## **Offertory Collection - 16th Feb**

Ahiohill €347 Castletown €353 Enniskeane €1428

#### **Building Fund**

Collection at all masses next weekend.

# **Newcestown Parish Mass Times**

Effective from Sun 2nd March -9.15am Farnivane. 10.30am Newcestown. Vigil mass remains unchanged at 8pm

## World Day of Prayer

The annual World Day of Prayer ceremony will be held in Castletown Church on Fri. 7th March at 8 p.m. Everybody invited to attend.

# The Joy of the Gospel

Fr Kevin O'Gorman SMA, Maynooth will explore the contents of this latest document by Pope Francis and what it means for us today in our parishes in ireland. Fr Kevin will offer his insights from the document and offer an opportunity for discussion and questions.

Fri 28th February at the Clonakilty Parish Centre from 3-5pm. To book a place please contact 021 4537474. There is no charge to attend this talk. A Faith Development initiative of Cork & Ross Pastoral Development Office

#### Holy Land Pilgrimage

June 6th - 16th 2014. Spiritual Director Fr John Newman. Information from culturaltoursireland@gmail.com or 086 8337681 (Micheal deBarra)

#### **Church Directory**

The 2014 Directory is available in the Church sacristy at a cost of  $\in 5.00$ 

# **Today's Thought**

"When you are loosing, wear a winning face "



#### **Ahiohill Ladies Club**

Celebrating 25th Anniversary- Jan 1989 - 2014. A celebration Dinner will be held in Fernhill House Hotel on 28th Feb at 7.30pm. (sharp). To reserve your seat contact: Liz 086-2318870 or Angela 087-6741143. All welcome.

#### Ahiohill Charity Run

Bike, Tractor, Car Vintage & Classic Charity Run plus a 5km Walk on Sun 2nd Mar. Sign in from 10.30am. Following the walk there will be a 20km cycle. Proceeds to Rapid Response and Co Action. Details from Jim 087 6429044

## St Brogans College

Enrolment for Adult Education night classes at St. Brogans College Bandon will take place on Mon 24th Feb 7-8pm in the school. For further information log on to www.sbc.ie or phone 0872309653.

# **One Direction Tickets**

BEDA are currently selling raffle lines for a pair of seated tickets for the sold out One Direction Concert in Croke Park in May. Lines are available from Ballineen & Enniskeane Post Offices and Collins' Butcher Shop. Contact Mary @ 086-3693818 or email mary jo@eircom.net This is a BEDA

Playground Fundraiser.

#### **Book Sale**

St Mary's National School Enniskeane Parents Association are holding a second hand book sale in the school on Wed 26th Feb 3.30 - 5pm & Thurs 27th 5-7.30pm. Childrens books only can be given to any member of the Parents Association.

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.

# **Enniskeane and Desertserges**

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## Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it.'Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all of the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most vou would leave me.'

.The Lord replied,

"My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your time of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

# **Cork & Ross Pilgrimage Lourdes**

11-16 June. Booking forms available from Joe Walsh Tours, Cork 021 4277959. Enquiries for Special Sick/Assisted section can be made to the Pilgrimage Director Vy Rev Canon James O'Donovan, Ballinlough 021 4292296

# Pray For... Who?

'Rise above it'; 'Don't lower yourself to their level'; 'Turn the other cheek'. It sounds like good advice, but of course it is not always easy.

Major historical figures such as Gandhi show what can be achieved by taking a path of non-violence. If you've ever seen the film Gandhi there is a harrowing scene where his followers, during a nonviolent protest, offer themselves up one by one to be beaten, never retaliating. It is a fairly dramatic example of 'turning the other cheek', but eventually this peaceful resistance paid off. Gandhi described non-violence as 'the greatest force at the disposal of mankind'.

Turning the other cheek is one thing, but do we have to go as far as actually loving our enemies? Jesus says we do. Moreover, we should pray for them. A familiar sounding piece of advice from Jesus, we can sometimes forget to check if it applies to us. When is the last time you actually prayed for someone who was giving you a hard time? It is one of the more difficult sayings of Jesus. But it is an ideal to strive for.

No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background or his religion. People learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite. - Nelson Mandela

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