



ABBEYFEALE PARISH NEWS



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Twenty - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Intentions for this weekend

7pm Neilus Healy and parents Jeremiah and Ita, Ballaugh Sean Riordan late of Ballaugh and Chicago who died in July. May he rest in peace.

9.30am Michael Scannell, New Street and his father Jack Scannell Anniv.

Tom Lane, Ballaugh Anniv.

12noon Jack O Grady, Dromtrasna South Anniv.

Kathleen Lane, Ballaugh Anniv.

Intentions for next week

Mon 10am Murphy family, Glenashrone

Tues 10am Thanksgiving Mass

Fri 10am Special intention

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of Bridget Mary O'Brien, Collins Park whose funeral took place on Saturday. May she rest in peace.

Reilig Ide Naofa Graveyard committee thank you for your participation at the Mass last Tuesday evening.

Readers for September 16th : Team 6.

Eucharistic Ministers for Sept. 16th Teams C A B

ABBEYFEALE FOR AFRICA . Start Walking

We will have the charity walk on Sunday Sept 16th (6 km) leaving from the church @ 3pm. Refreshments afterwards in St Ita's hall . Fr Tim Galvin will walk with us

TIR NA NOG TODDLER GROUP

We will resume our Tuesday meetings @ St Ita's hall , starting next Tues Sept 11th . 11am--12.30pm.

New members very welcome.

Bereavement Support "Seasons for Growth" a Bereavement support Programme for adults will commence on Thursday 27th Sept 7.30pm–9pm in St. Ita's Hall and continue on the following Thursdays. Hopefully this programmes will be a help to all who are suffering the pain of bereavement through death or separation . Info. Contact 31203/31262/31019

Legion of Mary

In 1992 Frank Duff in Dublin established a new organization which was to spread worldwide. Its purpose was to involve the laity in the church's work.

The local individual unit is called a presidium. In Abbeyfeale the first presidium, a male unit, was formed in 1963 and was dedicated to our Lady under the title Muire Gan smál [Immaculate Conception]

Legion members are expected to dedicate two hours a week to apostolic work and attend a weekly meeting, which lasts about an hour. Our members devote themselves to dedicating themselves to visiting the sick, mostly in hospitals and nursing homes as well as promoting catholic literature, papers and pamphlets.

They print a monthly news letter which is sent to all our exiles, keeping them in touch with home. Everything that promotes faith and worship e.g. perpetual adoration, it tries to be invoiced as far as possible.

Naturally its involvement is limited by its numbers so we would be delighted to see new members coming forward. Like the first Apostles no special qualifications are required apart from dedication to Christ and loyalty to his blessed mother.

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 23rd Sept contact Peg 068/31232

Retirement group

The Ara Na Feile Active Retirement Group will hold their 1st meeting of the new season on Wed. 12th Sept. at 2pm in the Abbeyfeale Adult Education Centre

Abbeyfeale Drama Group will hold their AGM on Thurs. 13th Sept In Leens Hotel @ 8pm

Quiz Night is being held in Aid of Limerick Rape Crisis Centre at The Ploughman's Bar @ 9.30pm 13th

Limerick Diocese welcomes Child Safeguarding report and urges anybody who has been abused to come forward

The Diocese of Limerick has published the review by the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (NBSCCCI) of the Safeguarding Practice in the diocese and welcomes its findings.

The report – one of seven such reports published in relation to four dioceses and three congregations - follows a full review in March of this year of case-files in the Diocese as well as interviews with key personnel involved in safeguarding children.

The review of child safeguarding policy by the NBSCCCI was initiated at the request of Diocesan Administrator Fr Tony Mullins and its aims were to determine if current safeguarding practice complies with the standards set out by the NBSCCCI and if all known allegations and concerns have been dealt with appropriately.

The audit dealt with complaints received from 1975 to the present. Some complaints refer back to the 1940s. Since 1940 over 500 hundred priests ministered in the Diocese; 26 of these were the subject of complaints (18 were priests of the Limerick Diocese).

The safeguarding practices in the Diocese were assessed against seven national standards and 48 criteria. The Report found that 44 out of 48 criteria have been fully met, the remaining four are partially met. All allegations received by the Diocese have been reported to the statutory authorities. Fr Tony Mullins Diocesan Administrator said:

“Our first thoughts on the publication of reports must be with all victims of clerical abuse. Abuse of children is reprehensible and there are no words that can adequately express the depth of pain endured by people who have been sexually abused.

At our end, we have a dedicated phone-line (087 3233564) to handle any complaints and are fully confident, as supported by this report, that the proper processes are in place to deal with any complaints sensitively and with certainty of prompt referral to statutory authorities.”

The 30 page report is the most comprehensive review ever undertaken into child safeguarding practices in the Limerick Diocese. It measures the practices in the Diocese under seven standards and 48 criteria under those seven standards. The four ‘partially met’ criteria relate to the need for further development of policies regarding: Whistle blowing, IT Policy, Intimate Care and Communications. Said Fr Mullins: “All four of these are addressed in our revised policy and procedures, as acknowledged in the Review”.

The Report cites the “competence and enthusiasm of the trainers in the Diocese”. To that end over 800 people (clergy, religious, lay employees and volunteers) have attended information sessions and training on Safeguarding Children in the Diocese since 2004. At least 200 of these people have had specific safeguarding roles or work exclusively with young people in youth ministry.

“The report also notes that our ongoing interagency meetings, which focus on safeguarding children and management of risk and which were initiated by Bishop Murray on his appointment, are the first that the national board has seen working so successfully.

“The report would suggest that we are currently in keeping with those standards in the Diocese as our policies and practices are sound, we have good people in place and we have an excellent and transparent relationship with the State authorities.”

Limerick Safeguarding and Child Protection contact information

Anyone with a child protection concern may contact:

An Garda Síochána, Henry St. Limerick 061-21 24 00;

HSE, Ballycummin Ave, Raheen Business Park, Limerick 061-48 27 92 (Office Hours);

Diocesan Designated Person, Mr Ger Crowley 087-32 33 564 (Dedicated Mobile) Email: ger@ldo.ie

Postal correspondence: Ger Crowley Safeguarding Children Service, Limerick Diocesan Office, Social Service Centre, Henry Street, Limerick

Limerick Social Service Council: offers a free confidential counselling service for individuals and families to support them in their personal growth. Counselling is provided by trained Counsellors and Family Therapists, at the Centre in Henry Street and an outreach service is also in Newcastle West, Abbeyfeale . For further information please contact 061-314111 / 314213, info@lssc.ie / <http://www.lssc.ie/>