

## Offertory Collections 6th Jan

Ahiohill € 244 Castletown €425  
Enniskeane € 1276

## Building Fund

Ahiohill € 495 Castletown €875  
Enniskeane € 2926

## Recently deceased

Sympathy to the family of the late Nora Collins, Belrose, Enniskeane who was buried in Castletown during the week

## Recent Baptism

Congratulations to Marina Murphy, Coppeen who was welcomed into the Christian community recently.

## Parish Assembly

Meeting on Mon Jan 14th at 8pm in Gort Mhuire. All P.A. members please attend.

## Spring Station Masses.

Are you planning on having a Station Mass in your home this Spring? If so, please contact Fr. Hayes soon to reserve a date and time.

A Station Mass can be held: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday at either 12 noon or 7.30pm. The choice of time is up to the host.

The people who book early will have the wider choice of dates so even if you are not planning on holding the Station until March, please book your date soon. Some Fridays are already booked and others are taken for weddings.

Many thanks to the people who have agreed to host the Station Mass in their homes this time around.

## Community Notices

### 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.

### 6 week weight loss challenge:

commences Tues 15th Jan in BEDA Hall at 8pm . € 40 for six weeks. suitable for ladies and gents. To secure your space call 086/6002117.

### Diarmuid O Mathuna

Underage Medal Presentation is on this Sun 13th in The Ball Alley in the Gaa grounds at 6.45pm All welcome

### Ahakeera Dramatic Society

are presenting a 3 Act Comedy Play in Ahakeera Community Centre on Fri 18th January at 8pm. Children from the locality will also provide entertainment. Raffle and refreshments on the night. All proceeds to the Centre's Restoration Fund. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

### Active Retirement

Meeting in the BEDA Hall on Tues 22nd Jan. 2.30 - 4.30pm. All welcome

### St Oliver Plunketts GAA

Annual Dinner Dance on Fri 25th Jan at Fernhill House Hotel at 8pm sharp. Music by Pot Belly Folk. Tickets available from committee members.

### Thought of the Day

*"Don't let yesterday use up too much of today"*

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## Do This in Memory

A meeting of the coordinating parents of the First Holy Communion preparation programme "Do This in Memory" takes place on Monday night (14th) in the Parochial House at 7.00pm.

## Parish Dates for this year.

Feb 13th (Wed) Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent.

Mar 24th (Sun) Palm Sunday, start of Holy Week.

Mar 31st Easter Sunday

Apr 20th (Sat) First Holy Communions at Ahiohill Church

May 11th (Sat) First Holy Communions at Enniskeane Church

May 18th (Sat) First Holy Communions at Castletown Kenneigh Church

June 1st (Sat) First Ordination to Priesthood at Enniskeane Church

June 9th (Sun) Corpus Christi Procession with the Blessed Sacrament.

## 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.

## Be a signpost

John the Baptist was a man whose life was driven by one mission: to point people to Jesus. We may think today of all of those people in our lives who have inspired us, strengthened our faith and pointed us to Jesus. Luke places a special emphasis on Jesus at prayer in his Gospel. Jesus prays at the most important moments of his life.

In today's Gospel, while Jesus is praying we hear that the heavens opened. That doesn't mean it started lashing rain but in Jesus' time it meant that the barrier between this world and the next had been opened. We get an image of the Trinity as God's voice is heard and a dove descends. These are all signs to show us that Jesus is the Beloved Son of God, and that this is the beginning of his mission.

We can think of our own Baptism today and what that means. We are all sons and daughters of God and have been moved into the life of God at our Baptism and at our Confirmation. That means that we have a responsibility to be part of God's mission. We are called to take on that responsibility in our parishes, communities, families and in society. We have a responsibility, like John did, to point the way to God.

*Jane Mellett*

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