

## Offertory Collection

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## Recent Baptism

Welcome to the Christian Community  
Oscar Murphy O'Neill, Australia  
James Galvin, Dunmanway

## Society of St Vincent de Paul

Two houses have become vacant in our sheltered housing. One at Gort Mhuire, Ballineen. One at St Vincent's Park, Dunmanway. Applicants must not own a residence of any kind and have reached the age of 65 years. Apply in writing only to St Vincent de Paul Secretary, Parish office, St Patrick's Church, Dunmanway. Closing date Mon 18th Jan.

## Dates for the year

Some elements of our parish calendar for the year ahead:-

Feb 10 Ash Wednesday  
Mar 17 Thursday – St Patrick's Day  
Mar 20 Palm Sunday (start of Holy Week)  
Mar 27 Easter Sunday  
Apr 22 Confirmations (Enniskeane NS)  
May 12 Confirmations (Ahiohill, Coppeen, Kilcolman)  
May 14 First Holy Communions (Ahiohill / Kilcolman)  
May 21 First Holy Communions (Coppeen NS)  
May 28 First Holy Communions (Enniskeane NS)  
May 29 Corpus Christi (and Procession)

## Today's Thought

"Each person is the architect of their own destiny."

*Jane Mellett*

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## Community Notices

### In the Beginning was the Word.....

There is a very deep teaching in today's reading, taken from the opening of the Gospel of John. There is so much depth here and much to reflect on. God is described as the Word and as Light.

The Word is that divine energy, Creator of the universe, Being, God, Father and Mother of all things. John tells us that no one has ever seen God, but through Jesus, God has been made known. There are wonderful lines in the passage, written for all of us, to convey the message that God lives among us yet even though God created the world, the world still does not know him. God is involved in humanity; God is not somewhere out in the universe watching; God is involved with us.

Today can you spend some time reflecting on the deep words of this passage? Perhaps reflect on where have you seen God in the world around you? Where is God present for you? Invite God more deeply into your life.

'Lord, humanity today wants to live independently of you, and even Christians speak as if you created the world and then left it to its own devices. We thank you for the teaching of St John reminding us that all things come to be only because you speak a Word, and that every single thing that exists today has its being because that Word continues to be spoken in it, and the only way that anything which has come to be has life today is because your Word lives within it.' (Michel de Verteuil)

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## Wednesday 6th — Holyday

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord falls on Wednesday this year. It is a holyday of obligation. Masses for the holyday in the parish are at 10am in Ahiohill, 10.30 am at Enniskeane and 7.30pm at Enniskeane.

The arrival of the "three wise men" at Bethlehem represents the "showing forth" — or epiphany — of the Saviour to the whole world. It does not mark the end of the Christmas Season! The Season of Christmas ends on Sunday after the 6th — on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. That Sunday is the correct date for taking down the decorations!!

## Christmas Offerings

Many thanks to all the people who kindly contributed an offering for the clergy over the Christmas time. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

## Parish Assembly

Meeting for all members at Gort Mhuire, Ballineen on Monday 4th at 8pm.

## Spring Station Masses

People who have indicated a willingness to host a Station Mass for the Spring in our parish are asked to make arrangements for this as soon as possible — even if the date of the Station Mass is months away. Early planning offers the best choice of dates.

## Fr Tommy Hurley RIP

Kindly pray for the peaceful repose of Fr. Tommy Hurley, late of Ballinard, who died over the Christmas time and whose funeral takes place in Ahiohill this week.

Fr. Tommy ministered as a priest in the Archdiocese of Glasgow but retained very fond links with his family and community in this parish. He was a regular visitor home and valued his connections with his native place. Fr. Tommy was one of a large number of priests from Ireland, including many from West Cork, who have served the Catholic Church in Scotland so well. May he rest in the peace of the Lord whom he served.

## Epiphany Reflection

Baby Jesus, even while you were only a little baby you experienced both acceptance from the wise men and rejection from Herod. The wise men and Herod had two opposing attitudes, searching for God and being closed to God. Baby Jesus, we see that the wise men were blessed in their search for you by finding you. We are searching for you too, we want to come ever closer to you. Help us to draw ever closer to you and if we are closed to you like Herod, help us to open so that we can find you. Let us ask Jesus to help us in drawing closer to him.

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