# Offertory Collection - 13th Dec-

Collection Totalled €1,812

# **Offertory Collection Dec 8th**

Totalled €930

Carol Service

Thanks to all who brought non-perishable food to the Community Carol Service. This has been donated to Cork Penny Dinners.

The collection came to €970 and this was shared between the local Society of St. Vincent dePaul and the Family Resource Centre Dunmanway's fund for children of families in local Direct Provision Centres.

# Parish envelopes

The sets of collection envelopes that are used by parishioners during the year are kindly distributed by parish assembly members, parish finance committee members and others, to whom we are very grateful.

Next year's envelopes are now ready for distribution and may be collected at the Parochial House (incl during Office Hours).

Thanks also to Carmel and Martina at the parish office who sort them prior to delivery.

# **Christmas Offerings**

Sincere thanks to all the people who provide an income for the priests through the quarterly offerings. There is an envelope for the Christmas Offering in the set of four posted out to each home at the start of the year. There are spare ones available in the church porches. Many thanks for your kindness throughout the year.

## The parish in numbers

As the year draws to a close, we give thanks to God for all his blessings. We are also mindful of the milestones that have marked the year for families in our community.

By year end, we will have welcomed 41 children in Baptism; 11 couples celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage in our parish churches during the year, and 28 funerals have taken place in our parish.

Last year, the comparative numbers were 55 baptisms, 6 marriages and 24 funerals. In 2013: 42 baptisms, 8 marriages, and 26 funerals.

# **Holy Hour**

The weekly Holy Hour will resume on Thurs Jan 7th at 8pm in Enniskeane Church, and there will be a Holy Hour for Christmas, on Sunday 20th at 3pm.

## **Enniskeane Church crib**

The Christmas crib will be erected on Wed 23rd Dec. at 7:00pm. All are welcome to help. Donations of holly and ivy will be gratefully received.

#### Parish Office times

During the Christmas period the Parish Office will be open as follows:

- Tues Dec 22nd: 9.30–1; 2–5.30pm
- Thurs Dec 24th: Closed
- Tues Dec 29th: 9.30–1pm
- Thurs Dec 31st: 9.30–1pm

## St Oliver Plunketts GAA

Christmas Morning Swim in Inchydoney at 10.40am.

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

# Today's Thought

"Make every day Christmas Day by giving the sure-to-please, one-size-fits-all gift of appreciation"

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#### **Christmas Parish Timetable**

Sun 20th Dec at 7.30pm — Community Penitential Service at Bandon parish church Mon 21st Dec; 10am Morning Mass at Enniskeane
Tues 22nd Dec 10am Morning Mass at Enniskeane
7.30pm — Community Penitential Service at Enniskeane
Wed 23rd Dec at 8pm — Community Penitential Service at Newcestown

#### Christmas Eve:

Confessions at Enniskeane Church: 11am to 1pm Christmas Eve Mass: 7.30pm at Enniskeane Church 9pm at Ahiohill Church

### Christmas Day Masses:

9am at Ahiohill 10 am at Castletown Kinneigh 11.30 am at Enniskeane

### **Penitential Services**

This opportunity to receive the grace of God's forgiveness involves the community praying together and then as individuals people confess their sins to a priest. Our neighbour Fr. John Kingston, PP, Bandon, will lead the prayers and we'll have the help of several other priests for the confessions. All ages most welcome.

Let us experience God's limitless mercy in this Holy Year of Mercy.



St. Stephen's Day (Dec 26th) 10 am Mass at Ahiohill 11 am Mass at Enniskeane

Saturday Vigil Masses (26th)
6pm at Ahiohill
7.30pm at Enniskeane
Sunday Dec 27th
10.30 am at Castletown Kinneigh
12 noon at Enniskeane
Week of Dec 28th ...

Morning Mass on Mon/ Tues/ Thurs/ Fri at 11am at Enniskeane.

We are preparing to celebrate the greatest gift humankind has ever known — the Son of God born among us for our salvation. May our celebration of His birth bring you peace and love. To all our parishioners, neighbours and friends at home and abroad, may you have a Blessed Christmas.

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