



# Abbeyleix & Ballyroan Parish NEWSLETTER



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8th March 2020

2nd Sunday of Lent

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*Sincere Congratulations to our wonderful young people who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. Their enthusiasm, kindness and friendship is very inspirational. A particular word of gratitude to their school communities and teachers Julie Delaney and Mark Delaney for their fantastic work in their preparation. May this celebration be an injection of new life and presence of young people in our Parish.* Fr. Paddy.

### Scoil Mhuire Abbeyleix

Anna Aylward  
James Bergin  
Isabelle Brennan  
Shaun Brennan  
Mikayla Campion  
Louis Claffey  
Katelyn Clooney  
Ava Cole  
Alex Dunne  
Adam Delaney  
Cynthia Dunne Dellenback  
Tadhg Fahey  
Lilly Finlay  
Sara Gashi  
Evan Gilnagh  
Daniel Jones  
Daniel Kavanagh

Louise McCann  
Ciara McDonald  
Sadhbh Moore  
Sandra O'Donnell  
Sasha O'Keeffe  
Olivia Penfold  
Aoibheann Phelan  
Daniel Purcell  
Chloe Rodgers  
Ed Slevin  
Aaron Smith  
Sarah Vesey

### South National School , Abbeyleix

Adam Bohan  
Brooke Hillard  
Aishling Kirwan  
Maeve Rafter

### Scoil Eoin Phoil Naofa, Ballyroan

Andrea Brennan  
Claire Cass  
Alastair Cleland  
Marie Coss  
Tomás Dooley  
Sorcha Dunne  
Jack Gilnagh  
Rebecca Holohan  
Isabel McDonald  
Olivia McWey  
Lauren Mulhall  
Féidhlim Murphy  
Ellie Palmer  
Evan Sanders  
Hayleigh Tierney



### Pause a Minute

One of the worse days so far for Coronavirus was the 10th of February

On that day, 108 people in China died of Coronavirus.

BUT, on the same day, 26,283 people died of cancer

24,541 died of heart disease

4,300 died of diabetes

And on that day, suicide took more lives than the virus did, by 28 times.

Moreover, mosquitos kill 2,740 people daily on average and snakes kill 137 people daily.

Take a deep breath, and wash your hands.

**PAUSE  
BREATHE  
RESET**



We Pray for the souls of Josie Dunne and Sheila Morgan.

May they Rest In Peace.



Fr Paddy will say Mass in Heywood this Thursday at 8.30am and in Abbeyleix Hospital on Thursday at 12pm.

## Parish Contact

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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](http://abbeyleixparish.ie)

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

### Abbeyleix Readers Rota

**14th/15th March:** Mary Egan, Sam Moore /  
Poilin Ni Leathlobair, Patricia Doyle

### Abbeyleix Eucharistic Ministers

**14th March:** Mary O'Keeffe, Fintan Dunne, Pascal Whelan

**15th March:** Deirdre Kennedy, Lesley Kirkman, Catherine  
Smith, PJ Lalor

### Ballyroan Readers Rota

**15th March :** Rosemary O'Donnell, Martin McDonald &  
Marian Murphy

### Ballyroan Eucharistic Ministers

**15th March:** Eamonn Meagher



### Stations of the Cross Ballyroan

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

## ABBEYLEIX PARISH LOTTO

*Please support our Parish Lotto*

**DRAW RESULTS FOR 4th March 2020  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH K&L CO-OP LOTTO**

**02 - 12 - 13 - 21**

**NO €13,000 Jackpot Winner**

**18 MATCH 3 WINNERS WIN €56 each**

**NO LOCAL WINNERS**

**NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT €14,000**

### Lectio Divine

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.



### Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday

5 - 5.45pm in the Parish Church in Abbeyleix  
and on Saturday mornings

10.30am - 12noon in Portlaoise Parish

The collection for last weekends Mass 29th February &  
1st March for Abbeyleix & Ballyroan was €2320.

Many thanks to all who so generously contributed.



Thank you to all who contributed to the  
Pro Life Church Gate collection in February.  
A total of €955 was collected.

The Months Mind for Shane Lalor will take place March  
15th at 9.30am Mass in St. Patricks Church, Ballyroan

### Safeguarding

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

**Diocesan Designated Liaison Person**

**Mr Mick Daly**

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