Offertory Collection - 15th Dec

Ahiohill €274 Castletown €409 Enniskeane €1361

Recent Baptism

Welcome to the Christian Community - Caoimhe Grace O'Reilly, Maulrour

Recently Deceased

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Jerry Ryan, Knocknanuss who was buried in Ahiohill during the week.

St Stephens Day Walk

A free Parish Gathering loop walk open to all age groups - via Shanaway Line-Ballinard Corran -distance 3.7mls. Transport leaving Enniskeane Church car-park 2.15pm. Walk starts at 2.30pm. Survivors of the former parish walks most welcome!

Tastes and Tales of the Galley

- a cook book with tales from the Galley Head and surrounding areas, the brain child of a young teenager from the parish, Claire McCarthy, who decided to help raise funds for the Ardfield/Rathbarry rowing club to help with their financial situation. It can be purchased at Super Valu Clonakilty, Rathbarry Post Office or directly from Claire on 023 8847390. Price €10.

Premier School of Music

Students held a very successful Christmas Concert on Sat December 14th with the proceeds raised of €452 donated to SVP. Many thanks to everyone who supported this worthy cause. Enrolments for January 2014 contact Annette 087/4196491 and Fiona on 087/2613496

Today's Thought

"Time is the most valuable thing you can spend."

Community Notices

St Oliver Plunketts GAA

Christmas morning swim in Inchydoney at 10.30am. Proceeds to Plunketts Underage club. Poc 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

Poc Fada on Sun 29th Dec starting in Kenneigh and finishing in Castletown at 1.30pm. Team of 3

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.

Terelton Macra Na Feirme

(many of whom are members of the Castletown community) are holding a coffee morning and cake sale to fund raise for expenses for their upcoming all Ireland finals of Light Entertainment. Your support will be greatly appreciated this Sun 22nd Dec in Castletown Hall after Mass.

Thank You

Castletown Fundraising Committee wish to thank all those who supported them in their Annual Bazaar. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and good wishes for the New year.

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 22nd, 2013

Local Mass Times

Mon 23rd: 10am (Enniskeane) Tues 24th: 10am (Enniskeane),

Tues 24th: (Christmas Eve) Masses at 7.30pm (Enniskeane) and 9pm (Ahiohill)

Also in Farnivane 7pm and Midnight Mass in Newcestown church preceded by carols from 11.30 pm

Wed 25th: (Christmas Day): 9am (Ahiohill), 10am (Castletown Kenneigh) and 11.30am (Enniskeane)

Also at 10am (Farnivane) and 11.30am (Newcestown)

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.

Confession for Christmas:

Penitential Services Sun 22 at 7.30pm in Bandon Parish Church

Mon 23 at 8pm in Newcestown Church. Confessions Christmas Eve 10 am to 2pm in Bandon and 5-6pm

Newcestown.

11am to 1pm in Enniskeane Church.

Holy Hour

Silent adoration for Christmas in Enniskeane church on this Sun 22nd Dec at 3pm. " *The shepherds - simple souls - came to adore the Infant Saviour*".

Christmas Message

The coming of the Son of God among us marked a turning point in human history. Mankind's hopes were given new life; God's promise, echoed throughout the Old Testament through prophets and events, was fulfilled.

It also marked a milestone of mankind's journey through history and through life. God's salvation pours into the lives of each of us. At Christmas time, we try to open our hearts even more to the wonder of God's salvation.

This weekend is also a time of special journeys for many people. We ask God's blessing for all who are journeying home and for parishioners who are travelling elsewhere to spend Christmas with loved ones. Our prayers are also with people whose life journeys have been parted from the journeys are discouraged.

neys of loved ones through bereavement, separation and emigration.

At Christmas time, we pause in wonder and in prayer – to give thanks to God and to ask his blessing for us all on all our journeys. May your life be filled with the grace of God this Christmas.

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