



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



2nd March 2025 www.abbeyfealeparish.ie email fealechurch@gmail.com Church Sacristy 068 - 51915 Parish Office 11am to 1pm

Co Parish Priests of the Pastoral Area

Fr Tom Mangan 087/2348226
Fr Denis Mullane 087/2621911
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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Peg & Jack O'Connell New Street Anniv.
 Agata Bajek 1st Anniv.
 Mary Jo Flynn, Mountmahon Months Mind.

10am Special Intention (Operation)

12noon Johnny Lane New Street Anniv.
 Ted Mulcahy, Dromtrasna Anniv.
 Margaret Quirke, Killarney Road 3rd Anniv.

Intentions for next week

Mon 7pm Betty & James Reidy, The Hill
 Special Intention

Tues 10am & 11.30am Confirmation Ceremony
 in the Parish

Both Gates will be locked on Monday Night at 8pm

Wed 10am & 7pm Ash Wednesday
Thurs 10am
Fri 10am

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Mary Ita Barry Clash Road 1st Anniv.
 Margaret O'Connor, Knocknasna Months Mind.

10am Margaret & Sean & Lukeen Scannell, The Hill
 Anniv.

12noon Mary Griffin Anniv.
 Nora & Patrick Collins and their
 son Hugh and daughter Betty
 Joe Healy, Killarney Road Months Mind and
 Mary Healy and deceased family members

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of Laurence Lenihan
 Dromtrasna South whose funeral took place during the week.
 May he rest in peace. Amen

Ash Wednesday is a kind of a spiritual New Year, a time to make resolutions, to wipe the old slate clean and begin again. Still others seek a more intimate connection with God. Some could not tell you why they search out a church on Ash Wednesday, it just seems the place to be.' ~Virginia Smith

Ash Wednesday is hugely popular but why ashes? It is not a good luck gesture or magical. But like many Christian symbols it's intended to remind us of something. At one time, ashes were used to make soap. Ashes contain alkali, a soluble chemical that is a powerful cleaning agent. Symbolically and spiritually Lent can also be a time of cleaning and a washing away of negativity, hatred, selfishness, anger, hurts and other stuff that needs to be cleaned away. Ashes have also been traditionally used as a fertiliser. Farmers used to burn the stubble of last year's crops and the ashes were then ploughed into the soil. New crops could then grow with vigour and energy. Lent can also be a time to put some vigour and energy into our spiritual lives, to allow room for growth particularly light, hope, courage and many other blessings. Whether you get ashes or not today. What growth, new beginning would you like to see happen in your life?
 There is much to look forward this Lent.

A Prayer For Lent by Pope Francis:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
 Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
 Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
 Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
 Fast from worries and have trust in God.
 Fast from complaints – contemplate simplicity
 Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
 Fast from bitterness, fill your hearts with joy
 Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
 Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Confirmation in the parish

We welcome Bishop Brendan Leahy to the Parish on Tuesday next to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with the pupils of our five parish schools. A special word of thank to the teachers of all our schools who put in a great deal of time and work to make it a very special ceremony. Thanks to the sponsors who support these young people at this important time in their lives. We hope you all have a lovely day with your families.
 God bless

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for Lent

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Church on Thursday and Friday each week during Lent beginning after the 10am Mass and continuing until 8.00pm both days. We encourage as many people as possible to select a time on Thursday or Friday, a time that is practical for you. Write your name on the timetable. Make a promise to the Lord that you will do your best to be faithful to your hour of prayer. The Committee would like a least 3-4 persons names on the chart for every hour in order for this important Adoration to continue in the parish. Thanks to the organising committee for making the Adoration in Abbeyfeale possible, which has been a long tradition here. Tel numbers for the committee will be published next week.

Community Choral Group

There will be a community meeting held on **Tuesday 4th of March @ 7pm** in St. Ita's Community Hall in relation to the development of a community choral group. We invite all who attended the workshops before Christmas and extend the invitation to new people who might be interested. The meeting is to look at how to progress the group and its direction. No singing experience is necessary just an open mind, some positivity, and a willingness to learn. Further details are available from Dearbhla @ West Limerick Resources by email to dconlon@wlr.ie or call 087 6750869.

Neurodiverse Parenting Group - Abbeyfeale

All welcome to join the first Neurodiverse Parenting Group meeting in Abbeyfeale. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday 6th of March @ 7pm in **St. Ita's Community Hall, Abbeyfeale**. Further details are available from Dearbhla. Email dconlon@wlr.ie or call 087 6750869.

St Joseph's Young Priest Society will take place on Tuesday 4th March at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Alone

Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please apply via the ALONE website at www.alone.ie or for further information please contact Caroline on 086-0591399 or via email caroline.bradley@alone.ie

If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please call 0818 222 024.'

TROUBLED BATCHLORS: Abbeyfeale Drama's new production at the Glórach Theatre Booking 087 1383940.

Please take to leaflet home with you or place in the bins on your way out.