

Offertory Collection - 1st Dec

Ahiohill €325 Castletown €464
Enniskeane €1311

Building Fund

Collection - €4192

Recent Baptism

Welcome to the Christian community
Rian O'Mahony, Carrigmore

Recently Deceased

Sympathy is extended to the families of
Tim Crowley, Macroom & Belrose
Patrick Crowley, Coppeen West

Console

Console Christmas Celebration of Light
will take place in the Sacred Heart
Church (M.S.C.), Western Road, Cork on
Sun 8th Dec at 4.00pm.

Ahiohill Christmas Fayre

Ahiohill Village on Sat Dec 14th at
7pm. All welcome for lighting of Christ-
mas tree. Enjoy stalls, carol singing,
mulled wine and Music. Anyone inter-
ested in having a stall please contact
Mary on 087 7652550

"Carols & Craic"

Hosted by Enniskeane Choir, in aid of
Children's Playground, on Fri. 20th Dec.
in the Olympic Tavern at 9pm. Do join
us for a convivial evening of music, song
and laughter. No entry fee - but dona-
tions of own choice most gratefully ac-
cepted. Refreshments served
'Tis the Season to be Jolly, Fa-la-la-la-'

Ballineen Foroige

Annual christmas cracker including
Santas grotto, carol service, fun and
games on the 8th Dec at 4pm in The
BEDA hall. All proceeds going towards
Bandon Area special children BASC

Community Notices

Active Retirement

Meeting in the BEDA Hall on Tues 10th
Dec 2.30 - 4.30pm

Community Care

Meeting in the BEDA Rooms on Thurs
12th at 8.30pm

Ahiohill Ladies Club

Christmas Floral displays by DJ Murphy
in Ahiohill Parish Hall on Mon 16th Dec
at 8pm. Festive refreshments served.

Castletown Ladies Club

Christmas Night - flower arranging
demo by Breda Crowley (AOIFA) and
hair & beauty hints by Catherine &
Denise from Altered Images on Tues.
10th Dec at 8.15pm. Mulled Wine, Mince
Pies. Proceeds to St Vincent de Paul.

Pop Up Boutique -

Sale of New & Gently Used Items in
Murphy's Butcher' Shop Ballineen on Sat
14th Dec 9.00am to 6.00pm. All proceeds
to the BEDA Playground Fund.

Art Exhibition

The Adult Art Group are holding their
Art Exhibition & Launch of their Art Cal-
endar on Wed 11th Dec at 8pm in Gort
Mhuire. Proceeds to "Penny Dinners".
Refreshments served. All welcome.

Castletown Fundraising

Annual bazaar in aid of Enable Ireland
will be held on Sun Dec 15th at 1pm. in
Castletown Hall. Santa arrives at 2pm.

Ahakeera Community Assoc

Annual Christmas Party in the Hall on
Fri 13th Dec at 8.30pm. Enjoy an
evening of music, song and dance. No
cover charge. Raffle on night for festive
prizes. Refreshments will be served. All
are welcome

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

Dec 8th, 2013

What is a parish?

Pope Francis addresses this question in his first teaching document called "The Joy of the Gospel".

"The parish is not an outdated institu-
tion; precisely because it possesses great
flexibility, it can assume quite different
contours depending on the openness and
missionary creativity of the pastor and
the community. While certainly not the
only institution which evangelizes, if the
parish proves capable of self-renewal and
constant adaptivity, it continues to be
"the Church living in the midst of the
homes of her sons and daughters". This
presumes that it really is in contact with
the homes and the lives of its people, and
does not become a useless structure out
of touch with people or a self-absorbed
group made up of a chosen few. The
parish is the presence of the Church in a
given territory, an environment for hear-
ing God's word, for growth in the Chris-
tian life, for dialogue, proclamation,
charitable outreach, worship and celebra-
tion. In all its activities the parish en-
courages and trains its members to be
evangelizers. It is a community of com-
munities, a sanctuary where the thirsty
come to drink in the midst of their jour-
ney, and a centre of constant missionary
outreach. We must admit, though, that
the call to review and renew our parishes
has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer
to people, to make them environments of

living communion and participation, and
to make them completely mission-ori-
ented."

A challenging extract from the Pope's
letter! The full document is available at
www.vatican.va

Do This in Memory

Meeting of the parents coordinating the
pre-First Holy Communion programme
in the parish takes place in the Parochial
House on Tuesday 10th at 8pm.

Penitential Service

Advance notice that our parish's pre-
Christmas Penitential Service with Con-
fessions heard by neighbouring priests
will be held at Enniskeane Church on
Thurs Dec 20th at 7.30pm. Let us pre-
pare the way for the Lord – make his
paths straight

Gort Mhuire

Mass will be celebrated in Gort Mhuire
on Thurs 12th Dec at 10am

Parish Assembly

Meeting for all members on Mon Dec
9th at 8pm in Gort Mhuire.

Parish Calendar 2014

On sale for €5. Copies available from
the parish office and local retail outlets.
It can also be purchased online from the
Parish website www.enniskeaneparish.ie

Today's Thought

*"Blessed is he who expects nothing for
he shall not be disappointed."*

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