

Offertory Collection 18th Jan

Ahiohill €270 Castletown €378
Enniskeane € 1429

Diocesan Needs

Collection Total - €1260

Recently Deceased

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Michel Healy, Garlands, who was buried in Castletown.

Spring Station Masses

- Derry, Derrymileen, Gurranes & Coxestown at the home of Tom & Maureen Dwyer on Fri 30th Jan at 7.30pm
- Ballyvoige, Keelnameela & Breaghna at the home of Pat & Anne Donegan on Fri 6th Feb at 7.30pm
- Coppeen East, Moneycrohy & Lackanashinnagh at the home of Denis & Ann Lordan on Fri Feb 20th at 7.30pm
- Dromfeigh, Gortaleen & Buckaree at the home of Mary Hurley on Fri 27th at 12 noon
- Knocks at the home of Felix O'Neill on Fri 20th Mar at 12noon
- Corran & Ballinard at the home of John & Anne O'Mahony on Fri 27th Mar at 7.30pm
- Ahilnane, Ardkillen, Coolabawan, Derrigra & Gurteenroe at the home of Edward & Elmarie McSweeney on Fri 17th Apr at 7.30pm

Active Retirement

Meeting on Tues 27th Jan in the BEDA Hall. 2.30 - 4.30pm. All welcome

Prayer

Lord, inspire me to honour myself every day and in every moment, so that in doing so I may reveal your uniqueness in me to everyone I meet.

Community Notices

BEDA Annual General Meeting

Tues, 27th Jan at 9pm in the BEDA Community Hall. Existing members are invited to attend. New members are required and will be warmly welcomed. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

Ballineen Methodist Church

Communtiy Songs of Praise on Sun 25th Jan at 8pm. This is a fundraiser for our new hall. Refreshments will be served. Everyone welcome.

St Enda's

Ladies Football Reunion, on Sat 21st Feb in the Parkway Hotel at 8p.m. Tickets €25 contact Angela 0868815018 or Sandra 0872835054. Everybody welcome.

Information Evening

Tuesday, Jan 27th at 8.30pm in Terelton Community Hall about the 6 x 131m wind turbines planned for the area. All are welcome.

St Brogans Bandon

Induction morning for 6th class pupils who have enrolled on Sat 7th Feb at 9am. Contact 023 8841120 if you have not enrolled but wish to attend.

Bluebell Fitness:

Tues: Bootcamp Ballinacarriga 7.30pm

Wed: Bootcamp Beda Hall 7pm

Wed: Tabata Dunmanway Sports Hall 8.30 pml All fitness levels welcome. Ring Oona 086 234 3546

Clonakilty Comhaltas

Irish music session in Galescoil Clonakilty on Sun 25th Jan at 3pm - open to all musicians and children who play traditional Irish music. Admission free.

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

25th Jan 2015

First Confessions

The first celebration of the Sacrament of Penance for the children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in the parish will take place on Thursday March 19th in Enniskeane Church at 7.30pm. Parents and other family members and all parishioners are also welcome to join with the children in asking for God's forgiveness at the same ceremony.

Spring days of prayer

The beginning of February is marked with a number of special days of prayer. Feb 1st (Sunday this year) is the feast day of St. Brigid of Kildare — one of Ireland's patron saints.

Monday Feb 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It marks when the infant Jesus was brought to the Temple by Mary and Joseph to follow the rituals of the Jewish faith. He was first described at that event by Simeon as "the light of the nations". Hence the tradition of blessing candles at Mass on this day. Blessed candles are used in church and in homes throughout the year for any occasion of prayer and at Station Masses.

Tuesday 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. Blaise was a bishop at Sebaste (now the city of Sivas in central Turkey, in what was then the Roman province of Armenia-Cappadocia). During a persecution

he was martyred in 316 AD. His fame as a healer of sore throats is documented in the East from the 6th century and in the West by the 9th.

At Mass on this date, the blessing of throats "through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr" takes places across most of Europe and nowadays across the world, too.

In our parish, this year, throats will be blessed at the 9am Mass in Ahiohill, at the 10am Mass in Enniskeane and during a short prayer service in Enniskeane Church at 7.30pm.

Parish assembly

Meeting on Mon Jan 26th at 8pm in Gort Mhuire. All members are asked to attend.

Welcomes and farewells

The number of baptisms celebrated in our parish in the past year was 55. In the previous year, there were 42 and in 2012 there were 64.

There were 25 funerals in our parish during the past year.

Study Theology at home

Don't just go to Church - Be the Church! Get ready by studying theology from home or in the class. The Priory Institute offers theology courses both online and in traditional classroom setting. Contact 01-4048124 or www.prioryinstitute.ie before Feb 23rd.

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