

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

Holy week

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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Patrick Sonny O'Sullivan The Hill Anniv Paddy & Kit O'Donovan and Family John Brennan Senior & Junior late of NY Killarney Road and Tipperary

10am

12noon Mary B Kelly, Julia Kelly and Sr Maria Kelly Knocknasna

Intentions for the week.

Mon 7pm Mairead Lenihan 1st Anniv.

Peggy Moloney, Knocknasna 6th Anniv.

Tues 10am Pro Populo

Wed 10am Kathleen Clarke Nee Kelly late of Knocknasna died recently

Thurs 7pm Mass of the Last Supper
Birthday remembrance for Ann Romain

Fri 3pm Passion of the Cross

Fri 8pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday Vigil Mass at 8pm Pro Populo

10am Bridie Nally nee Harnett 1st Brooklyn NY James Nally and deceased family members

Dromtrasna O'Brien

12noon Bridget Foley

Hannah & John O'Donoghue, Knocknasan Anniv

Mon 7pm James Morrissey Month Mind Sheasfield Tulligaline North

Peg O'Connell, New Street Month Mind

Thank You

Thanks to the many parishioners who continue to give of their time in the various aspects of parish life and lay ministry. You time, dedication and commitment are very much appreciated. All parishioners young and not so young are welcome to help in the work of the parish. Just get in contact with Fr Tony or Fr Dan. We wish you and your family every blessing this Holy Week

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Holy Week Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday evening from 6.00pm to 7.00pm.

Holv Week

This weekend we begin Holy Week 2021. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing restrictions it is not possible to have parishioners attend the ceremonies. We will continue to broadcast all our ceremonies online. Despite the restrictions we encourage parishioners to link into the various ceremonies. We have done a great deal of preparation to make these liturgies as meaningful as possible. We invite you and your family to join us through the internet service. A schedule of ceremonies is included in this newsletter. The schedule is also up on our parish website www.abbeyfealeparish.ie and throughout Holy Week we will remind people through Facebook each day of what is happening and at what time. This year the diocese is putting on a number of ceremonies online and we have included the dates, times and links. Here in the parish we will have a special Service on 'The Gifts of the Cross' on Tuesday evening at 7.00pm. This will be a special Service of Prayer, Reflection and Music for Holy Week. The times of the other ceremonies are listed below.

This coming Sunday is Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

We invite you in whatever way possible to keep this week sacred. We are all busy in our own lives with so many things to do and so many things to worry about. Perhaps this week we can take some time to reflect on our faith and the significant role in plays in our lives.

These days we hear much talk about wellbeing. For people of faith the greatest source of wellbeing is found in the person of Jesus Christ.

Sacred Space

We encourage parishioners to create a sacred space in your homes during Holy Week. This could be located on a little table, or a window ledge. In your sacred space place, a white cloth, some palm, a little dish of water, a small towel, a crucifix and a candle.

These are the sacred symbols of Holy Week.

They will help you to focus on the various ceremonies as we journey through the week.

Distribution of Palm

Palm blessed at Mass on Palm Sunday will be available at the Blessed Sacrament Church from 12 noon to 2.00pm on Sunday. This is also an opportunity for parishioners to give in some weekly offerings for the ongoing maintenance of the Church.

Distribution of Easter Water

Easter water blessed at the Easter Vigil will be available in little bottles on Easter Sunday from 12noon to 2.00pm.

Holy Week Resources

There are a wide range of resources for adults, young people and children available for Holy Week on the Diocese of Limerick website. We encourage you to take a look through the programme early in the week to see what may be of interest to you or your family. For further information click on to www.limerickdiocese.org

Holy Week ceremonies will also be broadcast on RTE Television and RTE Radio. EWTN and BBC will also broadcast the ceremonies.

Trocaire:

The Trocaire Lenten campaign provides us with an opportunity to reach out in support to those who are most in need in the world, enabling us to fulfil one of our Lenten observances to help the poor. I know you will be generous in your donations to this year's campaign. Trócaire chief executive Caoimhe de Barra said that "Lent is the engine that keeps our programmes going throughout the year. The public in Ireland always rally behind our campaign. While this year will be different, we hope the public will continue to support our life-saving work overseas." While boxes are still available to be picked-up at churches nationwide, there are up to 50 per cent fewer boxes in circulation.



Trocaire Boxes in Abbeyfeale parish can be handed in on Good Friday between 4pm to 7pm. We suggest that where possible that people make their donation in notes rather than coin. If you are writing a cheque make it payable to Trocaire or make your donation directly to Trocaire.

Abbeyfeale Parish Holy Week Ceremonies 2021

Tuesday 30th March 'Gifts from the Cross' – A Reflective Prayer Service through Music, Song and Scripture. The Service will begin at 7.00pm.

Holy Thursday 1st of April

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm followed by a period of quiet prayer.

Good Friday 2nd of April

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

8.00pm Stations of the Cross

The main Church building will be open on Good Friday after the 3.00pm ceremony to allow parishioners to venerate the Cross. This year because of the restrictions parishioners can venerate the Cross by making a reverent bow before the Cross, spend a little time in prayer and then return home. The Church will be open from 4.00p.m. to 7.00p.m.

Parishioners visiting the Church are advised to observe social distancing at all times.

Holy Saturday 3rd April

Blessings of Easter Baskets in the car park at 12noon. Families are asked to remain in their cars for the blessing. Please park on the grotto side of the church car park.

Easter Vigil Mass - 8pm

10.00am Mass broadcast on West Limerick 102FM.

12noon Mass for Easter Sunday

All ceremonies online at www.abbeyfeale.ie and www.churchservicestv.ie

Diocesan Holy Week Celebrations

At the beginning of Holy week three online liturgies are offered by the diocese of Limerick at 8pm on the following evenings: a Liturgy of Solidarity on Monday, a Tenebrae Liturgy on Tuesday and a Liturgy of Forgiveness on Wednesday. These liturgies will be streamed on the Diocesan Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/dioceseoflimerick For those who are not on Facebook they will be able to access the liturgy through the diocesan Holy Week resources web page by clicking on the image of the liturgy. This link will only be available once it goes live, the live link will be created a couple of minutes before 8pm on each of the three evenings.

For further information go to www.limerickdiocese.org

All resources are available to download on the Holy Week resources page on the Diocesan website: https://www.limerickdiocese.org/what-we-offer/liturgy-and-life/resources-for-liturgical-seasons/holy-week-resources-2021/