



Parish of Abbeyside Ballinroad & Garranbane Newsletter

Sunday 2nd February, 2020

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Abbeyside Church:

Another week! On Friday of last week (24th January) I met an architect with a lot of liturgical experience. I had been waiting to meet him for a while, to pick his brain. One suggestion of his is to move the altar further forward. Basically, there is very little space between the altar and tabernacle at present. Add a number of concelebrants and/or Eucharistic ministers and/or altar servers, not to mention a few flower stands, and it gets quite congested. Not a major problem, but now seems like an ideal time to slightly readjust before laying a carpet.

Oops....carpet. We want to see the colour on the wall before finalising the carpet colour. To be sure. The colour on the wall...another conundrum. We can say definitively that the ceiling colour has been decided. It has been painted! Light grey is probably the best description. The trusses too have been highlighted. Cherished gold is the name. The former confessional and decade long shrine became the testing ground of wall colours. Committee and others and I picked our first preference and second preference...PR like! Unanimous we were. Twelve inch square samples. Next, I was teetering about the final call: would it sufficiently match the skirting? Deadlocked and tired one evening at end of business. Ailtire architect reconvened next morning. A larger four foot square sample of first and second preference were painted high up on the wall near the ceiling and truss. First preference failed miserably and was eliminated! Painted over by the white base coat. The greyer grey stood its ground.

It is Thursday evening and I didn't get back to the church since before morning Mass. Waiting for the wall colour to arrive, and to roll on to the already sealed and base coated walls.

New spots were installed on the third truss out from the sanctuary wall. The hitherto dark and dimly (in my estimation and experience) lit sanctuary area now has been brightened or illumined considerably.

As they say in Italy, basta così...that's enough.

Donations to Abbeyside Church

Thank you for the €600, €200 and €100 donations recently received towards the renovation works. Your generosity is most uplifting and deeply appreciated. Míle buíochas.



Feast of St. Blaise. Monday 3rd February.

As the Feast of St Blaise will fall on **Monday, February 3rd** this year, blessing of throats will take place after all **Masses this weekend**.

St. Blaise, who had studied philosophy in his youth, was a doctor in Sebaste in Armenia, the city of his birth. When the bishop of the city died, he was chosen to succeed him. His holiness was manifest through many miracles: from all around, people came to him to find cures for their spirit and their body. In 316, Agricola, the governor of Cappadocia at the order of the Emperor Licinius to kill all Christians, arrested the bishop.

Blaise, while being taken into custody, a distraught mother, whose only child was choking on a fishbone, threw herself at his feet and implored his intercession. Touched at her grief, he offered up his prayers, and the child was cured. Regardless, the governor, unable to make Blaise renounce his faith, beat him with a stick, ripped his flesh with iron combs, and beheaded him.

Consequently, Saint Blaise is invoked for protection against injuries and illnesses of the throat.

7pm Vigil Mass will be in Ballinroad next Saturday

Because of the election taking place in Abbeyside School Hall, the 7pm Saturday evening Mass will be celebrated in Ballinroad Church next Saturday, 8th February. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Relax & Reflect: Are you interested?

A Mindfulness/Meditation session will be held on **Tuesday 11th February 10.30am -11.30am, Venue: Parochial House, Strandside South, Abbeyside.** If you are interested please ring or text 087-2666151.



World Day of the Sick 2020

Pope Francis is urging the human warmth and personalised approach of Christ, the Good Samaritan, in healthcare professionals, workers and volunteers. He makes the call in his message for the **28th World Day of the Sick**. The Catholic Church marks the annual day on **11th February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**. The theme of this year's celebration is "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest," taken from Matthew's Gospel (11:28).



The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Staff and pilgrims will join the parishioners of St. Paul's parish in Waterford city for Mass at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

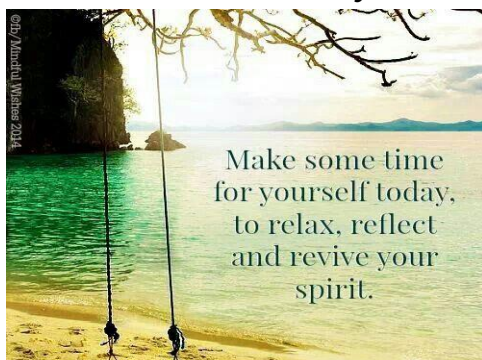
Concert

On Wednesday 12th February, a concert will be held in St. Patrick's Church, Georges Street in Waterford in aid of refurbishment of the Lady's home. Music will be provided by the High Hopes Choir, Dordán Choir and other local singers and artists. Special guest on the night will be Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan and Dermot Power (Historian).

A raffle will be held at the interval. Tickets are €10 each including entry into a door prize. Tickets may be purchased at the Cathedral parish office.

Safeguarding Sunday

Safeguarding Sunday will take place in the diocese of Waterford and Lismore **on 15th/16th February 2020.**



The diocesan safeguarding newsletter will be distributed in the parish in the coming weeks.

A weekend of Prayer & Study for Young Catholics (18-35)

A weekend of Prayer & Study for Young Catholics (18-35) will be held in the Emmaus Centre Swords, Co. Dublin on Sat 29th Feb–Sun 01st Mar 2020. For more details & bookings aeosull1@tcd.ie or chaplain @01-8961260

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 Contacts

Parish Office: 058 45787

Opening Hours: Monday-Thursday 9.00a.m. – 1.00p.m.

Friday 9.00a.m. – 12.30p.m.

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Anniversary Masses this Weekend

Saturday (Vigil) 7.00 p.m. Abbeyside School John Egan

Sunday 9.30 a.m. Abbeyside School Michael, D, & Willie Joe McCarthy & family

10.00 a.m. Ballinroad Jamie Fennell

Michael Higgins

11.00 a.m. Garranbane -----

12 noon Abbeyside School La (Alice) Walsh...Months Mind



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Sunday	9.30 a.m. Abbeyside School	-----
	10.00 a.m. Ballinroad	Tony & John Dunford
		Michael Navin
	11.00 a.m. Garranbane	-----
	12 noon Abbeyside School	Mary O’Riordan

**Weekday Masses at 10 a.m. are held in the Scouts Den,
Sarsfield Street.**

Weekend Masses are held in Abbeyside School Hall