



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



**7th March 2021**

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**Intentions for this weekend**

**6.30pm** John Joe Lane, Ballaugh Month mind  
 Mary O'Connor, Knockbrack Anniv.

**10am** Eleanor Parr Died in Canada  
 Michael & Teresa Devine  
 Johnny & Eily Lane, New Street

**12noon** Ted Mulcahy, Dromtrasna Anniv.  
 Johnny Lane, New Street Anniv.  
 Vera Broderick, New Street Anniv.

**Intentions for the week.**

**Mon 7pm** Deceased Members of the  
 Abbeyfeale Book Club

**Tues 10am** Christy O'Sullivan, Tournafulla and  
 NCW  
 Mary Fitzgerald and deceased members of the  
 O'Sullivan Family

**Wed 10am Pro Populo**

**Thurs 10am** Lisa Doran

**No Saturday morning Mass**

**Intentions for next weekend**

**6.30pm** Pa Colbert, Killarney Road  
 Billy & Joan Colbert, Killarney Road  
 Mary Clancy, New Street Month Mind

**10am** Ned & Peg Leahy, The Millstream  
 their son Emmet and Daughter Ita Kelly  
 Sean & Margaret and Lukeen Scannell  
 The Hill Anniv.

**12noon** Kitty Fitzgerald, The Railway Bar.  
 Anniv.

**Thank You**

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

**Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday during Lent online from the Church beginning at 9.30am.

***The Year of St Joseph***

Pope Francis has announced that this year will be the *Year of St. Joseph*. Pope Francis explained why he made this decree.

"I would like to share some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience. My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility.

How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all. Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble.

Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all."

***Pope Francis' Prayer to Saint Joseph***

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
 To you God entrusted his only Son;  
 in you Mary placed her trust;  
 with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
 show yourself a father  
 and guide us in the path of life.  
 Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
 and defend us from every evil. Amen.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

During Lent there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday evening from 6.00pm to 7.00pm and on Thursday mornings after the 10.00am Mass until 12noon.



***Covid -19: A Year On***

This week marks the first anniversary of the appearance of the Covid – 19 pandemic in Ireland. In a statement issued this week by the Catholic Bishops of the West of Ireland, the bishops said, "Many of us will be familiar with the experience of arriving at what we thought was the top of a mountain only to discover that there is still further to climb. Sometimes the last bit can be the hardest of all. Many are disappointed and frustrated, at the news of an indefinite extension of lockdown. Most people recognise the need for prudence and caution at the present time, in the light of the terrible loss of life in January and February. Now is not the time for a major reopening of society."

***Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation***

The Government plan currently does not indicate when we might expect to return to public Sacramental life. Because of this it is difficult at this stage to offer clarity as to when the parish will be able to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. As of now, we have decided to defer announcing dates for these Sacramental Celebrations in Abbeyfeale until the beginning of May. Hopefully by then we will have a clearer view of the way ahead. In the meantime, we encourage young people and their parents to continue with their preparation.

The parish will also be offering resources to parents to help prepare the children at home.

As part of that preparation we invite all families in the parish to make a deliberate decision to link into one of the Masses each weekend

***Prayer of Gratitude***

*You are enough  
 If you can still weep at injustice, you are enough.  
 If your eyes are dry but you are moved to act, you are enough.  
 If you can extend a hand to the hopeless, you are enough.  
 If all you have to give is a tender thought, you are enough.  
 If you will not abide by the exploitation of others, you are enough.  
 If your soul feels the suffering of our sisters and brothers in poverty, you are enough.  
 And if you can imagine a world made better one life at a time because you cared,  
 You – remarkable, kind, compassionate,  
 you – are so much more than enough.*

Prayer from this year's Trócaire Lenten Resources



Please join in this year's Trócaire Lenten Campaign. Trócaire Boxes are now available in the Blessed Sacrament Church.

