

## Offertory Collections Feb 3rd

Ahiohill €341 Castletown €545  
Enniskeane €1559

## Building Fund :

Ahiohill €630 Castletown €826  
Enniskeane €3128

## Second Collection next weekend

Bishop Buckley has asked the parishes to help meet the shortfall in diocesan funds that meet the day to day costs of the diocese. The first of these quarterly collections will be taken up next week.

## Recently Deceased

Kindly remember in prayer the soul of Noel Murray, West End, Enniskeane, who died on Wednesday. May she rest in the peace of the Lord and in the company of Mary, Mother of God.

## Gort Mhuire

Mass will be celebrated on Thurs 14th Feb at 10am

## Spring Stations

Stations may be booked for dates in Feb, March and April. Contact the Parish office

## Finance Committee

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee on Tues 12th Feb at 8pm at the Parochial House.

## Catholic Television

Available on SKY EWTN 589 or 815  
NTL - Sundays and Wednesdays at 7pm

## Thought for today

*"Every day comes bearing its own gifts.  
Untie the ribbons"*

## Community Notices

### Get fit for summer

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

### Active Retirement

Meeting in the BEDA Hall on Tues 12th & 26th Feb. 2.30 - 4.30pm.

### Community Care

Annual General Meeting on Thurs 14th Feb at 8.30pm in the BEDA Hall.

### BEDA Fashion Show

a note for your diary ...Fri March 8th.  
More details later...

### Valentine's Day Fundraiser

Ballineen/Enniskeane Parent and Toddler Group is hosting their annual Valentine's Day Coffee Day and Cake Sale in the BEDA Hall, on Thurs 14th Feb, 10am - 3pm to raise funds for the BEDA Playground Project. There will be children's activities and a raffle, baking will be very gratefully accepted on the day. Contact Ita on 087 2694471 or Susan 086 3753885.

### Enniskeane and District

#### Community games

will hold their annual church gate collection on next weekend at all churches in the parish. Any contribution, no matter how small will be greatly appreciated. This is our only fundraiser for the year and money collected goes towards insurance and running costs of various activities.

### Ahiohill Festival Committee

will hold their AGM on Thurs 21st Feb in the Four Winds Bar at 9pm. New members welcome. Contact 086 3666825

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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Parish Bulletin

10th February, 2013

## World Day of the Sick

On Monday, Feb 11th, the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes, Pope Benedict invites the whole Church to join in prayer for and with those who are sick. In a message to all of us for World Day of the Sick, the Pope says that "We need to draw from the infinite love of God, through an intense relationship with him in prayer, the strength to live day by day with real concern, like that of the Good Samaritan, for those suffering in body and spirit who ask for our help, whether or not we know them."

We are marking this day in our parish with a special Mass in Enniskeane on Monday evening at 7.30pm. The Sacrament of the Sick will also be available during this Mass for those who wish to receive the grace of this sacrament.

All are welcome at this Mass (No 10am Mass that morning).

## Lent is here!

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent.

It's the Church's season of preparation for Holy Week and Easter when we enter into the grace and meaning of Christ's saving work.

Masses with distribution of ashes at the following times:-

10 am Mass at Enniskeane, attended by the staff and pupils of Enniskeane NS.

7.30 pm Mass at Castletown;

8.30 pm Mass at Ahiohill.

Ash Wednesday is one of only two days in the year when Catholics are required to abstain from all meat for the day and to fast (one meal).

## A Fortified City

The prophets of the Old Testament often needed a pep talk before they set about their mission. Jeremiah's first reaction when God called him to be a prophet was 'Ah Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy'. Prophecy was not an easy path; there would be challenges and persecution, people would refuse to listen to him, his own friends would turn against him and there would even be plots against his life. In the First Reading, God offers Jeremiah some words of reassurance: 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you... I will make you into a fortified city... I am with you to deliver you'. In spite of the obstacles ahead, Jeremiah had no need to fear. God would be with him and would give him strength. Following in the footsteps of the prophets, today's Gospel sees Jesus face a plot against his life. As he speaks in the synagogue, the people are at first astonished by his words, but then become uncomfortable. 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' they ask. They turn against him and are so enraged that they lead him out of town and try to throw him off a cliff. But God is with him and he is kept safe. Today's Psalm tells us that God is our rock, our refuge, our stronghold. He knows the challenges we face and he is our strength.

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