

Offertory Collection - 5th Jan

Ahioghill €286 Castletown €327
Enniskeane €1241

Jan 6th. - Enniskeane : €890

Building Fund :

Ahioghill €539 Castletown €532
Enniskeane €2641

Parish Assembly

Meeting will take place on Mon Jan 13th in Gort Mhuire at 8pm

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Crowley, late of Dunmanway and Cahir, who died during the week.

Spring Stations

People who are holding Station Masses in their homes this springtime are asked to make contact with Fr Hayes to arrange the date and time, please.

Coppeen East, Moneycrohy & Lackan-shinnagh at the home of Seamus & Breda Crowley on Fri 24th Jan at 7.30pm

Parish envelopes

Many thanks to the people who have distributed the sets of parish envelopes for the collections to households. If you did not receive one and would like to use the envelopes, please contact the parish office. There is a limited number of spare sets available. By using the numbered envelopes, we'll be able to reclaim some of the income tax paid by parishioners and put it to good use locally. (Receipts for last year's donations will be issued next month.)

Today's Thought

"When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot on it and hang on!"

Community Notices

Ceili Classes

Ceili classes continue every Wednesday night in Castletown hall. Advance and beginners welcome any night. Children 8 - 9pm. Adults 9 - 10.20pm

Enniskeane Camogie

Dinner Dance on Fri 24th Jan in Fernhill House Hotel. Tickets €25 & €15 available from Sandra 087 2835054 or Liz 086 2318870.

Knit for Fun

recommencing on Thur 16th January at 9pm in BEDA Hall. New members are always welcome. Bring on your needles for a knit & natter. Hope to see you there.

Ahakeera Dramatic Society

presents a 3 Act Comedy Play - "The Maiden Aunt" in the Hall, Ahakeera on Fri 17th Jan at 8.00pm and also on Sunday afternoon, 19th January at 3.00pm. A great evenings entertainment assured. All proceeds in aid of hall refurbishment fund. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Coppeen Community Council

will hold their AGM on Tues 14th Jan at 9pm in An Caipín. New members are welcome.

Active Retirement

Meeting in the BEDA Hall on Tues 14th & Tues 28th Jan. 2.30 - 4.30pm

Youth Choir

Recommencing on Mon 20th Jan at 7pm in Enniskeane Church.

Trocaire

Thanks to all who gave to the recent appeal. A total of €2390 has been sent on.

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Parish Bulletin

Jan 12th, 2014

"Leaking wineskins"

Most age groups were proportionately represented at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses in our parishes. But we probably won't see many of them again until this time next year. What's happened to the missing generations and the churches?

It's a question that is seldom discussed in depth by Catholics. It does underpin a topic which the Vatican has named as an urgent one in recent years but it hasn't expressed it yet in terms that are relevant to the broad membership of the church. The term "New Evangelisation" emerged in Vatican language in the preparations for the new millennium. But it's a term that most of us never use.

Elsewhere, it's described as "a new proclamation of the Gospel" but that term is abstract, too! The scriptures tell us that Jesus told his neighbours that he was "sent to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord". To proclaim is one thing; to announce is different. Anyone can announce something – even if they don't have any connection with it or believe in it. To proclaim something involves a profound connection between the person and what is proclaimed.

So to proclaim the Gospel involves a commitment to believe it, to follow its direction, to live it out in one's daily life. And a new proclamation of the Gospel?

We require a new way of proclaiming the Gospel because we live and proclaim it in a rapidly changing world. So some of the ways we proclaimed the Gospel in times past may not work anymore. Or as Jesus also said, "we cannot put new wine into old wine skins".

The missing generations? It's clear that they are not connecting with our former and present ways of proclaiming the Gospel. And there is no point in giving out to them for that! Neither is there any value in looking around to find someone else to blame. Our challenge is to explore how we might proclaim the Gospel in a way that will inspire others to know Christ and to respond to his love in their lives, including being part of the faith community we call Church. That challenge is not easy – but we do need to take it on.

Pointing The Way

John the Baptist was driven by one mission: to point people to Jesus, to prepare the way for Jesus. Yet John is uneasy in this account of Jesus' Baptism. The moment has arrived but he is standing before someone much greater than himself and is being asked to minister. John feels unqualified, unworthy of such a task. After some persuasion 'John gave in to him' and accepted his responsibility. This is a lesson to us all, not to let feelings of inadequacy stop us from carrying out our missions and vocations.

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