

Offertory Collection 8th March

Ahiohill €297 Castletown €455
Enniskeane €1326

Irish Bishops Commission

Collection this weekend helps fund the work of the Irish Bishops' Conference and its agencies and commissions.

Lá Féile Pádraig - Masses

Mon 16th 6 pm Ahiohill.
7.30pm Enniskeane.
Tues 17th. 10.30am Castletown.
12noon Enniskeane.

Recent Baptism

Welcome to the Christian Community
Méabh O'Driscoll, Desert

Recently Deceased

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Denis Twomey Desert who was buried during the week.

Spring Station Masses

- Corran & Ballinard at John & Anne O'Mahony on Fri 27th Mar at 7.30pm
- Knocks at the home of Felix O'Neill on Mon 13th April at 7.30pm
- Ahilnane, Ardkilleen, Coolabawan, Derrigra & Gurteenroe at Edward & Elmarie McSweeney on Fri 17th Apr at 7.30pm
- Curraghcrowley at the home of Michael and Eileen Twomey on Fri Apr 24 at 7.30pm.

First Confession

The children preparing for their First Holy Communion will celebrate the Sacrament of Confession (Penance) on Thursday March 19th at 7.30pm in Enniskeane Church.

Today's Thought

A mother is not a person to lean on but a person to make leaning unnecessary ”

Community Notices

Castletown Fundraising

Reserve Wed. April 8th -Presentation to Enable Ireland in Castletownkenneigh Hall at 8.30pm- Dancing to Lee Sound.

Internet Safety & Cyber Bullying

A talk on Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying by John Wills Psychologist -Barnardos will take place in Kilcolman N.S. on Wed Mar 18th at 7.00pm. Admission is free all are welcome.

Daffodil Day 2015:

A Coffee Day in aid of Daffodil Day will be held in Foley's Bar, Ballineen on Sat 21st March from 11am to 3pm. All are welcome.

12 Wk weight loss challenge:

Information night in Gort Mhuire on Thurs Mar 19th at 7.30pm -for more info please contact Michelle 085-7807306 or Eunice 087 9854249

St Patricks Day Festival

St Patricks Day Festival will be held in Coppeen on Tues Mar 17th. This year's event will be opened by members of the Crowley family Moneynacrohy who recently won the top award in the TG4 Clann Feirm Factor awards. The festival will have a packed program of events including musical performances from Coppeen NS, Newcestown Comhaltas and a set dancing display by Castletown set dancers. The parade will start at 3pm at the school. So come early to be part of a great day.

Bluebell Fitness

continues with Bootcamp every Wednesday at 7pm in the BEDA Hall. Everyone welcome. Oona 086 234 3546

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

www.facebook.com/enniskeane ✚ www.enniskeaneparish.ie

Free

Parish Bulletin

15th March 2015

Looking ahead

This time three years ago — Spring 2012 — the membership of the current Parish Assembly was nominated. Each assembly is renewed after three years. In our case, the present assembly has kindly agreed to extend its term a little bit because there are other projects underway at present.

The nominations for the new assembly will be done before the end of June and formation/training for the members of the new assembly will be in the Autumn. So in the meantime ... time for thinking and praying. Who is willing to be involved in leadership in our parish for the next three years? What kind of issues need to be addressed? Are you open to considering being involved?

Budgeting

Our parish's financial report for the past year is being prepared for signing off by the Parish Finance Committee and an external accountant before being published and also sent to the bishop's office.

The first thing that stands out from our accounts over the past few years is that the generosity and support of parishioners remains strong. This is clear from the fact that we cleared the debt on the Building Fund in the past year. It's also clear from the offertory collections —

they have not declined in spite of the economic downturn.

However, the parish experiences the same budgeting challenges as families do. We're not getting the same value for money as say a few years ago. All the bills have increased. Our largest single bill is for insurance on the three churches, the presbyteries and Ahiohill Hall. The bill for this year just arrived and it is up a lot. It's €10,434 for the year. In effect, when we take out the 20% from each collection that goes to the diocese, the insurance bill takes pretty much everything the parishioners have put in the baskets during January and February.

Heat and light bills are also a drain on the parish, especially at this time of the year (The most recent electricity bill for Enniskeane church is €609.)

As we plan for the future, it's evident that while the people attending church are very supportive, their number is going to decline. So we also need to ask and answer questions about how we can best plan for the parish's budget into the future.

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine and Glenstal Abbey

Sat/Sun 25th – 26th July
All-in 2-day trip for €110 per person.
Contact: Parish office: 023-8847769 or Máire O'Driscoll: 086-1298115.
Deposit of €30 with booking

Fr. Tom Hayes PP, Parochial House, Enniskeane. 023-8847769 / 087-9311472

Email parishpriest@enniskeaneparish.ie (Off-duty Wednesdays)

Parish Office: Tuesdays 9.30am – 12.30pm; 2.30pm – 5.30pm & Thursdays 9.30am – 1pm; 1.30pm–2.30pm. (Closed Holy Days) Tel 023 8847769 parishoffice@enniskeaneparish.ie