

# Abbeyleix & Ballyroan Parish

## NEWSLETTER

Parish Office 057 87 30844

February 2nd 2020

The Presentation of our Lord

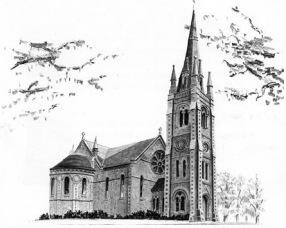
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### HAPPY ST. BRIGID'S DAY 2020 - BRIGID BRINGS THE SPRING!

February is a most hopeful month. We have just celebrated St. Brigid's Day. A day which brings great hope. St. Brigid brings with her a story of compassion, generosity, healing and renewal. These early February days mark the beginning of Spring. Yes, it may still feel cold but already brighter evenings, emerging green shoots and snowdrops, announce a time for new beginnings. I'm glad the darkness of winter once again is being transformed by the light of our new spring. Spring is a season of Hope and renewal. We are in the true sense of Scripture called out of darkness into Gods wonderful light.

#### Prayer to St. Brigid

You were a woman of peace

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to darkness. You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious

And may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit

Amen



St. Brigid's Crosses will be distributed at our vigil mass on Saturday Feb. 1st. A big word of appreciation to the Clooney family and the students of Scoil Mhuire Abbeyleix who made these beautiful crosses. May St. Brigid continue to bring rich blessing to all our lives. In a special way, we pray in gratitude for the presence of the Brigidine Sisters in our Community. May God bring rich blessing to Sisters Margaret and Mary .

#### Home Visits

Fr. Paddy will be visiting housebound Parishioners this week on Tuesday 4th of February and Wednesday 5th of February. Town area will be visited on Tuesday and surrounding areas on Wednesday. For any enquiries, please contact Gráinne in the Parish Office.



We pray for the soul of Ayse Carter (née Emin).

May she Rest In Peace.

The collection for last weekends Mass of January 25th & 26th for Abbeyleix & Ballyroan was €2500  
Continued gratitude for your very generous contributions.



#### Celebrating the Feast of St. Fintan

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Christian heritage for the people of Laois. Homily will be given by Mons. Caoimhin O'Neill at St Fintans Well in Cromogue  
at 3pm on Sunday February 16th.

All are welcome to what promises to be a wonderful afternoon.

## Catholic Schools Week 2020

*The past week has been a very eventful one where wonderful celebrations took place in our catholic schools in Abbeyleix & Ballyroan. Ethos, is something that is felt and permeates itself throughout the entire school community. Catholic ethos at its heart is about inclusivity, diversity and the respect of the entire human person. A sincere word of appreciation to our teachers and staff for their wonderful generosity in their roles as educators. I would also like to acknowledge all our members on our Bord of Managements and pray blessing as they begin their new term. May our schools continue to grow in love and kindness.*

Catholic  
Schools  
Week



Fr. Paddy

**OUR NEW PARISH WEBSITE/WEBCAM  
FOR LIVE STREAMING FROM THE  
CHURCH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY  
FOR ALL MASSES !**



Website : [abbeyleixparish.ie](http://abbeyleixparish.ie)  
WebCam: [abbeyleixparish.ie/webcam/](http://abbeyleixparish.ie/webcam/)

### Abbeyleix Rotas

#### Readers Rota

**1st/2nd Feb:** Fionn Bardon & Yvonne Murphy /  
Liam Holohan & Claire Chambers

**8th/9th Feb:** Joe Murphy & Marie Thompson /  
Patricia Doyle & Poilin Ni Leathlobhair

#### Eucharistic Ministers

**1st Feb:** Pascal whelan, Nora Moore, John Moran  
**2nd Feb:** Deirdre Kennedy, Miro Rusnak, Marian Rusnak,  
Anne Doherty

## ABBEYLEIX PARISH LOTTO

*Please support our Parish Lotto*

**DRAW RESULTS FOR 29th January 2020**  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH K&L CO-OP LOTTO

**11 - 20 - 24 - 28**

**No €11,000 Jackpot Winner**

**10 MATCH 3 WINNERS WIN €100 each**

### LOCAL WINNERS

Margaret Fennelly	Fran Ruth
Louise Marshall	Fran Ruth
Dan Lyons	Richie Lyons
O'Briens	Richie Lyons

**NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT €12,000**

### Parish Office Opening Hours

Monday: 9.15am - 2.45pm  
Tuesday - Friday: 9.15am - 3.30pm



Please contact Gráinne on 057 87 30844 in the Parish Office to book Baptisms, Weddings & Anniversary Masses or for any enquiries. Signed Mass Cards & Mass Bouquets also available.

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### Ballyroan Rotas

#### Readers Rota

**2nd Feb:** Yvonne McEvoy, Anna Bland & Kieran Savage

**9th Feb :** Noreen Corcoran, Michael Byrne  
& Sinead Delaney

#### Eucharistic Ministers

2nd Feb: Kathleen Walsh  
9th Feb: Breda Tierney