# Offertory Collection - 23rd June

Ahiohill €325 Castletown €455 Enniskeane €1295

#### Collections

Peters Pence collection this weekend. Building Fund Collection will be taken up next weekend.

#### **Recent Death**

We pray for the soul of Dick Hale, Ballyvelone who died this week and whose funeral takes place at 12n on Monday in Dunmanway Parish Church.

# **Holy Hour**

Holy Hour of silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Enniskeane Church on Thurs 4th July 8 - 9.00 pm. "Be still for the Presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here".

#### Thank You

On behalf of Family & Youth Group, a sincere thanks to all who supported the HB Icecream Sunday in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland. A total of €415 was raised for the charity.

# **Knock Marriage Introductions**

Knock Marriage Introductions has been operating since 1968 as a means of helping people find suitable marriage partners. Last year it had eleven marriages bringing to a total of 911 since its foundation. We have applications from every county in Ireland and some from abroad. For further information phone 0949375960 Tuesday and Thursday 9-5pm or visit our website

knockmarriageintroductions.com

## Today's Thought

"Every survival kit should contain a sense of humour"

## **Community Notices**

# **Coppeen Rally**

Sun 30th June at 3pm. Sponsored 20 mile cycle/6mile walk in aid of Enable Ireland. Cards available from committee members or local shops. Draw for bikes & vouchers.

# Glenview Gardens - Desert, Enniskeane

Open daily - 10am - 5pm. For more info call David Tanner on 08 72535971.

#### Priesthood numbers increase

One of the challenges facing the Church in our part of the world is the falling number of priests. However, worldwide, the number is increasing. The Catholic Church in the southern hemisphere has a rapidly increasing number of priests, especially in Africa and South America, while in Europe and North America the overall number is falling.

Bishop Buckley is currently reassigning priests in our diocese to fill vacancies being left by retirements, deaths and illhealth which will out-number the two newly available: one ordination and one returning from further study.

On a very positive note, two young men have applied to the diocese to be accepted as students for the priesthood next year. We need to pray for more, encourage more and act more to add to the numbers for coming years.

Anyone who would like to find out more about becoming a priest may contact a local priest or Fr Bertie O'Mahony, PP, Parochial House, Cork Road, Carrigaline, Tel 021 4371684, email priesthood@corkandross.org

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# Permanent Deacons new for Irish Church

Three men were ordained as Permanent Deacons in Dublin on June 23rd. Jimmy Fennell, Michael Giblin and Derek Leonard are the second group of men to be ordained in Dublin to this ministry in the Irish Church. Last year eight were ordained to the permanent deaconate, for the first time in centuries.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin ordained the three men and said the call to the diaconate today is a call to be configured in a special way to Jesus who serves and to represent Him in a special way in the life of the Church.

Permanent deacons assist the priest at the celebration of the Eucharist; they celebrate Baptism and Marriage and preside at funerals without Mass. They also visit the sick, prisoners and the bereaved and promote awareness of the social teaching of the church. In partnership with priests and parish pastoral workers, their role includes supporting parish assemblies — which also allow for the wider participation of lay people in a range of ministries in the parish and in the wider community.

Deacons minister in the church while continuing with their own jobs. Single and married men may apply to be considered. As a general rule deacons will be appointed to a parish near their home, and entrusted by the bishop with specific responsibilities. Some deacons may take

on specialised ministries in keeping with their gifts and experience. Most deacons will exercise a part-time voluntary ministry. They will be paid expenses associated with formation and ministry by their diocese or parish.

Following the recent three ordinations there are 11 permanent deacons in Dublin. Another three candidates for the permanent deaconate are engaged in the formation process and a further eight are due to begin formation this September.

In our own diocese of Cork & Ross, Bishop Buckley has recently appointed Fr. Bertie O'Mahony, PP, Carrigaline, to coordinate the programme in this diocese which will see permanent deacons becoming part of the life of our parishes in coming years. The training for permanent deacons will include a preparatory year followed by three years of part-time study.

### **Gort Mhuire**

Mass will not be celebrated in Gort Mhuire during July and August.

### Sick & Housebound

The monthly visits to the sick with the Blessed Sacrament will be on Thurs 4th and Fri 5th July at the usual times.

## **Bulletin**

The news section of the bulletin will take a break for the months of July and August and will recommence again in September.

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