



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



8th Nov. 2020 32nd Sunday in ordinary time www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@eircom.net Fr Tony Mullins PP 087/2600414

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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Neilus Flynn, Cedarville Month mind
 Kathleen (Liam) O'Connor
 Bridie & Sean Leahy, Bogmount
 Johnny Donovan died in NY recently
 Nick & Eleanor Cotter, Upper Purt
 Johnny Flynn, Banard Anniv.

10am Margaret & John O'Connell,
 Meenkilly and their daughter Maureen Burke

12noon Johnny Lane, Kilconlea Upper
 Bridget & Patrick Cleary,
 Birmingham and Main Street

Mon 7pm Sr Ann O'Sullivan
 Daniel P O'Connor, Grogeen

Tues 10am

Wed 10am Pro-Populo

Thurs 10am Noreen O'Rourke, Clash Rd

Fri 10am

No Saturday morning Mass

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm John Ward, Balaugh Months mind
 Patrick & David O'Connor,
 Caherhayes
 Jack & Mary McKenna, Knockbrack
 Donal & Nell Fitzgerald and their son
 Patrick .

Julia Anne & Jimmy Browne Main Street
 Bridget Browne and deceased members of
 the Browne and Lane families.

10am Kathy & Tom Scanlon and
 Mick Scanlon
 Fr Bill Lane and Sr De Pazzi

12noon Shelia O'Connell Anniv.
 Eileen & Patrick Roche, Killarney Rd.

Tree of Remembrance

The Tree of remembrance will be in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for the month of the Holy Souls. You are invited at your own convenience to place the names of your deceased relatives on it. Tags will be available beside the tree.

Exploring Eucharist - Reflecting on phrases from the Mass.

This week we reflect on

'Christ have Mercy, May almighty God have Mercy on us'

The word Mercy suggests asking pardon from one who is all-powerful, or clemency, when one has been proven guilty. I can only say the words 'Have Mercy on Me' when I am aware of being guilty and when I am aware of myself speaking to one who is far greater than I am. But when I say, 'Christ Have Mercy', there is another element, besides guilty and 'greater than I'. It is that I know the character of the one whom I implore. Not an cold-hearted judge from whom little can be expected, nor an unfeeling, distant authority. But one who has profound compassion for me in my fragility and a true grasp of my deep desire, and a sense of who I can be, that is far greater than my own. May all who call on the Lord have a deep realisation that their lives are bathed in inexhaustible compassion.

(From Exploring Eucharist by Donal Harrington)

'Living our faith in a time of Covid-19'

Bishop Brendan Leahy has written a Pastoral Letter to the people of the diocese entitled 'Living our faith in a time of Covid-19'. In the letter Bishop Leahy is offering ten simple tips as an encouragement to keep watering the seed of faith within us during this time of pandemic. The bishop says that "With our movements curtailed, we have a chance to take a more contemplative approach to life. We can check on our spiritual health, we can cultivate the interior space from which we draw when we bring our faith to action and work for the Kingdom of God".

Pope Francis describes this process as "letting oneself be shaped by the love of Jesus, having his same sentiments (see Phil 2: 5), asking oneself continuously: What have I done for Christ? What am I doing for Christ? What ought I to do for Christ?"

Asking these questions, embracing this mind-set opens our eyes to the world around us, with all its need, and draws us to putting our faith into action – to putting our faith into action by helping where we can. It prompts us to be the "missionary disciples" that Pope Francis so often encourages us to be.

It needs to be said again that faith urges us to act responsibly in abiding by public health advice and regulations – keeping social distance, washing of hands, wearing a face mask, limiting our physical social interactions. So, here are ten pointers I want to suggest for living our faith in a time of COVID-19. Over the coming weeks we will highlight each of the Tips that Bishop Brendan suggest to us in his letter.

'Living our faith in a time of Covid-19' - TIP ONE

BELIEVE IN GOD'S LOVE

The many references to mindfulness in popular culture during this period of stress and strain are signs of a desire to focus on the present. This resonates well with the good practice within the Christian tradition of living the present moment well. We normally spend so much time revisiting the past or planning the dreams of the future, but easily ignore to focus on the present. St Thérèse of Lisieux used to say, "You know that to love you, Lord, I only have today." The "sacrament of the present moment", as it is sometimes called, brings with it a chance to believe in divine providence by living each day, each moment, as a gift with its grace and strength of being able to see, hear and touch God's closeness to us. So many spiritual teachers emphasise the present moment. Why not develop the practice of saying silently, "for you, Jesus" before each action during the day?

Remembering and Praying for our deceased loved ones.

In current times, with restricted access to churches, we offer these suggestions of a way of remembering our dead during November 2020. Remembering and praying for our loved ones who have gone before us, is a traditional practice in Irish Catholic life. Why not create a sacred /prayer space / altar in your home for the month of November. Set it up on any surface - the top of a shelf, a mantelpiece, a desk, a shelf that hangs on the wall. It doesn't have to be perfect and you can always move it later. Place some religious items on top. You may wish to place a cloth down first, as a way of marking this place out as special for the month. On the altar / sacred space you can place objects that represent your faith such as a Bible, candles, rosaries, statues, crosses, flowers, prayer books, medals, pictures, St Brigid's Cross etc. One good idea is to display prayers in frames for reading aloud. At the sacred space, place a bowl containing the memorial cards (or photos) of the deceased / a list of the deceased. During the month, alone or with others, each day take some memorial cards / names on the list to speak their names aloud. This can be done at any time but may be particularly effective at night prayer. Speak one sentence about them; a memory you have of them, what they mean to you, what they symbolise. Finish with a closing prayer along the lines of the following:

Some suggested night prayers:

May the Lord support us all the day long, till the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at last.

— Saint John Henry Newman

As night falls and you look for peace and sleep, forgive what needs to be forgiven with all the love in your heart and soul, and let the day close as it began, with thanksgiving. - Sister Stan

Parish Finance: In these unprecedented times, I would like to thank parishioners for their ongoing generous support for the parish. I particularly wish to thank all who contributed to the collections held last Sunday afternoon for the Missions, the Weekly Offertory Collection and the November Mass offerings. I am very aware that it is a challenging and stressful time for everyone. During this time of economic uncertainty, the ongoing financial support of all who contribute to the parish is greatly appreciated. In recent weeks we have put a donate facility on the parish website and parishioners have begun to use this facility to make contributions to the parish. This is a simple method of contributing to the parish. Just click on to the parish website at www.abbeyfealeparish.ie and you will see a **Donate** button on the right hand side on the front page of the website. Just follow the instructions and you will be able to make your donation to the parish.

Tax Relief on Donations to Eligible Charities

Another important way you can assist the parish with its funding is through participating in the Donations to Charities Tax Relief Scheme. In recent years, those who qualify for this scheme have helped the parish gain additional funds for the parish at no extra cost to themselves, by simply signing the CHY 3 Enduring Certificate. This cert is renewable every five years. In other words, it needs to be signed by the donor every five years. This year there are a significant number of donors who haven't renewed the CHY3 Cert. If the CHY 3 certs are not signed, there is a real danger that thousands of euros that could come to the parish will remain uncollected from the Revenue and the parish will be at a significant loss. It is particularly important this year, that donors complete the CHY 3 certificates as due to the Covid-19 pandemic the parish is down 60% on its income. During the week, the parish office will be sending out the CHY Certs to the relevant donors and I am appealing to them to sign the certs and return to me as soon as is possible in the enclosed stamped address envelope. May God reward you for your continued kindness and generosity.

Fr Tony Mullins

ACCORD PRE-MARRIAGE COURSES AND COUNSELLING SERVICES: Until at least May 2021 Accord pre-marriage courses will take place live on-line with up to 12 couples; via ZOOM, they will be interactive and delivered by 2 presenters. Accord has also resumed face to face counselling. Contact Accord by Phone or online to book.

ALONE: We provide resources and training to new and well established befriending and support services. Training options are available to both the staff of services and their volunteers. It might be worthwhile contacting WLR on 06962222 to see if they would coordinate a group of volunteers and then organise training. Further information : email hello@alone.ie or call ALONE on 01-679 1032.