

Parish of Abbeyside, Ballinroad & Garranbane

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Lenten Station Collection

Fr. Hassett thanks all who contributed to the Lenten Station Collection last Sunday.

The envelopes can still be returned to the Parish office, or dropped into the Collection boxes in each church. Online donations accepted also through our website abgparish.ie and clicking on the Donations button.



MO MHÁTHAIR

Is iontach an bhean í mo mháthair,
Is uasal is cneasta is is caoin;
Tá bua thar a maireann de mhná aici,
Is gráim í go daingean óm chroí.

Níl milseacht go milseacht a póige,
Ní binneas go binneas a glóir,
A sárú ní mhaireann ar m'eolas,
Mo ghrá í mo mhamaí go deo.

Is í ghléasann go greanta gan ghruaim mé,
Ó bhaithis go barraí mo bhróg;
Is í shíneann go socair chun suain mé,
Nuair a thagann an tuirse ar mo thóir.

Is í baineann an bhuairt is an brón díom
Le cneastacht le caoine is le ceol;
Nuair thagam thar nais um thráthnóna,
Is í leigheasann mo laige le lón.

Níl lia ná luibheolaí chomh léannta,
Níl banaltra bhainfeadh di barr,
Mo ghiolla, mo dhíon is mo ghéarghrá,
Is uasal í mamaí thar mhná.

Pádraig Ó Miléadha

My Mother

My mother is truly wonderful,
Noble, gentle and kind;
No other woman can compare,
I love her with all my heart and soul.

Nothing is sweeter than her kiss,
Nothing as melodious as her voice,
She surpasses each and everyone I know,
My mother, my steadfast love.

Her tender hands dress me so neatly
From my head to the tip of my toes;
She settles me softly to sleep,
When tiredness overwhelms me.

My worries and sorrows are put to flight
By her gentleness, kindness and song;
Arriving weary and listless at day's end,
Her meal revives my spirit and strength.

More effective than herb or herbalist,
As a nurse she has no peer,
My guide, my protector, my best beloved,
My mother – the noblest of women.

Translated by Emma Verling née Ní Mhuchú.

Some more photos from our discussion night on the Bishop's letter.



Betty Tutty abseiling from the roof of Croke Park for charity.



Ballinroad FC

Our U11 girls played a strong Piltown side yesterday evening and came away with a fantastic win playing some good football. Never much between these two teams, great battles throughout the pitch. Some great skills, tackles, saves & goals. Goals on the day from Sophia Musik & two from Ellie Mae Doherty.



First Confessions

The second class pupils of Garranbane N.S celebrated their first confession in Garranbane Church on Wednesday night and Scoil Mhuire N.S celebrated in Abbeyside Church on Thursday night.

The children together with their teachers worked really hard in preparing for the service with fantastic readings and beautiful singing throughout. Fr. Ned heard the children's individual confessions. Before the service ended Fr. Ned had a lovely chat with all the boys and girls about how they were feeling "did you enjoy that? What did you enjoy about it?"

Here are some of their responses:

- "Reading Zacchaeus Singing the songs."
- "I enjoyed saying my prayers."
- "I'm glad I told you my sins you are a good man."
- "Confessing our Sins to God."
- "What do you like about here?"**
- "Being here. It's nice and calm."
- "Everything is peaceful."
- "It's relaxing the whole thing."
- "Is there anyone you would like to Thank?"**
- "I want to Thank our Teacher."
- "I want to Thank You."
- "I want to Thank our Parents."



Confirmation

The Children of Garranbane N.S and Scoil Gharbhain will make their Confirmation next Saturday the 16th. We wish them and their families well on their very special day.

Volunteers are the heart of our Parish

Interested in helping in your community? If so we have a voluntary role to suit you.

Why not get that Fitbit or step counter moving by helping us to deliver our Christmas and Easter bulletins Please contact the Parish office for more details.



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Final night of the Alpha Programme in the Gold Coast Hotel.

Some photos taken prior to the video



Booking of Masses (Please contact the sacristan in your local church.)

Abbeyside:

Eileen O Donovan 087 7565605

Ballinroad:

Ann Crowther 087 7606941

Garranbane:

Liam Carroll 086 8552595

Geraldine Carroll 087 6742191

From the archives . Some familiar faces in the crowd at the St Patrick's Day Parade 1986.



Golf Winners:

Gold Coast Golf Club:

Ian Condon, John D Walsh, David Molloy, Phil Kinsella, Frank North, Denis Conway, Aodh O'Murchu.

Dungarvan Golf Club:

Eoin White, Jim O'Mahony, Denis O'Brien, Martin Lynch, Ian Gourlay, Joe Kiely, Des Cleary, Pat Phelan, Tony O'Sullivan, Mossie Walsh, Thomas Butler, Breda McCarthy, Patricia Flanagan, Cait Herlihy, Mary O'Donnell.

Line Dancing for Beginners:

At the tennis club in Abbeyside every Tuesday, starting at 6.30 pm. All welcome.

Come along and join in the fun.



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ABBEYSIDE LADIES GAELIC
FOOTBALL CLUB NURSERY
STARTING SOON



Abbeyside AFC Academy

The girls group will take place Friday at 5pm .

Boys older group will now be at the earlier time of 11 - 12 on Saturday.

Boys younger group will now take place at a later time of 12 - 1. Saturday.

If anyone has any questions please feel free to get in contact with Abbeyside AFC.

JUNIOR PARK RUN for 4 to 14 year olds

Coming to **Walton Park** May 2024

THIS CAN'T HAPPEN WITHOUT YOU!

Join us for a **Volunteer Information Evening**

Causeway Tennis Club | Abbeyside
Wednesday 13th March | 7.30-8.30pm



HELP US BRING PARKRUN TO DUNGARVAN

REGISTER FREE on [EVENTBRITE.IE](https://www.eventbrite.ie)

For more information please call Peter Jones on 087 1015130 or email: pjones@waterfordsportspartnership.ie



Diocese of Waterford & Lismore Events

ARISE Catholic Family Festival: May Bank Holiday Weekend in Tramore, Co. Waterford. Great speakers, workshops, games, catechesis and activities for all the family. More info on www.arisefamilyfestival.ie

The 66th Waterford and Lismore Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage takes place from 5th to 10th June 2024, under the leadership of Most Rev. Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan. For pilgrims requiring assistance, please reach out to Mary Power at 086 068 5213.

For further information on travel and accommodation, please contact Joe Walsh Tours at 01 241 0800 or email them at info@joewalstours.ie.

Waterford Sports Partnership events

Go for Life Games are back for 2024!

Join us for these fun sessions in Dungarvan on Thursday the 28th March at Dungarvan Rugby Club. Run over 5 weeks.

Time : 10.30 – 11.30. €10 Places are limited so book here now: <https://www.eventbrite.ie>

Walk for Life - Clonea 19th March for over 50's

Meeting at the Railway Cottage @ 10.30am

All places MUST be booked in advance, if you need help booking, please contact Liz McEnaney on 087 739 6050 or email lmcenaney@waterfordsportspartnership.ie by 12pm the Monday before each walk.

Retired and want something to do.

Dungarvan Active Retired meet every Thursday upstairs in the Tennis Club at 2 pm. There is always a great welcome for new members. If you are interested just come along any Thursday.



Masses are live streamed from Abbeyside Church through the parish website abgparish.ie/live,

or our YouTube channel: [ABG parish](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...).

Mass Times

Mass Intentions

Abbeyside Church

Saturday 7.00pm Anthony Bell, Josephine Regan
Bridget Whelan

Sunday 9.30am Annie & Andrew Bourke

Sunday 12.00pm. Jimmy Lenihan -Months Mind
Danny McGovern

Ballinroad Church

Sunday 10.00am Mossie & Chrissie Terry

Garranbane Church

Sunday 11.00am Tom Burke—Months Mind

Anniversary

Baby Johnny Tutty, Jimmy Kiely, Joe Kiely

Peter & Margaret Ansell , Stan Norris-Lewis

Died Recently

Paddy Duggan, Rev Patrick Kennedy,

Brother Edmund Costin O.C.S.O

Weekdays Mass

Abbeyside: Monday – Friday 10am

The readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year B focus on God's faithfulness in drawing us closer to him.

The first reading tells how God inspired Cyrus to allow the chosen people to worship once again in Jerusalem. And in the gospel we hear of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, where Jesus explains that he was sent to us out of the boundless love of God.

The 4th Sunday of Lent Year B presents a profound reflection on themes of longing for restoration, God's mercy and grace, the dichotomy between light and darkness, and God's unwavering love for humanity.

These readings invite us to contemplate our own lives in light of God's enduring patience and willingness to forgive. They challenge us to recognize our transgressions, yet reassure us of the possibility of repentance and returning to God's grace. Through the narrative of the Babylonian exile and the words of Jesus in John 3, we are reminded of the transformative power of belief and the hope that lies in restoration.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

John 3:16

Big Congrats to Scoil Mhuire Abbey-side who Won their section and will go onto the national finals in Dublin in April. We are delighted for the students, teachers and parents who have worked so hard.



Articles for Newsletter

Any individuals, groups or clubs who wish to have information published in the Parish Newsletter should send it to brendano-brien777@gmail.com week in which it is to be published. It can also be sent to the Parish Office at abgparish@gmail.com