

## Offertory Collection 8/9th Dec

Ahiohill € 354 Castletown € 415  
Enniskeane € 2982

## St. Josephs Young Priests Soc.

will hold their Christmas retreat this Sun 16th Dec at 3.pm in Myross Wood.

## Anniversary Masses

Anniversary Masses for 2013 in all three churches of the parish can be booked at the Parish Office. Priority for weekend masses is given to 1st/2nd anniversaries

## Holy Hour

Please note - there will be no holy hour on Thurs, 20th or 27th Dec. we will resume, le cunamh Dé, on Thurs 3rd Jan.'

## Carol Collection

Many thanks to all who attended the Community Carol Service at Enniskeane Church last Sunday evening. It was a wonderfully uplifting event in which the true spirit of Christ was present. Thanks to the children who brought gifts for the Vincent de Paul Christmas Toy Appeal. Adults contributed a generous €1,250.50 to the collection — this has been shared between the local Community Care organisation and the local branch of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

## Congratulations

Words of congratulations are still pouring in to the parish from all who attended some of the events in the parish associated with the installation of the pipe organ in Enniskeane. All in our parish can be justly proud of the work that was done and the spirit that is behind it. Sincere thanks to all.

## Community Notices

### Ahiohill Ladies Club

Come and join us for our Christmas party on Mon 17th Dec at 8.30pm in Ahiohill Parish Hall. Enjoy some mulled wine and refreshments while Kathleen O'Sullivan gives a floral demonstration. Raffle and teas. All welcome.

### Carol Singing

Lighting of Ahiohill Village Christmas Tree and carol singing on Sat 22nd Dec following candle lit walk after 6pm Mass to village. All welcome

### St Oliver Plunketts GAA Club

Christmas morning swim in Inchydoney at 11am. Proceeds to underage club.

St Stephen's Day - Puc Fáda starting at the pitch - 11.30am.

Annual Dinner Dance on Jan 25th 2013 in Fernhill. Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir

### Community Alert

The AGM of Castletown Community Alert will be held in Castletown Hall on Tues 18th Dec at 8.30pm. Guest speaker - Diarmuid Cronin of Muintir Na Tire. All welcome to attend.

### Kilcolman National School

are still collecting memories from past pupils as part of the centenary celebrations, questionnaire forms can be downloaded off the school web-site, they are also available in Dessertserges Post Office, Ross Oil office, The Welcome Inn, in churches and in the school. We would like to get these back as soon as you can please, they can be e-mailed back to: 2johncoffey@gmail.com or posted to: Kate Crowley, Cappa, Enniskeane, there is also a letterbox in the school for them. Go raibh mile maith agaibh go léir.

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## Do This in Memory

The 12 noon Mass in Enniskeane this weekend includes the participation of the families and children preparing for First Holy Communion as part of the 'Do This in Memory' programme.

## Penitential Services and

### Confession:

- Tues 18th in Bandon, 7.30pm
- Thurs 20th in Enniskeane, 7.30pm
- Fri 21st in Newcestown at 8pm
- Sat 22nd in Enniskeane (Confessional) 12n – 1.30pm.

People of all ages who have made their First Communion and older are welcome to receive the grace of God in this sacrament in preparation for Christmas.

## Christmas Masses

Monday Dec 24th (Christmas Eve)  
11.30am to 1 pm. Confession in Enniskeane (Confessional)

Mass for Christmas:

Christmas Eve: 7.30pm in Enniskeane; 9pm in Ahiohill.

Christmas Day: 10am in Ahiohill, 10am in Castletown Kenneigh; 11.30am in Enniskeane.

## Villages' Calendar

On sale (€10 each) in local shops. Ideal Christmas stocking filler. All proceeds to Castletown Hall refurbishment fund.

## Happy and tolerant

Today's readings supply us with a blueprint for the Christian life.

First we have Paul telling us to be happy in the Lord and to let our tolerance be evident to everyone. He goes on to tell us not to worry, but to ask God with thanksgiving for anything we need, and assures us that if we do, the peace of God will guard our hearts and our thoughts.

To be happy, tolerant, thankful, peaceful, and not to worry – are these attributes that people see in you? Are happiness and tolerance generally thought of as the hallmarks of a Christian life?

When boxer Katie Taylor won an Olympic gold medal for Ireland in August, there was great interest in the role her Christian faith plays in her life and her career. While of course being widely admired as tough and inspirational, there is also a peacefulness and humility to her manner. She is always thankful to God, comes across as secure and happy in her faith, and maintains a great openness to people – a fitting model of the Christian life spoken of by St Paul.

Today's Gospel goes even further to offer some practical advice from John as he preaches the Good News in preparation for Jesus' appearance; we must share what we have with the person who has none, and we must be honest in our dealings with others. That is quite a lot to mull over in two short readings. - *Triona Doherty, Athlone,*

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