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Live Webcam in Abbeyside Church



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Mass Times in our Parish

Saturday (Vigil)	7.00 p.m.	Abbeyside
Sunday	9.30 a.m.	Abbeyside
	10.00 a.m.	Ballinroad
	11.00 a.m.	Garranbane
	12 noon	Abbeyside

Weekdays (Monday-Friday) 10.00 a.m. Abbeyside

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 5.00 p.m.

If Elderly or Sick and Housebound



If you know of someone who would like the priest to visit with Holy Communion on First Fridays or at any other time, please let us know at the parish office 058-45787 .



Parish of Abbeyside

Ballinroad & Garranbane Newsletter

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—Sunday 7th October, 2018

Autumn Station Masses

As previously announced, the October station masses take place this weekend:-

Ballinroad Church	Sunday 7th	October at 10.00 a.m.
Garranbane Church	Sunday 7th	October at 11.00 a.m.
Abbeyside Church	Sunday 7th	October at 12.00 noon

The Station envelope is the Mauve & White coloured one in your box of envelopes. There will be a second collection taken up after Holy Communion for this purpose. We thank you in advance for your generosity. **Extra envelopes are also available at the back of the church.**

Abbeyside, Ballinroad and Garranbane Children's Liturgy Group



The Children's Liturgy Group are back on Thursday night next, October 11th at 6.45pm to 8pm in Abbeyside Church. We would be delighted to welcome children from 1st Class upwards to come along and join us for music, dance, prayer and drama. We look forward to seeing the group and would love as many new members as possible to come along too! Parents are asked to please accompany their child into the Church to meet the leaders on October 11th.

Alpha Programme

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Typically run over eleven weeks, each talk looks at different questions around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. It runs in café's, churches, universities, homes – you name it. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have 3 key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation. There are two venues in the diocese currently offering Alpha. The events are free. St. Joseph & St. Benildus Parish Centre - every Tuesday evening from 7pm-9pm. Mansion House, Johnstown, Waterford - every Thursday evening from 7pm-9pm. A training session for anyone interested in hosting Alpha will be held in St. Paul's Parish Centre on Tuesday next the 9th October from 7pm-9pm.

The World of Nano Nagle

A lecture will be held on Sat 20th Oct by Maurice Bric UCD, to examine the World of Nano Nagle, when the Penal Laws were enforced, ignored and abolished. 10am – 4pm; €65 incl. light lunch; Booking required through Nano Nagle Birthplace 022 26411/ www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie

Abbeyside/Ballinacourty Hurling County Final 2018

The Player.

The week of a County Final. What do you do with yourself as a player? What goes through your mind? Not thinking about all the peripheral stuff. That's the committees' job and all the supporters. Player thinking must keep an eye on the weather forecast. Fast fellas looking for sunshine, the lads with a little less pace maybe hoping for rain to slow down the fast fellas! Mass, must get Mass. Will I have the same breakfast I always have or will I have something else? Will I sleep the night before? Will I wear moulded studs or screw on studs? Extra pair of laces, togs, socks my favourite keep sake. All those things I just mentioned that Joe Power drilled into you as "matters under your own control including a toilet roll if you think you will need it". For sure I am not thinking of history but I am dreaming, no it's more I believe we will win. The final visit before the game to the graveyard, maybe grand-parents, wife, husband, father, mother, brother or sister or even an icon of the club.



A time of remembrance.

The visit to the grave yard is about not only looking for Divine help from those gone before but a genuine reflection on those people who loved and cherished you. The family or friends who we remember as a source of inspiration. After all these are the people who supported you as you grew from a tentative 5-year-old to now being on the cusp of your best hurling day ever with family, club & friends. The club and all its members remember those individuals who have gone to their eternal rewards who laboured so hard to put in place the tools & instilled the love of the game to get all of us to this point. These people may be gone but not forgotten. When we landed here over 22 years ago the people who I remember (and there a lot more before my time, my apologies) who have left us included hugely influential Chairman Tony Mansfield who has left a massive legacy behind him along with the teams of people he led for so long, including team management & selection and club committees at all levels. Tony also led the club as our lead delegate at the County Board representing our club with great knowledge and passion. All of this was done with an extraordinary level of energy, dedication and an absolute love for club. It's no surprise that Tony's son Michael runs our academy exhibiting tremendous organizational skills. This includes our mini All Ireland under lights starting the 5th of October. As well as Tony in those 22 years in my time other people who have passed on & need to be remembered are as follows:- People such as Seamus O'Brien who not only held positions in our club but the Waterford County Board & the highest committees in the land at Croke Park. Greg Fives, ex-chairman, team manager, selector, Munster delegate who had the audacity to ask at a Munster Council meeting who Frank Murphy was (very tongue in cheek), Noel Fleming another great chairman, Danny Lenihan of Danny's shop, the New Line, Richie Duggan who hurled with the club, Mattie Organ of the Village Inn who was a great supporter of our underage teams, young Philip Cashin who played football in goal for the club, Michael Collins who not only played Intermediate Hurling & also Senior hurling & football for this club but epitomised everything that is good with true club passion. Some lads might have thought they were finished playing when they got to their late twenties or into their thirties. They were looking at all of the young bucks coming through and could have walked away. But Mick gathered them all up and had them playing Junior "C" Hurling & Junior "B" football. You would have thought at one stage fellas might be hoping to be dropped so they could play with Mick's merry band of men who truly enjoyed themselves and acquitted themselves brilliantly. It was also a time to reflect on some of the great men who soldiered through the 50's to the 1969 team. A brilliant piece this week by our own Joe Power with Dermot Keyes in this week's Munster Express highlights a great bunch of hurlers. Upon landing here in March 1996, I thought we landed in heaven. The intermediate team beat Ferrybank in the County Final. Players such as Jimmy Healy, Gavin Breen, Dermot Ryan, Moggy Murray, Mick Collins, Hiker McGrath, Jonathan, Alan & Dwane Moore, Paudie Shields, Conor Clancy, Justin Walsh, Billy Keohan, Laurence Hurney, Alan Ryan, Pat Cunningham, Michael Cosgrave, Ger Smith,

Michael Enright, Jimmy Stacey, Paul Breen, Brian Beatty & John Foley got Abbeyside over the line. My memory prior to the game was the talk of the great Abbeyside Teams of the 50's & 60's. Particularly the 69 team as it was more recent. Abbeyside household names tripped off the tongue even to a blow-in such as me. Austin Flynn, Donal Whelan (RIP), Joe Power, Tony Mansfield (RIP), John Cosgrave, Bob O' Brien an ex-Chairman, Pat & Liam Enright, Larry Cliffe, John Cosgrave, Bernard Shields long time Secretary & Chairman, Roger, Eddie & Nicky Cashin, John McGrath, Mick Kiely, Pakie Hogan, Brian O'Connor, Greg Fives (RIP), Denis Flynn (RIP), Lar Cummins, Pat McGovern & Joe Flynn (RIP), Blessed Murray, Anthony Duggan, Connie Kelleher, Michael (Dasher) Power, Peter Flynn, Joe Flynn (RIP) & Maurice Cliffe. Quite a few of these players were involved when Abbeyside won the inaugural County under 21 Championship in 1966. A mightier bunch of men you could never meet. We mustn't forget the 2008 team who reached the county final in 2008 against De-La-Salle under the guidance of Bernard Gorman & Pakie Hurney. It was heart breaking for that team of 2008 who are fresher in the mind. Mark Fives, Stephen Lanigan, Shane Briggs, Jonathan Moore, Patrick Hurney, Eoin Brackett, Seán O'Hare, Gavin Breen, Gary Hurney, James Hayes, Simon Hanrahan, John Gorman, Patrick Lynch, Pa Enright, John Kindregan, Laurence Hurney. Shane O'Donovan, Brian Scanlon, Stephen Enright, Brendan Walsh, John Phelan, Stephen Slater, Eoin Enright, John Foley, Daryl Ryan, Tiernan Murray, Richie Foley, James O'Mahony, Michael Enright, John Hurney, Declan Fives, Mark Ferncombe, Mark Gorman. It is great to see the experience of Patrick Hurney, Eoin Brackett, Sean O'Hare, Shane Donovan, Stephen Enright, Tiernan Murray, Richie Foley, James O'Mahony John Hurney, Mark Ferncombe with Laurence Hurney & Shane Briggs on the side line. Make no mistake - going in to Sunday's game - this is an experienced bunch.

Back to the future.

Our club is in rude health. This week started very positively with the clubs under 12's & 13's boys and girls participating in a world record at Croke Park last Sunday. Organised by the Clubs Health & Wellbeing Chairman Eamon Cashin the trip to Croke Park with the girls & boys included coaches, Michelle Kiely, Paudie Morrissey, Jason O'Donovan, Deirdre Foley & also Dermot Mackle helping the previous week with coaching. Our kids got 30 minutes on the hallowed ground which is not to be sneezed at. Our under 10 academy All-Irelands start this Friday night the 5th of October & will continue for the next 5 weeks. Our Under 14's under the guidance of John Kiely & his mentors play Ballygunner at 1pm in Fraher Field in the County Final this Saturday. We wish John & his team the very best of luck. Please come out and support this show opener against Ballygunner.

Club Update.

Our one club policy is taking shape. We have added to the club committee the Ladies Gaelic Football Club & Camogie Club meaning all have an input at the club table. We welcome Michelle Kiely & Peter Jordan on board. Our Healthy Club initiative under the Guidance of Eamon Cashin is making amazing strides. We have partnered with Waterford Sports Partnership (WSP) who are led by Peter Jones & his team. We have completed the Club on the Move initiative with tremendous success and have now moved on to the Couch to 5k programme with (WSP) led by Irene Clarke of West Waterford Athletic Club. Our aim is to involve more families and hence opening up further to the community. Under the Healthy Club Banner Eilis Kiely & Marian Keane are arranging a Cooking/Nutrition course for our 17 to 21-year olds. This is aimed at our kids who will learn all about healthy food and healthy cooking. Who knows, some of these may help the parents that may need a little help in this area. We have put in place an Alcohol, Tobacco & Drugs club policy & completed our first seminar under the auspices and in partnership with the HSE led by Jay Collins. Our club also becomes a no smoking zone from the 1st January 2019. Finally, to Peter Queally, players, back-room team & all supporters-bring on Sunday and the very best of luck!

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Mike Briggs Abbeyside/Ballinacourty Club Chairman