



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



23rd 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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Fr Dan Lane (Retired) 087/2533030
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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm Suzanne Hayes 2nd Anniv. and her husband John.
 Patsy Aeria & Stephen Siva Anniv.
 Johnny Broderick, Bogmount and deceased family members
 Laurence (Larry) Lenihan Months Mind
 Breda Aherne, Convent Road Months Mind

10am Ita O'Connell, Kilmanihan Anniv.
 Kitty Cotter Flynn's Restaurant 1st Anniv.

12noon Pro Populo

Intentions for next week

Mon 7pm Peggy Moloney, Knocknasna 10th Anniv.
 Pat Ita & Timmy Chaill and Jenny Leonard

Tues 10am

Wed 10am Ava White, Killarney Road Anniv.

Thurs 10am

Fri 10am Jimmy O'Mara, Church Street Anniv.

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Mairéad Lenihan Clash 5th Anniv.
 Paddy & Kitty Donovan and deceased family members
 Dromtransa Harnett.

10am Bridie Quirke, Convent Road Anniv.
 Jim & Nora Harnett The Hill and their daughter
 Bridie Geary London

Mary B Kelly Knocknasna and deceased family members
12noon

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of Phil Annie Collins Church Street whose funeral took place on Wednesday. May she rest in peace.

Lenten Fast days meanings as Gaelic

We can learn much from the words and language of our ancestors, from the story of our own people, the people who tilled the soil and walked the ground we walk today, the legacy they have left behind, Even the language they spoke gives a window into their inner world. The words that came from their lips revealed the values they held in their hearts. One example of this is the names they give to the days of the week.

We all learned them in Irish going to school, De Ceardaoin, De Deardaoin, De hAoine and so on. We learned them at school, but most of us ever dug deeper into their origins. If we had, what would we have discovered about our people. In preparation for Easter, our people fasted for three days, Spy Wednesday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

“ Wednesday “ In Gaelic is De Cead Aoin, the day of the first fast. The fast on Wednesday of Holy week was to unite with the betrayal of Jesus on Spy Wednesday.

Thursday in Gaelic is De Dara Aoin They fasted on Holy Thursday, the day the Lord celebrated the Last Supper giving us the Eucharist, the Bread of Life. They fasted on Holy Thursday in appreciation of the gift.

Good Friday in Gaelic is De hAoine, the day of the Great Fast, because it was on Good Friday that Jesus died on Calvary of us. They joined with Him in pain and suffering to become one with Him.

They didn't just know in their heads what happened on these days. They felt it in their hearts.

They felt the need to honour the days by fasting.

The practice of Fasting extends right deep into our Gaelic Roots. It is embedded in our Gaelic tongue, in the Words they used, and this tradition of Fasting goes right back to our Faith Roots.

The Lenten Fast was for forty days, living in their own lives the forty days Jesus fasted in the desert. And fasting for them wasn't about giving up grapes or oranges for Lent!!!

Fasting for our ancestors was Bread & Water

Why Bread? Jesus had used the miracle of bread to feed people. Jesus had promised the Bread of Life, which was precious to them. Jesus had broken bread and given to His disciples in the Eucharist. Jesus promised that those who eat this bread would live forever.

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.



Wedding

Congratulations to James O'Brien and Mary Theresa Delaney who celebrated the sacrament of Marriage here in Abbeyfeale on the 14th March. We wish them every happiness in their married life together.

Baptisms Time in the Pastoral Area

Abbeyfeale First Saturday of the month @ 5pm
 Second Sunday of the month @12.45

Athea: Fourth Saturday Sunday @12 noon
 Templeglantine: First Saturday of month @ 4pm

Tourrnafulla: Second Sunday of the month @ 11.45am

Mountcollins: Third Sunday of the month at 11.45am

The Church email address has changed to

The new email address is fealechurch@gmail.com
Telephone number 068/51915

The church office will be closed next week.
To book a mass intention ring around Mass times.

Church Radio: A new Church Radio system has been installed in the church, which will allow parishioners who are confined at home to listen into Mass and other religious services. You can tune in on 105.900FM

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