

Offertory Collection - 8th Dec

Ahiohill €360 Castletown €440
Enniskeane €1169

Recent Marriage

Congratulations to Claire O'Flynn, Tullymurrihy & Francis McDermott, Gort, Co Galway who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage in Ahiohill recently.

Recently Deceased

Sympathy is extended to the family of Daniel Hurley, late of Lackinashinagh who was buried this week.

St Josephs Young Priests

Christmas Retreat in Myross Wood on Sun 15th Dec at 3pm

"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 donations of own choice most gratefully accepted. Refreshments served
'Tis the Season to be Jolly, Fa-la-la-la-''

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

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.

Ceili & Party

Dance in Castletown Hall on Wed 18th Dec at 8.30pm. Music - John O'Sullivan.

Today's Thought

"The kindly word that falls today may bear its fruit tomorrow"

Community Notices

Ahiohill Ladies Club

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

St Oliver Plunketts GAA

Christmas morning swim in Inchydoney at 10.30am. Proceeds to Plunketts Underage club. Puc Fada on St Stephens Day starting at the Clubhouse - 10.30am

Diarmuid O Mathuna Gaa

are compiling the history of the club with a view to publishing a book. Anyone who has information on events or photos of interest since the foundation of the club please contact Seamus on 0238847352 or 0872227965

Puc Fada is being held on Sunday 29th December starting in Kenneigh and finishing in Castletown for further details contact Seanie on 0871924261 thanks

Poc Fada

St. Mary's G.A.A. Club presents the inaugural Bridge to Bridge Poc Fada Competition on Dec. 26th. (St. Stephen's Day) at 11.00am, commencing at Ballineen Bridge and finishing at Enniskeane Bridge. Teams of 3. Adults €5. Juveniles €2. Proceeds to Local Community Care.

Coffee Day

Con Duggan & Susan Collins Castletown would like to thank everyone who supported their Coffee Day held in October. A total of €4,220 was raised with proceeds going to the Refurbishment of the Children's Unit, CUH. Many thanks to all who helped make this event a huge success!

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 15th, 2013

Penitential Services

Innishannon Tues Dec 17th 7.30pm
Enniskeane Thurs Dec 19th 7.30pm
Bandon Sun Dec 22nd 7.30pm
Newcestown Mon Dec 23rd 8.00pm
Enniskeane Confession Box on Tues 24th 11am - 1pm

Christmas Offering envelopes

Many thanks to all the people who have contributed offerings during the year for the support of the clergy. Earlier in the year, each household in the parish received four envelopes in the post to be used for the four offerings (Spring Station, Easter, Autumn Station and Christmas). Some people may have mislaid some of these envelopes so Christmas Offering envelopes are also available in the churches this weekend (they are not for an extra offering!)

Mass times at Christmas

Mon 23rd: 10am
Tues 24th: 10am, Christmas Eve
Masses at 7.30pm (Enniskeane) and 9pm (Ahiohill)
Wed 25: Christmas Day: 9am (Ahiohill) 10am (Castletown Kenneigh) and 11.30am (Enniskeane)
Thurs 26th, Fri 27th: Morning Mass at 11am in Enniskeane
Sat 28th/Sun 29th (normal weekend Mass times) Sat 6pm Ahiohill; 7.30 Enniskeane; Sunday 10.30 Castletown, 12n Enniskeane.

Rejoice

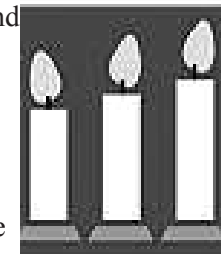
Las Posadas, from the Spanish word meaning 'shelter' or 'lodging', is an Advent tradition in parts of Central America. It starts tomorrow, December 16, and takes place over nine days until Christmas Eve. During the days, which symbolise the nine months of Mary's pregnancy, Mary and Joseph's search for a place to stay in Bethlehem is re-enacted. Participants process from house to house, being turned away by 'innkeepers' before finally being welcomed in for a celebration and feast.

The custom really captures the drama and the joy of the Christmas story.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday or 'Rejoice Sunday'. In our churches, the rose coloured candle is lit on the Advent wreath to symbolise joy.

Today's readings bring out this sense of joyful anticipation of the Lord's coming. The people of Jesus' time would have been familiar with Isaiah's talk of 'everlasting joy'. And Jesus tells us: 'Happy is the man who does not lose faith in me'. We have reason to be happy. Let us make this Gaudete Sunday a real celebration.

(Triona Doherty)



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