

Abbeyleix & Ballyroan **Parish**

NEWSLETTER

Parish Office 057 87 30844

January 12th 2020

The Baptism of our Lord

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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/

Ecumenical Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service

You are warmly invited to attend this service in St. Michael & All Angels' Church in Abbeyleix (the Church of Ireland Church) at 8pm on Wednesday 22nd January. This year's theme is 'Unusual Kindness'. The service has been prepared by Christians in Malta and Gozo: the reading is from the Acts of the Apostles used in Malta on the Feast of the Shipwreck of St. Paul - Acts 28 28.



Do Come! All Welcome

Housebound Visits for January 2020

Fr Paddy will be visiting all housebound Parishioners on Tuesday January 14th town area and Wednesday 15th January in the country area.

The Baptism of our Lord

Today the church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of our Lord. This brings an end to the Season of Christmas. The Church recalls our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of his baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give life to us all. In a special way, lets pray for all babies in our Parish who were recently baptised. Its wonderful that the vast majority in our community continue to



choose baptism as a spiritual blessing for their new baby. A warm welcome will always be given to those who choose baptism. A special word of gratitude to the members of our Baprtismal Team, they are much valued and have an important ministry representing the wider parish at these special sacramental moments.



The months mind for Patricia (Patty) Lalor (nee Breen) will be celebrated on Sunday January 19th at 9.30am Mass in Shanahoe Church. There will be a coffee morning after Mass in Shanahoe Hall, in aid of the Irish Kidney Association. All welcome.

The collection for last weekends Mass 4th & 5th of January and Jan 6th (Epiphany of The Lord) for Abbeyleix & Ballyroan was €3,095. Continued gratitude for your very generous contributions to the Christmas Clergy Fund collections.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Best wishes this weekend to all who co-ordinated and participated in the Christmas Abbeyleix Senior Citizen Christmas dinner, this is a wonderful tradition and every blessing for a fantastic afternoon.

Parish Contact

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Mondays: 9am-1.45pm

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Fr. Caoimhin O'Neill 'Emmaus', Ballyroan Road, Abbeyleix

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Abbeyleix



The 1st Anniversary Mass of the late
Fr. John Cummins will be celebrated
in our Parish Church at 6pm on
February 1st, St Brigids Day

Abbeyleix Readers Rota Jan 2020

11/12th Jan - Elizabeth O'Keeffe & Veronica Dunne / Poilin Ni Leathlobhair & Patricia Doyle

 ${\bf 18th/19th} \ {\bf \cdot} \ {\bf Yvonne \ Murphy, \& \ Joe \ Murphy \ / \ Fiona \ McCorry \ \& \ Jackie \ Walsh}$

Ballyroan Readers Rota Jan 2020

12th Jan - Michael Byrne, Noreen Corcoran & Sinead Delaney 19th Jan - Rosemary O'Donnell, Martin McDonald & Marian Murphy

26th Jan - Frances Walker, Eithne Dunne & Margaret Meagher

ABBEYLEIX PARISH LOTTO

Please support our Parish Lotto

DRAW RESULTS FOR 8th January 2020IN ASSOCIATION WITH K&L CO-OP LOTTO

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No €13,000 Jackpot Winner

17 MATCH 3 WINNERS WIN €125 each

LOCAL WINNERS

Mernaghs Family Mernaghs
Michael Scully Richie Lyons
Roland Bramley Tom Lawlor

NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT €14,000

Parish Office Christmas Opening Hours

Parish Office Hours as usual from Monday 6th January 2020 at 9.15am.



Please contact Gráinne on 057 87 30844 n the Parish Office to book Baptisms, Weddings & Anniversary Masses or for any enquiries.

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Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2020, accompanied by Fr. Paddy as Spiritual Director.

7 night pilgrimage package in September departing from Dublin. 23rd—30th September 2020 for €695 includes,



- Return flights
- 7 nights in air-conditioned accommodation near to St James' Church
 - Breakfast and dinner each day
 - Coach transfers accompanied by local guide
 - 24 hours support from representative
 - Comprehensive insurance up to 84 years of age
 - All airport and local taxes

Prince includes €50 Deposit - Bookings after February 1st will be €745

For more information on joining the group please contact Mairead Connell (057) 8731639 & (085) 7037301