

Offertory Collection 25th Jan

Ahiohill €266 Castletown €433

Enniskeane €1179

Spring Station Masses

- Ballyvoige, Keelnameela & Breaghna at the home of Pat & Anne Donegan on Fri 6th Feb at 7.30pm
- Cashelmore, Cashelcommons & Tullymurrihy at the home of Anthony & Liz Cullinane on Fri Mar 6th at 7.30pm.

First Friday Calls

The sick and housebound will be visited with the Blessed Sacrament on Thurs 5th & Fri 6th at the usual times.

Parish Assembly

The next meeting will be on Mon Feb 23rd at 8pm in Gort Mhuire. Please note change of date.

Candlemas

Candles will be blessed at Mass in Enniskeane church on Monday - the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - 10am.

St. Blaise

Tuesday 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. At Mass on this date, the blessing of throats "through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr" takes place across most of Europe and nowadays across the world, too.

In our parish, 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.

First Holy Communion

A meeting of the parent group coordinating the Do This in Memory Programme takes place on Mon 2nd Feb at 8pm at the Parochial House.

Community Notices

Chiropody

Wed Feb 4th in BEDA rooms by appointment only - please note change of phone number 023-8847373

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.

Ahakeera Drama Group

will present the Three Act Comedy "Love Thy Neighbour" in Ahakeera Community Centre on Sun Feb 1st at 3pm and also on Fri Feb 6th at 8.30 pm. Raffle and a cuppa will follow. All support would be greatly appreciated.

Ahiohill Ladies Club

Meeting on Mon 2nd Feb at 8.30pm in Ahiohill Parish Hall. A skincare and makeup master class will be given by Orla Murphy of Crowleys Pharmacy, Clonakilty. Admission (incl raffle) €5 All are very welcome and refreshments will be served. Proceeds will go to Aisling Coomey in aid of her forthcoming Self Help Africa trip to Ethiopia.

Co Action Summer Camp

CoAction would like to hear from adults, 2nd. & 3rd. level students interested in volunteering in their Summer Camps in July. Camps are held in Bantry, Beara, Clonakilty, Dunmanway and Skibbereen. Applicants must be over 16yrs. by Jan. 15. Contact 027- 54027/50114 or email winnieosullivan@coaction.ie. Closing date for receipt of completed application, reference and Garda Clearance forms Fri Feb 27th.

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

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Lourdes Pilgrimage and Funds

Next weekend there is a second collection in all churches of the diocese in aid of the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund.

This collection subsidises the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (June 11 to 16) for individuals whose health and/or means would otherwise prevent them from travelling to Lourdes. It also subsidises the travel of essential care personnel. It is administered by Canon Jim O'Donovan, The Presbytery, Ballinlough, Cork.

There are three ways in which people may take part in this special annual pilgrimage to the most famous Marian Shrine in the world:-

(a) Sick people who need care. These are always seen as the most important people in Lourdes. Last year, 94 such people from Cork & Ross took part in the pilgrimage. They stay at a specially built hospital near the Grotto in Lourdes and are cared for on a 24-hour basis by a dedicated team of several hundred volunteer doctors, nurses, carers and helpers. The cost of travel to Lourdes for the sick is subsidised by the collection and the cost of renting the hospital is also paid for by the collection.

A parishioner who wishes to inquire about travelling with this section of the pilgrimage is asked to contact Canon Jim O'Donovan. Tel 021-4292296.

(b) People who are praying for healing

but are independent. Many people travel to Lourdes to make a pilgrimage for themselves or on behalf of or with a family member or friend. Accommodation is provided at one of the town's many hotels near the Grotto. These pilgrims usually pay their own way but the cost ought never be a barrier to anyone (help is available for anyone who needs it). Places on this part of the pilgrimage can be booked by contacting Joe Walsh Tours at Tel 021-4277959.

(c) Many people travel to help organise the pilgrimage and, especially, to help the sick and those with special needs. Some go as professionals and many more go to help with the many tasks that need to be done in the hospital and in helping the sick take part in the ceremonies. The pilgrimage could not happen without the dedication and care of so many people. Last year, nine young adult helpers from our parish played a big part in the success of the pilgrimage. Others adults from our parish also helped out. The cost of the pilgrimage for the carers is subsidised by the collection. Anyone from our parish wishing to travel on the pilgrimage as a helper is asked to contact Fr Charlie Kiely at 021-4357603

Today's Thought

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

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