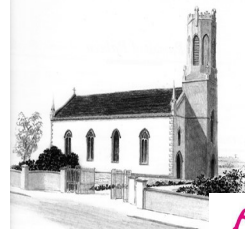


Abbeylax & Ballyroan Parish NEWSLETTER



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February 9th 2020

Fifth Sunday of the Year

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We wish all our parishioners a very Happy Valentines Day 2020!

May St. Valentine pray for us all.



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.**

Craic agus Ceol and refreshments will be served in Raheen Old School Hall immediately afterwards.

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

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

This Tuesday, February 11th is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, it coincides with World Day of Prayer for the sick. Lourdes is a place where the sick find refuge and comfort inspired by Our Lady's apparition to St. Bernadette. The sick in mind body and spirit find inspiration from this powerful message. In the scriptures, Jesus reminds us 'I have come not for the healthy, but for the sick'. This week, we pray for all who carry the cross of illness and particularly for those who care for them. Our Lady of Lourdes Pray for us.

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

Oh every Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfortess of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Look upon me with mercy. When you appeared in the grotto of Lourdes, you made it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favors, and where sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.

I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession.

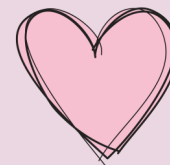
My loving Mother, obtain my request. I will try to imitate your virtues so that I may one day share your company and bless you in eternity.

Amen.



A Blessing for all Couples

This Friday, we celebrate St. Valentines Day. Traditionally, this is a day when love and intimacy is celebrated. If any couples would like to avail of a blessing to strengthen and protect their love please feel most welcome to attend next Saturday evening 6pm Mass where a blessing for couples will take place.



Active Retirement Group.

Fr. Paddy much appreciates the wonderful afternoon he celebrated with our Active Retirement Group last Thursday. The theme of his input was 'Be a radiator not a drainer'.

Confirmation Dates

Our Ceremony of Light will take place in Abbeylax on **Saturday March 29th** and in Ballyroan on **Sunday 30th at 9.30am.** All candidates for Confirmation 2020 and their families should attend.



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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 : abbeyleixparish.ie
WebCam: abbeyleixparish.ie/webcam/**

The collection for last weekends Mass 1st & 2nd of January
for Abbeyleix & Ballyroan was €3,000

Many thanks to all who so generously contributed.

Readers Rota

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

15th/16th Feb: Sam Moore, Mary Egan / Fiona Mc Corry,
Jackie Walsh

22nd/23rd: Elizabeth O'Keeffe, Mary Moynihan / Bernie
Loughman, Dermot Dunne

Eucharistic Ministers

8th Feb: Noreen Callanan, Laurence Vesey &
Nora Carroll

9th Feb: Patricia Phelan, Marian Lalor, Lesley Kirkman &
Catherine Smith

ABBEYLEIX PARISH LOTTO

Please support our Parish Lotto

**DRAW RESULTS FOR 9th February 2020
IN ASSOCIATION WITH K&L CO-OP LOTTO**

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**One €12,000 Jackpot Winner from
Newbridge Parish , Cathriona Dempsey**

31 MATCH 3 WINNERS WIN €33 each

LOCAL WINNERS

Ger Phelan	Frances Ruth
Ann Phelan	Frances Ruth
Hayleigh & Sam Breen	Teresa Breen

NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT €10,000

Public Meeting

There will be a public
meeting held in the School
Hall **February 25th at 8pm.**



This will be hosted by Fr. Paddy and the Board of
Management. The meeting is to actively pursue,
the best possible way to gain immediate and
necessary improvements to the School building.

This is all our concern as a community to
safeguard the best possible educational
environment for our young people in Abbeyleix.

Ballyroan Rotas

Readers Rota

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

16th Feb: Martin McDonald, Rosemary O'Donnell
& Marian Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers

9th Feb: Breda Tierney

16th Feb: Anna Byrne