## Offertory Collection - 25th.Aug

Ahiohill €327 Castletown €413 Enniskeane €1176

## **Baptisms**

We welcome to the Christian Community -

Eanna O'Sullivan, Kilbrogan, Bandon Aoife Hurley, Ballaghanure

## **Recent Weddings**

Congratulations to the following who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently -

Annette Crowley, Moneycrohy & John Millard, Douglas

Mary Cullinane, Knocks, Lyre and Niall Ahern, Kanturk.

#### **Stations**

Paddock, Ballyvelone East & West at the home of John Buttimer on Fri 20th Sept at 7.30pm

Dromfeigh, Gortaleen & Buckaree at the home of Michael & Nora O'Sullivan on Fri 27th Sept at 7.30pm

Corran & Ballinard at the home of Michael & Elma O'Neill on Mon 30th Sept at 7.30pm

Keelnameela, Breaghna & Ballyvoige at the home of Peter & Marie Dowling on Fri 11th Oct at 7.30pm

## Sick & Housebound

The monthly visits to the sick with the Blessed Sacrament will be on Thurs 5th and Friday 6th at the usual times.

## Parish Assembly

Meeting of the Parish Assembly group will be held in Gort Mhuire on Mon 9th Sept at 8pm.

#### Finance Committee

Meeting will be held on Tues 10th at 8pm in the Parochial House

## **Community Notices**

## **Community Care**

will meet in the BEDA rooms at 8.30pm on second Thursday of each month commencing Sept.12th.

# Chiropody service resumes

on first Wednesday of every month by appointment only. Contact 023-8847153

#### **Ahiohill Ladies Club**

Meet at the Four Winds Bar at 6.45pm on Mon Sept 2nd and travel by own cars to Inchydoney, for walk on the beach followed by light meal in the Hotel costing €10. Bookings - Noreen 086-3289064.

# **Castletown Fund Raising**

Committee Meeting on Mon Sept 2nd at 9.30pm. The committe would be grateful if all remaining sponsorship cards were returned.

# **Curraghcrowley Bridge Club**

are commencing Bridge Classes for beginners on Mon 16th Sept at 7.30pm. Contact Margaret 087 2215236 or Lucia 087 9473184.

## Aid Cancer Treatment fundraiser

Frank, Valerie, Richard and Lorna Jennings Cashel Beg, Enniskeane wish to express their sincere gratitude to everyone who braved the torrential rain to support their fundraiser in aid of A.C.T. They also wish to sincerely thank everyone who gave donations and helped in any way in making the event so successful. As a result of this wonderful support €5,735 was raised. This was the 10th annual event and a total of €60,855 has been donated to the Cancer Unit at C.U.H

## **Today's Thought**

"Swallow your pride occasionally, it's not fattening

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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## **Donations to the parish**

The parish acknowledges the generosity of all who help to pay the parish's bills and all who are helping to reduce our parish debt. The thoughtfulness of one former parishioner who remembered the parish when making their will meant that the parish recently received a bequest of €10,380 for the parish building fund. During the summer, the parish also received three donations from parishioners. which together come to €12,000. This will help cover the cost of works to the churches at Castletown Kenneigh and Ahiohill. May the good Lord bless all who continue to care for the "house of God's people".

## **Finding Priests**

Oftentimes when the falling number of priests in Ireland is discussed, people suggest that we should bring priests from other continents, especially since Irelandsent so many priests abroad in the past. Recently published statistics on the church worldwide, have a light to shine on this dilemma.

In 2011, the continent of Africa had one Catholic priest for every 4,959 Catholics. In Asia, there are 2,254 Catholics for each priest. In the Americas (north and south), the average priest serves 4,815 people. In Europe, there were on average 1,521 Catholics per priest.

Ireland still has the highest number of priests per Catholic at 1,120 people per priest – just better than Italy where there were 1,197 people per priest.

Numbers never tell the full story, of course, but they do show us that it doesn't make sense to move priests from Africa to Ireland!

What these numbers don't show is that the average age of priests and religious in Ireland is now very high.

## **Ministry of Parish Catechist**

This new ministry is being introduced to parishes in our diocese with the training programme offered from January 2014. It will be a two year training course - Diploma or Certificate in Catechesis followed by commissioning as a parish catechist to serve for 4 years in your local parish on a voluntary basis. If you are interested in this ministry there are information sessions taking place at the Ursuline Secondary School, Blackrock Cork on Wed 2nd Oct from 2.30 - 4pm and 8-9pm. Details are available from Sr Karen 021-4537601

# Catechism of the Catholic Church

Adult Studies beginning on Tues 3rd Sept at Myross Wood Retreat Centre, Leap at 7.30pm. Spiritual Director Rev Michael Curran. Contact Mairin on 087 - 7950325 for further details. catechism@corkandross.org

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