

Offertory Collection

3rd Jan €1626

Building Fund Collection

Totalled: €2526

Recently Deceased

Sympathy is extended to the families of the late

Martin Harrington, Gurteenroe
William O'Donoghue, Coppeen East
Norah Hennessy, Ballineen
Rita Patterson, Keelnaeranagh West
Fr Tommy Hurley, Ballinard

Gort Mhuire Mass

There will be no mass celebrated in Gort Mhuire on Thurs 14th - it will be celebrated in Enniskeane Church at 10am

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.

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.

Today's Thought

“The time to start making sure that every moment counts is now.”

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.

Community Notices

Bluebell Fitness

Classes starting Tues Jan 12th and Wed Jan 13th. Contact Oona 086 234 3546

Sleepy Bunnies

Baby and Toddler Group restarts on Mon 11th Jan at Gort Mhuire Hall 10am to 12 noon. Come along for a cup of tea and a chat. Everyone Welcome.

Premier School Of Music

Enrolment for Keyboard & Piano Accordion Classes. Individual Piano Tuition. Guitar Classes. Tel :- Annette Spillane 087 4196491 premier@indigo.ie

Theatre Tricks

School of Speech and Drama, Castletown, Enniskeane - New term commencing on Mon 11th Jan for preschoolers, children and adults. Courses in Speech and Drama, Acting and Public Speaking. Tel: Susan 087-8398758 www.theatretricks.ie

Dancing Classes

Re-commencing on Wed 13th Jan in Castletown Hall. Children 7.30-8.30pm Adults 8.30-9.50pm. Advanced and beginners welcome any time.

Diarmuid O Mathuna GAA Club

Fundraising Dance in the Parkway Hotel on Sat 30th Jan. Music by Patrick O Sullivan. Tickets available from club committee members and at the door on the night

Enniskeane Camogie Club

will hold their AGM on Fri 15th Jan at 8pm in St. Mary's GAA meeting rooms.

St Oliver Plunketts GAA

Dinner Dance in Fernhill House Hotel on Sat 23rd Jan at 8.30pm. Tickets €25 available from 087 2705578.

Enniskeane and Desertserges

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Parish Bulletin

10th Jan 2016

First Holy Communion 2016

These are the correct dates of the Masses at which the boys and girls from our parish schools will receive Holy Communion this year (incorrect dates were in last week's newsletter -- apologies):-

Sat May 14th at Enniskeane
(Enniskeane NS)

Sat May 21st at Ahiohill (Ahiohill NS and Kilcolman NS)

Sat May 28th at Castletown Kinneigh
(Coppeen NS)

Mass on these dates is at 11am.

The Baptism of the Lord

In Luke's account of the baptism of Jesus we hear that Jesus was at prayer after his baptism, when the heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended like a dove. This is main focus of Luke's account of this story, he is the only Gospel writer who says that Jesus was at prayer before 'heaven opened' and God's voice was heard. A call to do God's work can often be preceded by a deep prayerful experience of God. Luke's focus is on the experience of Jesus in this account but we are also called to see the revelation of God in ourselves and in others. We can recall moments in our own lives when we experienced God tenderly and lovingly saying to us, 'you are my son/daughter'; 'you are my beloved'; 'my favour rests on you'. Very often ex-

periences such as these are simple events. They can also call us to a greater commitment to our faith and our relationship with God.

'The descent into the waters of our spirit, is a journey into the presence of divinity... all human beings are children of God but not all live in the awareness that there is 'that of God' within them'
(W.L. Wallace) Jane Mellett

Recipe for a Happy New Year. . .

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing— don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

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