



# Abbeyleix & Ballyroan Parish NEWSLETTER



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1st March 2020

1st Sunday of Lent

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## Confirmation March 7th 2020



This week is a very special one in the lives of 48 young people and their families in our parish.

Next Saturday, Bishop Nulty will celebrate confirmation at 11am in the Church of the Most

Holy Rosary, Abbeyleix and at 2pm in St. Patricks Church, Ballyroan. Confirmation is a celebration of Gods abundant Spirit that anoints us with the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgement, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence, Wonder and Awe in Gods presence. I pray



every blessing on our young candidates. I am greatly inspired by their openness to faith and their great sense of kindness and optimism. I want to sincerely express appreciation to our 6th Class teachers Ms Julie Delaney and Mr Mark Delaney who engaged whole heartedly in their Sacrament Preparation Programme.

Congratulations also, to the boys and girls from Abbeyleix & Ballyroan who celebrated their First Penance in recent days.

Fr. Paddy.

## Do you want to fast this Lent ?

- \* Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- \* Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- \* Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- \* Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- \* Fast from worries and have trust in God
- \* Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- \* Fast from pressure and be prayerful
- \* Fast from bitterness and fill you hearts with joy
- \* Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others

- \* Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- \* Fast from words and be silent so you listen



## To all Ministers of the Word and Announcers.....



You are invited to an evening of Reflection as part of our Lenten journey in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary Abbeyleix on March 5th at 7.30pm. Time to reflect on our Ministry and renew ourselves as we prepare for to the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

Input from Nuala Kelly also.

Womens World Day of Prayer Adoration Chapel , Friday March 6th at 7.30pm. All Welcome.



Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday 5 - 5.45pm in the Parish Church in Abbeyleix.

Saturday mornings 10.30am - 12noon in Portlaoise Parish Church.

The collection for last weekends Mass 22nd & 23rd February for Abbeyleix & Ballyroan was €2600.

Many thanks to all who so generously contributed.

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## PARISH WEBSITE

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

Website : [abbeylaxparish.ie](http://abbeylaxparish.ie)

WebCam: [abbeylaxparish.ie/webcam/](http://abbeylaxparish.ie/webcam/)

## Abbeylax Readers Rota

**7th/8th March:** Marie Thompson, Joe Murphy /  
Liam Holohan, Claire Chambers

## Abbeylax Eucharistic Ministers

**7th March:** Nora Carroll, Ann Phelan & Derry Connolly  
**8th March:** Mary Fennelly, Maria Rusnak, Anne Doherty  
& Marian Lalor

## Ballyroan Readers Rota

**8th March:** Michael Byrne, Noreen Corcoran  
& Sinead Delaney

## Ballyroan Eucharistic Ministers

**8th March:** Catherine Fogarty



## Stations of the Cross Ballyroan

Stations of the Cross will take place  
**Friday nights at 7.30pm** in St. Patrick's  
Church for the **season of Lent**.

## ABBEYLAX PARISH LOTTO

*Please support our Parish Lotto*

**DRAW RESULTS FOR 26th February 2020  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH K&L CO-OP LOTTO**

**02 - 04 - 05 - 29**

**NO €13,000 Jackpot Winner**

**14 MATCH 3 WINNERS WIN €72 each**

## LOCAL WINNERS

Thomas Lalor

Tom Lalor

**NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT €13,000**

## Lectio Divine

Beginning this Thursday. Praying with the Sacred  
Scriptures each week during lent. Beginning Thursday  
27th February and every Thursday from 8-9pm in  
Raheen Parish meeting room. All Welcome.

## Pro Life talk

Speakers Carol Nolan and Michael Dwyer from  
Family & Life will be speaking in the Parish Centre  
Portlaoise at 7.30pm March 9th. All Welcome.



The opportunity to give to give  
blood will arise at Castle Arms  
Hotel, Durrow Monday March  
2nd 2020 at 4.30pm to 8pm.

## The Popes Intention for this month March 2020....



*'We pray that the Church in China may  
persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel  
and grow in unity'*

**TROCAIRE**  
Working for a Just World

Trocaire boxes available as we begin  
the season of lent, it is customary  
to remember those less fortunate.

## Safeguarding

Please contact the Parish Office on 057 87 30844 for the  
contact details of our Child Safeguarding  
Representatives.

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