some inexplicable reason, seems to be the hardest word.

Coláiste íde agus Iosef: Congratulations from all the parishioners to the Coláiste Íde agus Iosef hurling team who recently had a historic victory against Meánscoil SN an Rinn in the Munster Post Primary Schools Senior Hurling E final in Mallow. Congratulation to the team, coaches and all involved.

St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul have launched an appeal for volunteers to help in their work here in Ireland. svp.ie/volunteer or ring 01-8848246. For more details see poster in the Blessed Sacrament Church.

A Salute to All Mothers

*To those who gave birth this year to their first child—
 we celebrate with you.*
To those who lost a child this year—we mourn with you.
*To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and
 wear the badge of food stains—we appreciate you.*
*To those who experienced loss through miscarriage —
 we mourn with you.*
*To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes,
 prods, tears and disappointment—we walk with you.*
*To those who are foster moms, mentor moms and
 spiritual moms—we need you.*
*To those who have warm and close relationships with your
 children—we celebrate with you.*
*To those who have disappointment, heartache and distance with
 your children—we sit with you.*
To those who lost their mothers this year—we grieve with you.
*To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests and the
 overall testing of motherhood—we are better for having you
 in our midst.*
*To those who are single and long to be married and mothering your
 own children—we mourn that life has not turned out the way you
 longed for it to be.*
*To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren, yet that
 dream is not to be, we grieve with you.*
*To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year—we
 grieve and rejoice with you. And to those who are pregnant with
 new life, both expected and surprising—we anticipate with you.*
 Happy Mother's Day!

Trócaire: The Trócaire Lenten campaign continues focusing on the needs of people in Zimbabwe who are struggling with the triple challenges of Covid-19, climate change and a devastated economy. CEO of Trócaire, Caoimhe de Barra said: “We are so incredibly grateful for the generous donations we receive from parishes, schools and families in Limerick each year and I would appeal to people across the county to support this vital campaign. This can be done by collecting your loose change in the Trócaire Lent box, donating online or holding fundraising events. Every donation will help. Trócaire Boxes are available at the entrance and exit areas of the church. We encourage you to take one home and place it on your kitchen table. You might also consider delivering one to a neighbour or to a member of your extended family.

‘Live, Love, Lent’ Campaign

The diocese of Limerick is inviting parishioners from around the diocese to link into a number of programmes that it has put together to support and assist people through the Lenten season. You can access these reflections and programmes by linking on to our parish website www.abbeyfealparish.ie

Webcam breakdown: Apologies to all who join us for Mass online. There were technical difficulties during the week. Hopefully the problem will be resolved by this weekend.