

Offertory Collection 7th Dec

Ahiohill €389 Castletown €906(2 wks)
Enniskeane € 1105

Building Fund

Collection Total: €3099

Recent Baptisms

Welcome to the Christian Community
Oisín Leahy, Knockbrogan, Bandon
Ava Murray, Daunt Court
Charlie O'Donovan, Knocks, Lyre

Enniskeane Church

It is intended to erect the Christmas
crib on Tues Dec. 23 at 7:30 pm.

Any donations of red berry or other
holly and ivy will be welcome. Also
any helpers will be most welcome.

Pre-Christmas Confessions

“Prepare ye the way of the Lord ... “
by participating in the Sacrament of
Reconciliation.

Inter-parish Penitential Services (with
several priests taking part) planned as
follows:-

Monday Dec 15th in Newcestown at
8pm;

Thursday Dec 18th in Bandon at
7.30pm;

Monday Dec 22nd in Enniskeane at
7.30pm.

First Communion Programme

Do this in Memory Mass on Sun 21st
Dec at the 12noon Mass in Enniskeane

Advent Prayer

*Come, Lord Jesus. Come and stay with
our family and friends - all who are dear
to us. May your light shine brightly so
we can see you everywhere. Help us to
spread your light and joy by giving
freely and happily to all we meet.*

Community Notices

Castletown Fundraising

Annual Bazaar on Dec 14th at 1.30pm

Ahiohill Ladies Club

Annual Christmas floral demonstration
given by Eileen O' Brien on Mon 15th
Dec at 8.30pm SHARP! Admission is €10
and includes tickets for the raffle. Mulled
wine and refreshments will be served on
the night. All are very welcome.

Community Carol Service

Wed 17th Dec in the BEDA Hall, Balli-
neen at 7.30pm. Childrens Christmas
Gifts and the offering will go to St.Vin-
cent de Paul. Refreshments served.
Everyone welcome. Come and hear our
local choirs and schools perform. Small
items of baking welcome.

Carols & Craic

Hosted by Enniskeane Choir, in aid of
Cork Simon Community, on Fri. 19th
Dec. in the Olympic Tavern at 9 p.m. Do
join us for a convivial evening of music,
song and laughter. No entry fee but dona-
tions of own choice most gratefully ac-
cepted. Refreshments served.

"Tis the Season to be Jolly, Fa-la-la-la"

O God of our Joy, Come

In gratitude we remember you as creator
of all, yet still mindful of each of your
children. Grant us the patience to live in
joyful hope, to trust in your abiding pres-
ence. Open our eyes to see your healing
at work in our lives that we might touch
the world with tender, compassionate
care. Give us the wisdom, courage and
strength to bring the joy of your love to
transform the earth and to light the way to
a more just and peaceful world. Amen.

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Parish Bulletin

14th Dec 2014

Christmas Offering

We have two sets of envelopes that are
in use in our parish for collections and
that are delivered to people's homes. One
set — the one for weekly and holiday
collections — is given to people who
have asked for them and to those who
continue to use them. (If you want a set
of these, please contact the parish office.)
Donations returned using these envelopes
go to parish funds and to a set of charita-
ble purposes that the diocese takes up
collections for during the year. The dio-
cese takes one fifth of these funds to
meet the bills incurred by the diocese.
Parish funds are used locally to pay the
running costs of the parish: repairs and
maintenance of the buildings, insurance,
heating oil and gas for churches, printing,
electricity, grounds, wages, church sup-
plies, and lots of other bills. We are also
aiming to set aside a small amount each
month towards having a capital fund
which will be used for future refurbish-
ment of the churches.

A second set of four envelopes is posted
at the beginning of each year to each
householder in the parish. The proceeds
of these four collections (Spring Dues,
Easter, Autumn Dues and Christmas Of-
fering) make up the main part of the in-
come of the parish clergy. (some people
may have mislaid the Christmas envelope
by now so extra Christmas envelopes

will be available in the churches from
this weekend.) Thank you for your gen-
erous support.

Ask and you shall receive

Many thanks to all the people who
signed up at Mass last weekend to ex-
pand the ministries in our parish to in-
clude more people as well as developing
new ministries. (If you missed this op-
portunity, it's not too late as the form is
on the parish website at www.enniskeaneparish.ie).

With the help of the parish assembly,
we did the first round of sorting last
Monday. We met after the holy day
evening Mass when we heard again
Mary's words to the angel Gabriel "I am
the handmaid of the Lord!" It seems that
many parishioners are happy to echo
Mary's words.

There was a very positive response to
the appeal for volunteer ministry and
service. We now have a list of 197 peo-
ple, made up of adults and young peo-
ple, who are keen to make the parish
even more vibrant and to join those al-
ready in service and in ministry.

We will sort the lists further and then
follow up with everyone after Christ-
mas.

Many thanks.

Thought for Today

“Nothing in life is to be feared. It is
only to be understood.”

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