

## Offertory Collection - 29th Nov

Collection Totalled €2107

## Building Fund

Collection at all Masses this weekend

## Recent Baptism

Welcome to the Christian Community  
Zoe Hannah Nyhan, Aherlick

## Community 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.

## Ahiohill Christmas Carol Service

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.

## Carols & Craic!

A night of Christmas songs, stories & fun hosted by Enniskeane Choir in aid of Cork Simon at the Olympic Tavern on Fri. 18th Dec. at 9 p.m. Donation of choice gratefully accepted. Refreshments served and everybody welcome.

## Children's Christmas Music

concert in Ballineen BEDA hall on Fri Dec 11th at 8pm. Everyone welcome..

## Today's Thought

"What you think about yourself is much more important than what others think of you"

## Community Notices

### Ballineen Methodist Church

Carol Service on Sun 6th of Dec at 8pm.  
Everyone welcome.

### Book Launch

An Caipin Bar, Coppeen, Thurs 10th Dec at 9pm. The Book contains a brief history of Connagh National School from 1957 - 1978. All welcome.

### Ahakeera Community Centre

Christmas Party in the Hall, Ahakeera on Fri 11th Dec. Great entertainment assured plus Raffle for Festive prizes and also the Christmas Cake draw. Refreshments served. Everybody welcome.

### Castletownkenneigh Fundraising

Annual Bazaar will be held in Castle-town Hall on Sun Dec 13th at 1.30pm. Usual door to door collections in progress Looking forward to your support

### Ahiohill Ladies Club

Christmas Floral Demonstration by Carmel O' Driscoll on Tues 15th Dec at 8pm. Admission €10 includes tickets for raffle. Mulled wine and refreshments will be served on the night. All welcome.

### St Oliver Plunketts GAA

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

Christmas Morning Swim in Inchydoney at 10.45am.

Puc Fada - St Stephen's Day. - 11am

Dinner Dance on Sat Jan 23rd 2016

### Thank You

Michael and Elma O'Neill, Ballinard, would like to thank everybody who supported the recent coffee day. €1,060 has been sent to the Irish Heart & Lung Transplant Association.

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Parish Bulletin

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## Dec 8th — Holy Day

Tuesday Dec 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It celebrates the believe of Catholics through the ages that before Mary was born, God the Father was already preparing her to be the mother of the Saviour. It is one of the holy days on which Catholics are required to attend Mass. Mass will be celebrated in Enniskeane Church at 10.30am and at 7.30pm.

## Parishioners' kindness

Br. Kevin Crowley received a very warm welcome from the congregation at the 12noon Mass last weekend in Enniskeane. He painted a very challenging picture of the reality of poverty which he is confronting every day at the Capuchin Day Centre in Dublin. He certainly helped us all to put into perspective whatever issues we might be going on about ourselves and helped us to be so grateful. The Parish Assembly — who invited Br. Kevin to speak in his native parish — accepted donations from parishioners for the work of the Capuchin Day Centre. Sincere thanks to all who contributed: €2,135 is on its way to Br. Kevin which will make a significant difference to his budget in the lead in to Christmas.

## Gort Mhuire

Mass will be celebrated in Gort Mhuire on Thurs 10th Dec at 10am.

## Photo expo cancelled

The photo exhibition and sale planned for next weekend is deferred to the Spring. Apologies for any inconvenience.

## Opening of Holy Door – the Jubilee Year of Mercy

An invitation is extended to all parishioners to join with Bishop Buckley as he opens the Holy Door in our Diocese for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. This will take place on Sat 12th Dec at 6.30pm Mass at St Francis Church, Liberty Street, Cork.

## Merciful like the Father

Bishop Buckley's letter regarding the Jubilee Year of Mercy is available on [www.corkandross.org](http://www.corkandross.org).

He writes..... "Pope Francis has encouraged us especially during this year of Mercy to confess our sins. We should never be ashamed to go to confession. This shame, which happens to all of us, prepares us to experience the love of Jesus who always forgives everything. In the confessional, Jesus is waiting for us, longing for us to come to him so that He may say to us "*Your sins are forgiven, go in peace*". In the Gospels, Jesus talks about the Good Shepherd who leaves the ninety nine sheep and goes off in search of the one that has strayed. Jesus never takes his eyes off us, not to catch us out but because He loves us so much."

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