

## Offertory Collection - 22nd Nov

Collection Totalled €2113

## Recent Baptisms

Welcome to the Christian Community  
Jakub Bak, Harold's Court, Enniskeane  
Emily Ann Millard, Douglas

## Building Fund

Collection at all Masses next weekend.

## Community Christmas Carol Service

An interdenominational Christmas Carol Service will be held in Castletown Church on Fri Dec 11th at 8pm. Children are invited to bring non-perishable food items (example sugar,tea, tinned foods)to benefit the less fortunate during this season of goodwill. Refreshments will be served subsequently in Castle-town hall. A memorable night for all.

## Blessed Sacrament Visits

Visits to the sick and housebound will be made on Thurs 3rd & Fri 4th at the usual times.

## Carbery Mass

The annual Mass offered for deceased employees and relatives of employees of the Carbery Group will be celebrated at Enniskeane Church on Mon Nov 30th at 5.30pm. All welcome.

## Christmas Floral Demonstration

with Iris Sweetnam on Wed the 2nd Dec at 8pm in Ballineen Methodist Church Hall. Admission €8 including Christmas fruit punch and refreshments. Everyone welcome.

## Today's Thought

"If you want your dreams to come true, don't oversleep"

## Community Notices

### Ahiohill Christmas Carol Service & Tree Lighting

Carol Service will take place on Sun 6th Dec at 6pm. in Ahiohill Church featuring adult choir, children's choir and guest soprano Sinead Tracey. Followed by lighting of Christmas Tree, stalls, raffle in aid of Cork Simon and refreshments at Four Winds. If you are interested in having a stall contact Mary on (087) 9172830.

### CAHCS presents

'An Evening with Tim O'Riordan' of Natural Gas/'The Langer' fame. Music, songs, stories & craic from this wonderful entertainer, a great night assured. Wed 2nd Dec, 8:30pm at An Caipin. Non-members €5, everybody welcome.

### Health Check

Round 2 of the free health checks for men (in partnership with Cork Sports Partnership) will take place in the Dunmanway Family Resource Centre, on Mon 30th Nov from 8-9.30pm. 0238856818 for details.

### Chiropodist

BEDA Rooms on Wed 2nd Dec by appointment only. Ring - 087 6158153.

### Castletownkenneigh Fundraising

Annual Bazaar will be held in Castle-town Hall on Sun Dec 13th.

### St Oliver Plunketts GAA

Annual General Meeting on Thurs 10th Dec in the Clubhouse at 8.30pm sharp.

Dinner Dance on Sat Jan 23rd 2016

### Christmas Open House,

Bridepark Cottage, Killumney in aid of CoAction West Cork & Friedreich's Ataxia Charity on this Sunday 29th 12- 8pm

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## Mass participation

Many thanks to the Young People and Children group of the Parish Assembly who have been busy coordinating the rotas for young people and children to participate in our parish Masses as Gift Bearers, Prayer of the Faithful readers, and as readers of the second Scripture Reading.

Thanks also to the boys and girls and their parents for showing enthusiasm and for signing up. The new rotas will be circulated in the coming days.

## Photo Exhibition and Sale

Some people smile when the parish priest takes out his camera — others frown and quietly murmur things best not heard! But most people like looking at photos even if they don't enjoy being in them! Here's a chance to browse an exhibition of 100 photos taken in recent years by Fr. Tom Hayes.

The photos will be exhibited at the BEDA Hall, Ballineen, on Sunday Dec 13th in the afternoon. Proceeds from sale of the photos will be shared by the Ballineen Foróige Club (local youth club) and the Parish Building Fund. (There is no admission charge.) The photographs are mounted and framed and would make a special Christmas gift or a keepsake for any occasion.

Local artists will also display their paintings for people to admire and enjoy. Teas/coffees will be served.

## Happy New Year!

No we haven't skipped a page in the calendar. This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and the first of the Christian calendar's new year. During Advent, our thoughts and prayers turn to spiritual readiness for two events: the return of Jesus at the Last Day, and our celebration of his first coming at Christmas time.

The readings at Mass for the first two weeks of Advent are mostly concerned with prompting us to be ready for the Lord's return. The readings during the second half of Advent concentrate more on the preparations of the People of God for the Birth of the Messiah.

It's good to take a time for us to reflect on the quality of our lives. If the end of the world were tomorrow, how ready am I? What have I put off doing? How weighed down is my long finger with things I should be sorting today?

The progressive lighting of the candles on the Advent Wreath in church and at home are a prayerful reminder to us to prepare the way of the Lord. Let his light take over the darkness in our world and in our lives.



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