



PARISH PASTORAL UNIT
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Wishing you all
a Very Happy
New Year

3rd Jan 2021 Second Sunday after Christmas www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@eircom.net Fr Tony Mullins PP 087/2600414 mstrev@gmail.com

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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Jimmy Quirke, Kilconlea Upper
Timmy Daly, Dromtrasna Collins
John Collins, Ballaguh and deceased
family members
Dan Meehan Kilmorna

12noon Pro Populo

Mon 7pm Thomas (Tom) Enright, Rathorna

Tues 10am

Tues 7pm Julia O'Connor Anniv

Wed 10am

Thurs 10am

Fri 10am Mike Hennessy, Derby and formerly
Knockaderry

No Saturday morning Mass

6.30pm Joan E Leahy Anniv

Charlie Conefrey Anniv

10am Michael & Dan McCarthy, Purt Anniv

12noon Pro Populo

Christmas Newsletter

A special Christmas Newsletter is available in the local shops along with the current parish newsletter.

Level 5 Restrictions in Church

Due to current restrictions around Covid-19 parishioners are not allowed to attend Mass inside the Church Building but you are more than welcome to attend Mass in the Church Car Park in the comfort of your own car and listen to Mass on the Car Park Radio on 107fm. You can also receive Communion at the Grotto.

Weddings

Due to current restrictions only 6 people are allowed to attend weddings.

Funerals

Due to current restrictions only 10 mourners are allowed to attend funerals.

Deaths

We offer our sympathy to the family of Siobhán Tobin, Main Street whose funeral took place on Friday. May she rest in peace. We offer our sympathy to the family of Patrick Cahill, Dromtrasna Collins who has just died. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Begin Again

There is a beautiful poem written by Brendan Kennelly from Ballylongford, entitled Begin. He composed the poem to mark his own retirement. The following lines from it are appropriate as we begin the New Year.

“Though we live in a world that dreams of ending, that always seems about to give in, something that will not acknowledge conclusion, insists that we forever begin.”

Our lives are a series of endings and beginnings. Many of us worry and fret about the future and what it may bring us. Despite the uncertainty about the future, Brendan Kennelly says there is something in us human beings that draws us or calls us to begin anew, to begin again.

There is something about the start of a new year that gives us the feeling of a fresh start and a new beginning. This year in particular we will welcome the new year with perhaps more enthusiasm than ever, because of the unexpected challenges that we all had to face in 2020.

With the help of God, we turn the page on the old year, and we begin once again with a renewed sense that God our Father rekindles us daily with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

As we begin 2021, we pray that we will have the faith to believe in the God who journeys with us in all our joys and tribulations. May all that you wish for in the new year be accomplished.

With gratitude to all our parishioners for the encouragement and support given to us in 2020, Fr Dan and I wish you every blessing, good health, happiness and contentment throughout the New Year. Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh Tony Mullins P.P.

Reflection from Fr Dan's homily on the Feast of the Holy Family

*If with pleasure you are viewing
Some good work that I am doing,
And you like me, or you love me
Tell me now.*

*Don't withhold your approbation
Till 'Father' makes oration
And I lie with snowy lilies o'er my brow.*

*For then, no matter how you shout it,
I won't hear too much about it
I won't see
How many teardrops you have shed.*

*So; If you think some praise is due me,
'Now' is the time to slip it to me,
For I cannot read my tombstone,
When I'm dead.*

*If I'm worthy of some appreciation, now bestow it.
If you love me let me know it.
Let the words of encouragement NOW be said.*

*Do not wait till life is over and I'm underneath the clover.
For I cannot read my tombstone,
When I'm gone !*

Pope Francis' 10 New Year's Resolutions for You

Have you made any New Year's resolutions? If not, there's still time, and Pope Francis has some ideas for you. These are the ten things that he called upon Vatican employees to do:

1. "Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are."
2. "Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love."
3. "Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy."
4. "Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence."
5. "Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others."
6. "Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord."
7. "Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people."
8. "Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation."
9. "Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker ... the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this."
10. "Making sure your Christmas is about Jesus and not about shopping."

New Archbishop of Dublin

Let's remember in our prayers Archbishop elect, Dermot Farrell as he takes up a new and challenging appointment. He offered an encouraging thought to us all when he said at the announcement of his appointment: 'Our lives are in God's hands. Every person's life is a mystery. We do not always appreciate this, but that does not make it less true. We do not know what the future will be. What we do know is, that placing our lives in God's hands, our lives will bear fruit. It was this way for God's own Son who on the Cross prayed, "into your hands I commend my spirit."' It's a good thought for us as we prepare to move into a new year.

Christmas Masses

Sincere thanks to everyone who assisted in the celebration of our Christmas Liturgies. We acknowledge the good will and understanding of all parishioners in relation to the restrictions placed on the number of people who could attend Mass on Christmas

Visiting Crib

Parishioners are welcome to visit the Crib in the Church any day up to 12th Jan between 11.30am – 6pm. The Crib is located just inside the front door of the main church. The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is also open Mon – Sat 11am-6pm and on Sun 1pm-6pm.