

## Offertory Collection - 21st April

Ahiohill €233 Castletown €589  
Enniskeane € 1273

## Cork Diocesan Fund

Ahiohill €163 Castletown €337  
Enniskeane €1039

## Stations

Tullymurrihy, Cashelmore & Cashel-  
commons at the home of Barry & Anne  
O'Driscoll on Tues 30th Apr at 7.30pm  
Corran & Ballinard at the home of John  
& Trish O'Mahony on Fri 3rd May at  
7.30pm

## Baptism.

Our parish welcomes Cian Sweeney,  
England to the Christian Community

## First Holy Communion

Mass will be celebrated on Sat 4th May  
at 11am in Castletown Church

## Exam Time Mass

The parish of Enniskeane/Desertserges  
extends an invitation to all parishioners  
to pray with and offer support to all peo-  
ple preparing for Exams at Enniskeane  
Parish Church on Sat May 4th, 2013 at  
7.30pm. Enniskeane Youth Choir will  
sing at this Mass.

## EXAM PRAYER

*As I begin to study for the exams I face  
I ask you Lord for the courage and grace  
to meet this challenge and do my best  
to stay calm and focused during every  
test.*

*This prayer I make to you today  
Help me Lord and with me stay*

## Visits to the Sick

The monthly visits to the sick with the  
Blessed Sacrament will be on Thursday  
and Friday at the usual times

## Community Notices

### Ahiohill Ladies Club

Meeting on **Bank Holiday Mon 6th**  
May at 8.30pm in Ahiohill Parish Hall to  
discuss fundraising event for local chari-  
ties on Fri May 17th - Walk, coffee  
evening, cake sale, bric a brac stalls

### St. Mary's N.S.

Enrolment of new pupils to St. Mary's  
N.S. will take place in the school on Wed  
1st May from 10am to 3pm.

### Kilmeen Drama Charity Night

The All-Ireland qualifying Kilmeen  
Drama group will perform the classic  
comedy "The Playboy of the Western  
World" on Thurs May 2nd in Rossmore  
Theatre at 8pm. Funds will be shared from  
the night with the BEDA Playground Proj-  
ect. Tickets, €12, on sale at local post of-  
fice's and also on the door.

### Ballineen Foroige

All nominations for the community  
awards night need to be submitted by  
May 3rd. For further info visit  
[www.ballineenforoige.com](http://www.ballineenforoige.com)

Clean out all your scrap metal in aid of  
Foroige local projects and initiatives. We  
can collect any metal you have. Contact  
Daniel 0872474273 for further info.

### Community Care

Please reserve Thurs. May 16th for  
Summer Social Event - full details next  
week.

### Ahiohill Community Festival

16th - 18th August 2013

### Church Directories

Available from the Parish office and  
Enniskeane Sacristy. €5.00

# Enniskeane and Desertserges

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## Padre Pio Mass

The annual Mass to mark the birthday  
of Saint Padre Pio at Enniskeane Parish  
Church will be celebrated on Thurs May  
23rd at 8pm. Blessings with relics of  
Saint Padre Pio from 6.30pm and after  
the Mass.

Padre Pio was born on May 25, 1887 in  
Pietrelcina, Italy, a small country town  
located in southern Italy.

In July 1918, Pope Benedict XV urged  
all Christians to pray for an end to the  
World War. On July 27, Padre Pio of-  
fered himself as a victim for the end of  
the war. Days later between August 5 -7,  
Padre Pio had a vision in which Christ  
appeared and pierced his side. As a result  
of this experience, Padre Pio had a physi-  
cal wound in his side.

A few weeks later, on September 20,  
1918, Padre Pio was praying in the choir  
loft in the Church of Our Lady of Grace,  
when the same Being who appeared to  
him on August 5, appeared again. It was  
the wounded Christ. When the ecstasy  
ended, Padre Pio had received the Visible  
Stigmata, the five wounds of Christ,  
which would stay with him for his re-  
maining 50 years.

On September 26, 1968, over a hundred  
thousand people gathered at San Gio-  
vanni Rotondo to pay their respects to  
this holy man. He was buried in the crypt  
prepared for him in the Church of Our  
Lady of Grace. Padre Pio was declared a  
saint by Pope John Paul II in 2002.

## Tax Back forms

Many thanks to the parishioners who  
pay income tax via the PAYE system and  
who have already sent back the signed  
forms so that the parish can reclaim  
some of the tax from the government.  
The reclaimed tax helps reduce the  
parish's debt.

## Lourdes in June

Each year, from June 11-16th, the Dio-  
cese of Cork & Ross organises a pil-  
grimage to Our Lady's Shrine in  
Lourdes. Several hundred people take  
part in the pilgrimage which is a mix of  
a prayer time and a relaxed break in the  
French town which sits at the foot of the  
Pyrenees. Many of the pilgrims each  
year are people who are sick and are re-  
sponding to our Lady's call to "come  
here and pray". Those who are sick also  
need help and care from volunteer  
helpers and professionals. This help is  
provided by a cross-section of people  
from the diocese. This year, five of the  
young adult helpers joining the pilgrim-  
age are from our parish, and they are  
giving of their time and commitment to  
help. A number of other adults from the  
parish are also travelling with the pil-  
grimage this year and Fr. Hayes will be  
one of the spiritual directors. Bookings  
for the pilgrimage are handled by JWT  
021 4277959.

## Thought for today

*"A good argument has no need of a loud voice"*

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space permits. These may be left at the Parochial House or emailed to  
[parishoffice@enniskeaneparish.ie](mailto:parishoffice@enniskeaneparish.ie) before 11am Thursday.

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