

Recently deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Valerie O'Donovan, Riverview Drive, Ballineen, and Canon Michael Crowley, retired Parish Priest of The Lough Parish, Cork. May they rest in peace.

Canon Michael was born and reared in our parish at Carhuvouler and has many relations and friends here. He was ordained a priest in 1954.

Among his many appointments as a priest of the Cork & Ross Diocese, Fr. Michael was one of the founding fathers of the diocesan mission to Peru in the 1960s. He served two terms as a missionary priest in Peru. He also served as Chaplain to UCC for eleven years, and was parish priest of Curraheen Parish in Cork before he moved to the Lough Parish in June 1998 where he served as parish priest until 2005.

Collectors - Castletown - Jan

Jim Chambers, Ballaghanure
John O'Callaghan, Castletown
Michael Barrett, Gurtaleen

Collectors - Enniskeane - Jan

7.30pm Eamonn Stroker, Noel O'Halloran & David Whyte
12noon Edward Barrett, Eugene McSweeney & Charlie McCarthy.

Recent Baptisms

Margaret McCarthy, Moneygaff West
Jason Kingston, Keelnacranagh
Peter O'Flynn, Tullymurrihy Nth
Dáithí Walsh, Belrose Lower
Connor O'Neill, Derrymileen
Róisín Van Gils, Netherlands
Nuala Bishu, Pittsburgh, USA

Community Notices

Ahiohill Pioneers

Meeting in Ahiohill Church Sacristy on Mon 7th Jan at 8.30pm.

New Year, New You

Fitness Classes: Aerobics, Circuit Training and Pilates courses will recommence in Gort Mhuire, Ballineen from Tues Jan 15th 2013 To book a place, please contact Mary Cooper on 087 7417663.

Gort Mhuire

Mass will be celebrated on Thurs 10th Jan at 10 am

What does Epiphany mean?

An epiphany is a moment of revelation when something hidden comes to light. The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates three manifestations of the divinity of Jesus hidden in his humanity. First was in the worship of the infant Jesus by the Magi. Then at the commencement of the mission of Jesus, after his baptism in the Jordan, the voice of the Father was heard, 'You are my Son, the Beloved', next Sunday's Gospel. The third epiphany was at the wedding in Cana, as he changed the water into wine, 'he let his glory be seen and the disciples believed in him', the Gospel for two Sundays hence.

Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

Offertory Collections 30th Dec

Ahiohill €288 Castletown €415
Enniskeane €1472

Reminder - Building Fund Collection this weekend.

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Parish Bulletin

6th January 2013

Children's Newsletter

The Family & Youth Group are rolling out a new children's newsletter to enhance the faith of our youth. The newsletter entitled "Look" will be available at all masses this weekend. It gives a fun and relevant understanding of each week's gospel. The newsletter is mainly aimed at children in primary school. Each newsletter will draw on the talents of each child as activities will change from week to week. We encourage parents to help the children complete the tasks each week. This will help develop the child's understanding of our faith.

We would also welcome feedback from both parents and children on how we could improve the newsletter or any other ideas for making the faith stronger among our youth

(Contact any member of the Family & Youth Group through the parish office or parish website)

Parish Collection Envelopes

Sets of collection envelopes for use in the church collections during the year have been distributed to the homes of people who have been using them in recent years. Thanks to the people who did the distribution. Anyone who has not received a set and would like to have one is asked to contact the parish office where a set can be organised.

Finding God in unexpected places

A new born baby usually tends to attract visitors and gifts. The Magi are described as wise men from the East. They may have been astronomers or philosophers but most definitely they were people who had their eyes, ears and minds open to the events going on around them, to the signs of their times. We see in today's Gospel how God is working through people that we least expect. The wise men were not 'religious', they would not have been considered 'the people of God'. Yet, God is working through them in lots of different ways. They may not have been considered 'righteous' in their time, but they are certainly people who have come to bow down and worship God. This story has a clear message: that Jesus has come for all people, not just a select few.

Today, perhaps we can think about times when we found Christ in unexpected places. How did we react? What star, what guidance had brought us there? What gifts did we leave there? What gifts were we given there?

'Whenever the Christ in one of us meets the Christ in another, there will be an exchange of gifts. Let this thought protect us from the patronising attitude that we must "convert" the other to our own way of living the Christ-life'

Jane Melett

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