

Offertory Collection - 19th Jan

Ahiohill €396 Castletown € 403
Enniskeane €1362

Spring Stations

Coxestown, Gurranses, Derry, Derrimillen, Castlederry at the home of Noreen & Michael O'Donovan Gurranses on 7th Feb at 7.30pm

Curraghcrowley at the home of Denis & Hilary O'Riordan on Fri 21st Feb at 7.30pm

Recent Baptism

We welcome to the Christian community - Aine O'Neill, Quincy, USA.

Building Fund

Collection at all masses next weekend.

Finance Committee

Meeting on Tues 28th Jan at 8pm in the Parochial House

God's Boxes

I have in my hands two boxes which God gave me to hold. He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box, and all your joys in the gold."

I heeded His words, and in the two boxes both my joys and sorrows I stored. But though the gold became heavier each day the black was as light as before.

With curiosity, I opened the black, I wanted to find out why. And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole which my sorrows had fallen out by. I showed the hole to God, and mused, "I wonder where my sorrows could be." He smiled a gentle smile and said, "My child, they're all here with me." God's Boxes!

I asked God, why He gave me the boxes. Why the gold, and the black with the hole? "My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings, The black is for you to let go."

Community Notices

Diarmuid O Mathuna GAA Club

Puc Fada on Sun 26th Jan at 11.30am starting Round Tower cross and finishing in Castletown (note change of time)

Ahakeera Drama Group

By popular demand Ahakeera Drama Group will present their 3 Act Comedy Play "The Maiden Aunt" in the Hall, Ahakeera on this Sun 26th January at 3.00pm. A great evening's entertainment guaranteed.

Ballineen FIT 4 FUN

Training every Monday at 8pm. Meet at the BEDA Hall. Trainer : Mark Hilliard of Finish Line Fitness. Info; 087 1940510

Active Retirement

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

BEDA AGM

will be held on Tues Jan 28th 2014 at 9pm in the BEDA hall meeting rooms.

We would like to invite and encourage past, present and prospective members to attend the AGM to assist with continuing the efforts that BEDA undertakes in our community.

Blood Pressure Clinic

Dunmanway Primary Care Health Centre on Tues 28th Jan from 3.30 - 4.30pm.

All are welcome to attend this free, confidential service being offered by your local Public Health Nurse. It is important for people of all ages to have their blood pressure checked on a regular basis."

Ahiohill Pioneers

Present Ahakeera Drama Group's 3 act comedy "The Maiden Aunt" in Ahiohill Parish Hall on Sun 2nd Feb at 8pm

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

Jan 26th, 2014

Confirmation Day

The schedule of Confirmations in our diocese this year begins in early March and our parish is the second day! Our parish Confirmation day is Tuesday March 4th at 10.30am. (That date also happens to be Shrove Tuesday this year.)

A day of retreat time has been organised for the boys and girls who are preparing for Confirmation. This is being done with the support of the schools involved and will take place at St. Finbarr's Oratory, Gougane Barra. On Monday Feb 3rd, the boys and girls from Enniskeane School will leave from the school with their teachers in the morning and will return in time for normal pick-up time.

The boys and girls from the other three schools will spend the following day, Tues 4th, at Gougane Barra. Information about these days is being sent home by the schools. (Arrangements for children who are not attending the parish schools but who are preparing for Confirmation will be made separately by the parish.) During their time at Gougane Barra, the children will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance; they will learn about the life of St. Finbarr; and they will participate at Mass in the Oratory.

Today's Thought

"Life's tragedy is that we get old too soon and wise too late"

Our Lady of Lourdes

The Feastday of Our Lady of Lourdes is on February 11th. It falls on a Tuesday this year. There will be Mass in Enniskeane Church that evening at 7.30pm, along with the Sacrament of the Sick.

A Helping Hand in Lourdes

An invitation is extended to young adults aged 18-35 to join our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 11th to 16th June 2014 participating in the programme which sees young people helping care for those who are sick and disabled. This includes spending six days assisting with the sick and elderly pilgrims from our diocese, participating in the Masses and liturgies each day, walking in the footsteps of Bernadette, taking time for prayer, for making new friends and for spending time in a spirit of faith and fun with other like-minded young adults. Accommodation includes full board at the Hotel Excelsior located within minutes of the sanctuary.

The cost of the pilgrimage is divided between the Diocese, the parish, and the person travelling. Further details and booking from Sr Karen tel: 021 4537601. Booking forms need to be returned to Sr. Karen by Jan 31st.

Ennismore Retreat Centre

8 week "Mindfulness based Stress Reduction" begins on Thurs 30th Jan. 6 week "Wellness Programme" begins on Fri 7th Feb. Tel 021 4502520 for details.

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