



Parish of Abbeyside, Ballinroad & Garranbane



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St Patrick's Day-

17th March 2024

The 45th Annual Parade will start at Crotty's Corner at 2pm The St Patrick's Day Parade Committee are delighted to announce that Tom and Carmel Keith will take pride of place as Grand Marshall's at this year's parade in Dungarvan .



Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ within me,
Christ below me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my waking,
Christ in the heart of all who think of me,
Christ in the mouth of all who speak of me,
Christ in every eye that looks at me,
Christ in every ear that listens to me.



John Dee RIP, Dungarvan Brass Band. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam



St. Patrick was born 387 A.D. and died March 17, 461 A.D.

Though he was never officially canonized, early Christians declared him a saint in Heaven. Patrick led a difficult life but his faith in God never wavered. When he was a young teenager, he was kidnapped by Irish pirates and forced into slavery, which he later wrote drove him closer to God.

He prayed often during his captivity, and he remained a slave until his early twenties, when he received a dream from God telling him his freedom awaited. In the dream he was led to the coast, so when he awoke, he escaped and ran to the docks where he found a ship that took him safely home to Britain.

He was reunited with his family and continued his religious studies until he was ordained a bishop. In his memoir, Patrick wrote of a vision he received in which the "Voice of the Irish" called to him and led him to spread the Gospel of God in Ireland.

A nineteenth century legend has it that while preaching, he used the shamrock to teach about the Blessed Trinity.

There are many stories about what happened when Patrick preached in Ireland. Although some are likely just stories, others are likely rooted in fact. All these stories agree that Patrick was able to spread the Word of God to Ireland and built many churches.

After spreading the Good News throughout Ireland for 40 years, Patrick passed away at Saul, the first Irish church he built.



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

Anticipating Confirmation! [This was penned on Wednesday after practice.]

Garranbane N.S.

Are you looking forward to Confirmation on Saturday? 'Yea. Receiving the Holy Spirit. Meeting our family after. Celebrating the occasion of the Confirmation. It's like the start of a new chapter in life. Starting secondary school. The Peace Proms last Saturday were fun. Singing and dancing.' Ms Casey said, 'I loved the power the conductor had. He put up his baby finger, and all the children in the auditorium stood up. He put it down, and everyone sat down. It was amazing.'

'What do you think of what Ms Casey just said? 'Very true!' 'Cos he told us in practice. We liked doing what he told us, cos it was cool. If you were in the audience you could see everyone stand up at the exact same time. I also liked the big cheer from the audience after we did a song. The instruments were very good. I liked being on the camera, on big screen. I liked the last melody, because you could do whatever you liked. Great energy.'

Is that a bit like Confirmation? 'Yes.' **'Who is the real conductor of the world? Is it the Holy Spirit, God?** Yes, cos he made everything in the world.

Who was in Walsh Park last Sunday? 'I wasn't allowed go because it was Mother's Day! But my dad wanted to go because he was Wexford!' **'What did you think of Mr. Barron?'** 'He was good.' **'What did Jarlath Burns, the president of the GAA, say at half time?'** 'I've great friends in Waterford. It is a privilege to watch the brilliant Jamie Barron back in action.' Congratulations and best wishes for Saturday.

Scoil Gharbháin

An bhfuil tú ag súil go mór leis an gComhneartú? Saghas neirbhíseach. Thá alán rudaí gur féidir linn a dhéanamh mícheart. Ní bhraithimid ullamh. Tá sé ag stealladh báistí inniu agus nílimid in ann siúl go dtí an séipéal. Tá mé ar bís (excited) i gcomhar an Chomhneartú. Tá idir sceitimíní (excitement) agus neirbhís orm (nervous). Is dóigh liom go mbraithfidh mé difriúl ina dhiaidh (I'll feel different after), níos aibí, beidh an Spioraid ionainn (more mature, the Spirit will be in us). Beidh an drochfhuinneamh imithe (bad energy will be gone). Tá súil agam nach mbeidh sé ag cur báistí (I hope it will be fine)...ár gcuid gruaige!!!! (We don't want a bad hair day.) Braithfidimid níos éadroime (we'll feel lighter). **Cad é an rud is mó go bhfuilimid ag súil leis?** An t-airgead! (The cash!) An clann bheith le chéile (family coming together).

Congratulations to the children of Garranbane and Scoil Gharbháin, who were **Confirmed** yesterday in Abbeyside Church, we **thank** their teachers for preparing them.



The children of Scoil Mhuire will be Confirmed on Thursday next the 21st March.

Abbeyside Ladies Gaelic Football Club

Heading to New York: Our Abbeyside Gaelic for Mothers and Others are delighted to have been selected for the New York Gaelic for Mothers and Others Blitz 2024. Our team will be heading off in October and will join 40 other teams from across the country. No doubt they will find some time for shopping and sightseeing.

If you are standing on the Causeway watching the St Patrick's Day Parade remember, if you are old enough, that this is where the train used to pass.

Many people from the Parish used this train to get to Rosslare to catch the ferry to England to look for work.



Distributors Needed

We will be contacting our current distributors during the coming week to help us distribute our Easter bulletin & Easter envelopes to over 3,000 homes in the Parish. Míle Buíochas. Without the help of dedicated volunteers we would not be able to reach so many in our Parish, we need more help with distribution in areas of Southways, Strandside North, Sexton Street, King Street Mews and Sallybrook. If you are in a position to help us please contact the Parish Office.



Ballinroad FC

Div 3A Ballinroad 4-0 Kilmac

A strong 4 nil home win against Kilmac for our 3A men this morning, with Joel White, Rory Tyrell, Cathal Cusack and Aidan Reilly scoring for Ballinroad with a brilliant last minute penalty save by Mathew Kearney.



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Some photos from the Bishop's Letter Discussion



Parish Pastoral Council

The present Pastoral Council's term in office is coming to an end soon and elections for the new Council are scheduled for Sunday 12th May.

A number of the present Council have completed their two terms and will not be available for re-election.

More details will be available towards the end of April.

It is vital to the parish that an active Pastoral Council be in place as so many changes can be expected in the coming years.

The role of the Parish Council is consultative and advisory to the Parish Priest.

To actively listening to the needs and concerns of parishioners, attending meetings, offering items for the agenda and taking part in the discussions.



Scoil Mhuire Abbeyside, won 1st place in the Under 13 category at the Chapter Level of the Irish League of Credit Unions School Quiz, The team consisted of Thomas Foley, Lucas Foley Barbosa, Douglas Noble and Aaron Connor.

The team will now proceed to the National Final on the 7th April.

Also congratulations to our neighbours from Our Lady of Mercy, Stradbally, who have qualified as well.

Abbeyside have a great history in these quizzes.



Golf Prize Winners:

Gold Coast Golf Club: David McCarthy, Micheal White, John Faherty and Michael Kelleher. John White Winter League semi-finals: Nire beat Stradbally and Ballinacourty beat Dunhill.


Dungarvan Golf Club: Peter Firth, John Norris, Tim Browne, John McElroy, Martin Lynch, David P Byrne, Graham Nagle, Joe Kiely, Patrick V Power, Mai O'Brien, Theresa Keane, Mary Buckley, Katherine Morrissey, Patricia Flanagan and Mary O'Donnell.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Upcoming Events

Lismore Castles Gardens—Easter Egg Hunt. **Sat, 30 Mar 2024 at 10:00.** This year the Egg Hunt will take place in the Relig and Upper Garden only. Places in 2024 will be strictly limited and will be by advance booking only. Tickets will be staggered and timed. **Please ensure that you arrive at the time stated on your ticket. €6 per child (includes free entry for 2 adults)** Contact: info@lismorecastlearts.ie

The Dungarvan and West Waterford Food Festival brochure is now available from the tourist office. April 19th till 21st  Tickets on sale now.

The festival offers events for all the family, including demos, market stalls, entertainment, and more. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to experience the local food culture and enjoy a fun-filled day with your loved ones.

Dungarvan Country Market is more than a market, it's an experience. Every Friday at 9.30am in the Causeway tennis Club. Nestled in the heart of the town, this charming bazaar brings together local artists and bakers, each offering their own unique creations. From intricate arts and crafts to mouth-watering home-baked goods.

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.

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

or our YouTube channel: ABG parish.

Mass Times

Mass Intentions

Abbeyside Church

Saturday 7.00pm

Kathleen Organ

Sunday 9.30am

Barry Hayes

Sunday 12.00pm.

Bridget Mulcahy

Ballinroad Church

Sunday 10.00am

Isabel Moore,

Mary, Kitty & Nora Ryan

Garranbane Church

Sunday 11.00am

Pat Ahearne

Anniversary

John & Pauline Murphy

Died Recently

John Dee

Weekdays Mass

Abbeyside: Monday – Friday 10am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday in Abbeyside after 10am Mass until 4pm



Organisations

Accord 051-878333
Pastoral council 086-8390871
Senior Citizens 058-41647
Duckspool House 058-23784
CareDoc 0818 300365
St Vincent de Paul 087-3434258
Waterford Hospice Movement
Samaritans Helpline

Garda Station 058-48600
Garranbane Choir 058-44135
Ballinroad Choir 058-43389
Ballinroad Hall 058-45787
Solas Centre 051-304604
Care Choice 058-40200
051-844847
116 123

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.



Articles for Newsletter

Any individuals, groups or clubs who wish to have information published in the Parish Newsletter should send it to brendanobrien777@gmail.com week in which it is to be published. It can also be sent to the Parish Office at abgparish@gmail.com

