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Live Webcam in Abbeyside Church



Please note that a live web stream now operates from Abbeyside Church. It can be accessed on our parish website on:

[www. http/ abgparish.ie /www.mcnmedia](http://www.abgparish.ie/www.mcnmedia)

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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Sunday 23rd September, 2018

October Station Masses

The October Station Masses will take place on the following dates:

Ballinroad: 7th October at 10.00 a.m.

Garranbane: 7th October at 11.00 a.m.

Abbeyside: 7th October at 12.00 noon.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

This pilgrimage takes place on Sunday, Sept 30th. Bus leaving from Dungarvan. More information on Church notice boards.

Music in the Liturgy

Two Liturgical Music workshops have been arranged in the Diocese – one to cater for east and west of the Diocese. Saturday 29th September @ 10.30a.m in St. John's Pastoral Centre, Waterford. (Please book on or before 24th September. Saturday 20th October @ 10.30a.m in Mount Melleray Abbey. (Please book on or before 15th October) Each day will end at 3.30pm after a break for an hour for lunch. These workshops will be facilitated by Dom Richard Purcell, Mount Melleray Abbey who is an accomplished liturgical musician. The music will be for Ordinary Time, some Advent Pieces and Responsorial Psalms and will be taken from the vast array of liturgical music that has been composed by our Irish composers. Cost is €15 per person including light lunch. Discount will be offered to parishes with groups of eight or over. Please call 051-874199 or email pastoralcentre@waterfordlismore.ie to book.

Lectio Divina

 Lectio Divina will continue in St. John's Pastoral Centre each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. It will be facilitated by the Sisters of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Each week, the Liturgical Readings will be studied for the following weekend, and a greater and deeper understanding of them will be reflected upon. **Donation@ €5.00.**

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 cafés, 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. Clodagh Gallagher is currently organising the Alpha Programme in various venues throughout the Diocese. If you would like to find out more information, or help to organise an Alpha programme in your parish or pastoral area, please contact Clodagh on 087-2755908. **Current Venues:** *St. Benildus Parish Centre* - Tuesday's beginning 18th September from 7pm to 9pm. *Mansion House (39 Johnstown Waterford)* - Thursdays beginning 20th September from 7pm to 9pm



Solas Centre & Anam Cara

Solas Centre & Anam Cara the organisation that supports bereaved parents will be holding a bereavement Information evening on Tuesday 25th September at 7:00pm in the Park Hotel, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford

Family Ministry Day

"Calling *all* Families! Please join us at Sacred Heart Parish, the Folly, on September 29th from 11-1pm (cuppa to follow) for our first Family Ministry Day of the year. Activities include: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children under 6, themed-faith activities for those over 6 and Adult faith formation.

Notices/ Short Articles for Newsletter

If you would like to write a brief piece or include a notice in the Newsletter, please submit to the Parish Office by 12 noon on Wednesday. You can do this by physically handing it in or by email to abgparishoffice@eircom.net



Reflections on Papal Visit

Thoughts on my visit to see Pope Francis in Phoenix Park

From day one when I heard that Pope Francis was visiting Ireland I said I was going. So despite the getting up at 5 a.m. (having attended a terrific wedding the day before in Cork), for bus from Abbeyside at 6.00 a.m. the torrential rain, the warnings about the entire walking etc. I went to visit Pope Francis in the Phoenix Park. We arrived in Dublin early, walked from Ballyfermot to the Phoenix Park with the thousands of other people – men, women, children, and people from all over the world. Continued.....

The atmosphere was a very happy one. So, after the music, song and dance and the beautiful choirs - it was the time for Pope Francis to arrive. The choirs sang their loudest and sweetest as Pope Francis in the Pope mobile smiling and waving and greeting everyone. He seemed so happy to be amongst the people who had come to see him. I was standing on my chair only yards from where he passed and that was so emotional. I was delighted to be there, in his presence. My thoughts were of my family and friends, past and present, and I said a prayer for all of them just at that time. Now, at home, and back to reality – that is my lovely memory. **Ann C.**

We need one another and we need to trust.

Having decided to book a place on the bus to go and see Pope Francis in the Phoenix Park I was happy. As the time came nearer all the talk about the long walk from the bus stop to the Park put doubts into my mind as I thought I would not be up to it. For me a walk from home to Centra would give me trouble with my hip, so doubts came into my mind. I decided to go to the parish office and cancel my place on the bus, having explained my fears to the ladies in the office, I was encouraged to wait and see how I felt nearer the time. On leaving the office, closing the door and walking down the stairs my mind was made up. "Thanks Ladies you helped me in a big way." I never doubt how God looks after us and cares for us, but the trust is always there. I no longer had doubts. The forecast for Sunday was for a lot of rain, again I was not worried, I believed our good Lord would take care of everything. Sunday morning came, the two buses were there at the Pond and we were soon on the way. I had a very pleasant journey as everyone chatted to one another. Our first stop was Carlow for a short break before continuing on to our designated bus stop at Kylemore Park. I had some tea and sandwiches before starting our walk. Father Ned had made it known that he had got some seat passes to accommodate us which was good news and very much appreciated. The heavy rain that was bad on the journey up had stopped so we headed off on our journey in the company of others. I became aware I was being shepherded along by caring and loving people which I appreciated all day and again out of the Park and back to the bus. Thanks to Fr. Ned we were so close to our Holy Father the Pope for the holy sacrifice of the mass. What a privilege for me to be in the Phoenix Park for the visit of our two Popes. My mind went back to 1979 as the full choir of Abbeyside Church travelled to Phoenix Park. I will always remember Tommy Keating (R.I.P.) looking around and exclaiming "There are acres of people here". We did not have as many this time but to all who were there they had said yes to God's invite. Our group consisted of religious and lay people, young and not so young and not so old. A very good mixture and delighted to have people from other parishes. You were all so welcoming and all helped to celebrate the great occasion. I would like to congratulate and thank all who made it possible for me and all others to be there and to our bus drivers for the safe and comfortable journey. **Some of my thoughts on our Holy Father Pope Francis:-**

A man of great feeling, love, care, forgiveness who reaches out to all people in so many different situations like Jesus present on earth. We all need to support him in prayer as he continues to lead us on our journey. Ever grateful to all. **Eddie.**