

Offertory Collection - 26th Apr

Ahiohill €225 Castletown €570
Enniskeane €1120

Building Fund

Collection this weekend.

Bank Holiday Monday

Mass in Enniskeane Church at 11am

Spring Station Masses

- Curraghcrowley Station deferred until further notice.
- Knockmacool & Kilcolman in the home of Noreen & Anthony Hourihane on Fri May 22nd at 7.30pm.

Pastoral Development office

The annual collection to fund the work of the Cork & Ross Pastoral Development Office will be taken up next weekend Sat/Sun 9th & 10th May. This annual collection funds the costs of training for parish assemblies and pastoral councils; ministry to young people and young adults; training for parish ministries such as baptism preparation teams, parish catechists, funeral teams; and resources for ongoing formation such as courses, talks and conferences for clergy and laity.

First Friday Calls

The sick and household will be visited on this Thurs & Fri at usual times.

Chiropodist

BEDA Rooms on Wed 6th by appointment to 023 8847373

Parish Pilgrimage

Knock Shrine and Glenstal Abbey - Sat/Sun 25th - 26th July. All-in 2-day trip for €110 per person. Contact: Parish office: 023-8847769. Deposit of €30

Today's Thought

“Opportunity seldom knocks twice”

Community Notices

Annual Fundraiser

An Caipin Bar Coppeen - Sun May 3rd at 8pm. Music by Deora Ceol. Raffle & Spot prizes - Proceeds to Local Charities.

Community Games

Enniskeane & Districts Community Games will hold their annual Sports Day on Mon May 4th at 2pm at St Mary's GAA. Pre-registration not essential but would be encouraged. Enquiries to enniskeanedistrict@gmail.com

Ahiohill Ladies Club

Annual Walk, Bring & Buy and Cake sale on Mon 4th May at 7pm in the Parish hall All are welcome. Funds go towards the maintenance of the Parish Hall.

St.Marys G.A.A

Clothing recycling fundraiser takes place Sat May 16th, 11am to 3pm, St. Marys pitch grounds. Items may also be dropped into one of the pitch dressing rooms on Mon May 11th & Wed May 13th between 7-8pm only. Clothing, shoes, soft toys, curtains, towels can be accepted along with books (no school books, magazines or copy books). Mobile phones must be kept separate & laptops intact with lead, Olivia Murphy-086-3225284 or Mary O Driscoll 086-3693818

Surgeon Noonan Fund Thank You

Aidan and the Coffey family would like to sincerely thank the people of Enniskeane parish and surrounds for the fantastic and generous response to the event for Africa. The final sum raised was €2250 all of which will go directly to supply medical aid to African hospitals - a great tribute to the Enniskeane Surgeon Noonan after whom the charity is named.

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

3rd May 2015

With or without an Assembly?

A few years ago, before I was appointed to this parish, my ministry involved helping parishes set up parish assemblies and parish pastoral councils. After a meeting in one parish one night, I asked the parish priest what difference having a parish assembly made to him. I remember his answer still: “When I’m settling down at night, I hope that there is more than just me thinking about the development and future of our parish.”

That’s an aspect of parish which isn’t often seen — on the other hand, many people think that the responsibility for the parish rests solely with the clergy. We learn from the very first Christians that this isn’t so — that being part of a spirit-filled community is at the heart of the Christian life. A parish is not a piece of land. It’s not defined by boundaries. It’s formed by a community of people who have faith in Jesus Christ and who allow this faith to shape and inform and inspire all that they do.

This is so important that if a parish doesn’t have a role for everyone it is not being true to Christ. And one of these roles is leadership. So, a parish that doesn’t have a parish assembly or a pastoral council actively involved in the life of the parish just doesn’t make sense!

This parish has been blessed by the commitment of the people who have given life to the three parish assemblies

that have been in the parish so far. Next month, we put the nets back into the community to invite new members to be part of our parish leadership for the next three years.

The current assembly was formed in 2012. It subsequently divided into four sub-groups.

Liturgy and celebration group

Our group has 11 members. We as a group participated in and assisted in the organisation of the annual Corpus Christi Procession, the annual graveyard masses, Holy week and Easter ceremonies, the Padre Pio mass to name but a few. Throughout our three year term we had the pleasure in participating in the ordination ceremony, songs at Christmas ceremony and the launch of the Organ. It was a great way to make a new friend in the parish while also doing things to benefit the parish and parishioners. There is a great sense of satisfaction in being part of The Parish Assembly.

First Holy Communion Mass

Enniskeane Church on Sat 9th May at 11am.

New Lay Ministers

The new Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist are now added to the rotas in the three churches.

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