

Offertory Collection - 23rd March

Ahiohill €203 Castletown €522

Enniskeane €1274

Building Fund Collection

Will be taken up next weekend.

Recent Baptism

Welcome to the Christian Community

Thomas Kiernan-Hennessy, Ballineen

First Friday Calls

Visits to the sick and housebound with the Blessed Sacrament will be on Thurs 3rd & Fri 4th Apr at the usual times.

Community Care

Spring Party will be held in the BEDA Hall on Sun March 30th 3-6pm-

Ahiohill National School

Enrolment of new pupils on Thurs Apr 3rd 12.30pm - 3.30pm. Please tel 023 8839477 to organise an alternative date if this does not suit.

Spring Stations

Keelnameela, Ballyvoige & Breaghna at the home of Brian & Liz Coomey on Fri 25th Apr at 7.30pm

Knockmacool & Kilcolman at the home of John & Annette Coffey on Fri 2nd May at 7.30pm

Corran & Ballinard at the home of Sheila O'Neill on 9th May at 7.30pm

Stations of the Cross

Continue every Wednesday during Lent in Enniskeane Church at 7.30pm

St. Marys G.A.A Club

U8s Football Coach is required for St Marys GAA Club one hour, one evening a week. Contact Olivia with any queries on (086) 3225284

Today's Thought

"Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever."

Community Notices

Enniskeane Camogie Club

Come & Try Day for girls aged 6 upwards who have not played Camogie before - St Mary's GAA Club Sun 30th Mar 11.30am - 1.00pm.

Castletown Drama Week

Sun 30th March at 8.30 pm 'The Maiden Aunt' & Sat 5th April at 8.30pm - A Night of Entertainment featuring Terelton Macra, Kilmeen Drama & Special Guests. Castletown Hall. Admission €10

Castletown fundraising

Committee meeting on Mon March 31st at 9.30pm. All members asked to attend.

Chiropodist

BEDA Rooms on Wed 2nd Apr. By appointment only - 023 8847153

CAHCS 2004 - 2014

To celebrate our 10th birthday, Seán Ó Sé is special guest in An Caipín Wed. Apr 2nd at 8.30pm for a night of scoraíocht, song & music. Everybody welcome.

Keelnameela Ladies Football

Family Bingo in Ahiohill Parish Hall on Sun 6th Apr at 3pm. All welcome

Ahiohill Ladies Club

Meeting on Mon 7th Apr at 8pm. sharp. Ann O'Donovan from Citizens Information will discuss financial issues. **Please note time change**

Ballineen fit 4 life

Circuit training every Monday night at 8pm BEDA Hall Trainer : Mark Hilliard of Finish Line Fitness. 087 1504648

Ballymoney Garden Club

Meeting on Mon Apr 7th at 8.30pm in Ballymoney Hall. Speaker John Hosford Tea & Raffle All very welcome

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Parish Bulletin

Mar 30th 2014

Parish Funds update

The annual parish report to the bishop and to parishioners is being prepared at the moment for the year to Dec 31st 2013. Before being published, they will be signed off on by the Parish Finance Committee and then by an independent accountant so it will be a while before the final report is available. Meanwhile, a brief update is in order.

We began last year with the parish debt to the bank standing at €67,277. The generosity of the people to the parish and to the care of our churches is evident in the fact that by the end of the year, the loan balance was down to €17,470. We have managed to achieve this while at the same time taking care of several items of expenditure and maintenance in the parish.

Towards the end of last year, essential maintenance and repair work was carried out in Ahiohill church, including repairing water damage to side walls of the church, re-panelling the side walls and stairs, re-roofing the porch, repairing and polishing the floor, painting the interior (the exterior was painted by voluntary labour), replacing carpets in the sanctuary, gallery and sacristy. Essential work was also necessary to the presbytery and attached garage in Ahiohill. The total cost of all these works amounted to €28,140.

Some of this cost — €8,500 of it — was

paid from the 2013 funds and the balance has been paid since the beginning of 2014. (A donation of €3,000 was kindly made towards these costs.) It means that, overall, our parish funds are very close to clearing the bank loan which was drawn down principally for works at Enniskeane parish church and surrounds.

With the support of the Parish Finance Committee, it has been decided to keep the building fund collections for the remainder of this year at which point things will be reviewed again. This will enable us to clear the remainder of the loan, meet the cost of the Ahiohill works, and make provision for essential maintenance works which will need to be undertaken at Castletown Church, including resolving the issues around access for people with impaired mobility as well as painting and decorating. In the long term, we will also need to begin to put aside funds for church maintenance which will be necessary as roofs will need replacing, etc, in the future.

The people of the parish and all who support the parish have been exemplary in supporting the maintenance of our churches. People know that we have a responsibility to preserve, value and maintain the built heritage we have received from those who have prayed here before us. Hopefully, the future generations will continue to honour these gifts.

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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