

## Offertory Collections 20th Jan

Ahiohill €341 Castletown €362  
Enniskeane €1397

## Building Fund

Collection next weekend.

## Recent Baptisms

Welcome to the Christian Community  
Aisling Murphy, Maulrou West  
John Hurley, Dromfeigh  
Kenan O'Meara Barrett, Derrimilleen

## Spring Stations

Fri Feb 1st for Knocks at the home of  
P.J. and Mary McCarthy at 12noon.

Stations may be booked for dates in  
Feb, March and April.

## Do This in Memory

Children preparing for their First Holy  
Communion and First Confession, along  
with their families, will have extra in-  
volvement in the 12n Mass this weekend

## Come to me: A Lenten resource for the Year of Faith.

Come to Me is a set of materials for  
four sessions which can be used in the  
parish or pastoral area as a basis for faith  
development during Lent. An introduc-  
tory meeting will be held on Jan 31st at  
8.00pm in Myross Wood. Contact Anne  
Francis at 087-228-2134 or email  
abfrancis@eircom.net

## Prolife meeting

Sponsored by Life Institute at 3pm  
this Sun Jan 27th - Silversprings Hotel

## Thought for today

*"Cherish all your happy moments, they  
make a fine cushion for old age"*

## Community Notices

### Ahiohill Pioneers

presenting Ahakeera Drama Group's 3  
Act Comedy "All the Kings Horses" in  
Ahiohill Parish Hall on Fri 1st Feb at 8pm

### Get fit for summer

Aerobics continue every Tues at 8pm in  
Ahiohill Parish Hall.

### Ahiohill Ladies Club

Meeting in Ahiohill Parish Hall on Mon  
4th Feb at 8.30pm. All welcome.

### Keelnameela Ladies Football

Indoor training commences on Tues 5th  
Feb for U14/U16 and Thurs 7th Feb for  
Minor/Junior.

### Ballymoney Flower Club

Meeting on Feb 4th at 8.30pm in Bally-  
money Hall. Speaker Ann's Flowers,  
Bandon. Teas and raffle. All welcome.

### Enniskeane Camogie Club

Medal presentation dinner on Fri 1st  
Feb in the Village Inn Enniskeane. Tickets  
are available from Scannells Pharmacy,  
Cookies bar or contact any team mentor.

### Seandun Macra na Feirme

National Final of the Capers Variety  
Competition will be held at Eire Óg Com-  
munity Centre, Ovens on 2nd Feb.

### Kilcolman School Centenary

A closing date of **Thurs 31st Jan** has  
been called on receiving data/question-  
naires/photographs for inclusion in the  
book on the 100 year history of Kilcolman  
national school and surrounding areas.  
Email 2johncoffey@gmail.com, by post-  
ing to: Kate Crowley, Cappa, Enniskeane  
or drop them into the school.

The Newsletter is published and printed at the Parish Office. Priority is given to content relating to the faith community of Enniskeane Parish. Other notices may be published when space permits. These may be left at the Parochial House or emailed to parishoffice@enniskeaneparish.ie before 11am Thursday.

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## Understanding Catholic Schools

The Irish Bishops have called this week  
"Catholic Schools Week". The future of  
our schools is being talked about nation-  
ally in politics and in economic planning.

If people only show interest when and if  
major changes are made, it may well be  
too late to get interested then. The eco-  
nomic downturn is putting pressure on  
everywhere the government spends our  
money, so smaller schools may be tar-  
geted for amalgamations. That would  
change the very shape of our communi-  
ties and remove the close link between  
the school and the local community.

Some people are also proposing to "re-  
duce the dominant position of the  
Catholic Church in the schools". This  
issue is usually described with negative  
words that include "control", "hand-  
over", etc. But many of the facts are  
often omitted.

In our parish, the four schools were de-  
veloped and built by the Catholic Parish  
on lands owned by the parish. Most of  
the day-to-day costs are funded by the  
taxpayers. But the majority of people  
who pay tax in this country are Catholic.  
So it is the tax paid by Catholic parents  
that is used to educate children in  
Catholic Schools. Separately, people who  
attend weekly Mass further support the  
schools because some church funds are  
used to support capital and special proj-  
ects for the schools. The families who at-

tend the schools also help further through  
fundraising by the Parents Associations.

Our schools are managed by Boards of  
Management which are all chaired by lay  
people. Each board has eight members,  
two of whom are nominated by the  
bishop. Other members represent the par-  
ents, staff and community. How the  
school is managed is defined by the  
Dept. of Education and by laws. Mem-  
bers of the board act in the interest of the  
school and its pupils and give generously  
of their time and talents.

Recent research has shown that the ma-  
jority of parents wish to have their chil-  
dren taught in a school which has a  
Catholic ethos. However a somewhat  
narrow political agenda may still suggest  
that our schools need fixing – even if  
they are certainly not broken.

## Saint Blaise

Saint Blaise was a bishop in Armenia in  
modern day Turkey who was martyred in  
the early fourth century. Tradition holds  
that he is associated with healing of dis-  
eases of the throat. Hence, throats are  
blessed on his feast-day on Feb 3rd.

People who may so wish can have their  
throats blessed after each of the Masses  
next weekend (Sat eve vigil Masses and  
Sunday.)

## Calls to the Housebound/Sick

Visits will be made on Thurs 7th and  
Fri 8th Feb.

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