

Offertory Collection:

Total : €1766

Building Fund

Collection at all Masses next weekend.

Stations

Coppeen East, Moneycrohy & Lackenashinnagh - John Joe & Kathleen Crowley on Thurs 28th Apr at 7.30pm

Coxestown, Gurrane, Derry & Derrymilleen - Denis & Helen Crowley on Fri 29th Apr at 7.30pm

Castletown, Garlands, Shanaclogh, Ballaghaneure & Clonamara - James & Tess Chambers on Fri 13th May at 7.30

Connaught & Teenagh - Denis Coughlan on Tues 17th May at 12.00 noon.

Ahilnane, Ardkilleen, Coolabawna, Derrigra, Gurteenroe - Michael & Síle Hennessy on Thurs 19th May at 7.30pm

Currycrowley - Dan O'Leary on Fri May 20th at 7.30pm

Mass in Enniskeane Church on Mon 23rd May at 7.30pm for all areas where a Station Mass has not been held.

Ahiohill Pioneers

Applications are invited for membership of Young Pioneers (Confirmation Class) and also the following categories - Jubilee 10, 25, 50 & 60 year memberships. Contact 023 8847176

Cork and Ross Vocation's

We would like to thank all who supported and encouraged those who attended our Vocation's Information Afternoon last Sunday. We ask to continue to pray for vocations in our diocese.

Today's Thought

"You can learn something from everyone, no matter who they are. Everyone has something to offer"

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

Ahiohill Ladies Club

Bring & Buy and sponsored walk on Bank Holiday Mon 2nd May at 7pm. Proceeds in aid of Cancer Connect. Ahiohill Hall will be open from 11am-12 on Mon 2nd to accept donations of baking, bric a brac, plants, etc...

BEGS Golf outing

to Bantry will be held on Sat 30th April at 12:30pm. New members welcome.

Active Retirement

will meet on Tues April 26th from 2.30-4.30 in BEDA rooms.

Premier School of Music Recital

pupils of Annette & Rob will give a Recital on this Sun 24th April at 4pm in Gort Mhuire- proceeds towards St Vincent de Paul- everybody welcome.

St. Mary's GAA Recycling Drive

Recycling Collection Day in mid June for recyclable items. Items accepted are: reusable clothes, paired shoes, belts, handbags, soft toys, towels, curtains, bed linen, (no duvets, pillows, please!). Laptops also mobile phones (under 4 years old) are accepted but keep separate. Please set aside these items during your spring cleaning in the coming weeks. Contact 086-3225284

Community Games

Annual family sports day will take place in St. Mary's pitch Enniskeane on Mon 2nd May (Bank Holiday Monday) at 2pm. Preregistration forms have been issued to the schools in the area however registration is possible on the day or register on line - enniskeanedistrict@gmail.com.

This is a fun day for all the family including a tiny tots race so don't miss out

Enniskeane and Desertserges

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Parish Bulletin

24th April 2016

Discipleship 2016

Last week, an earthquake devastated a large community along the coast of Ecuador in South America. Several hundred people died; the local airport was closed; hotels were destroyed; homes disappeared. Part of the impact is due to the poverty of that community. They can't afford hi-tech early warning systems and the buildings are badly engineered to survive even the mildest quake.

In an almost neighbouring country, in Los Angeles, they are also used to earthquakes. But they have learned the lessons of history. Here they have 'quake-proofed' almost all the buildings, they have early warning systems that trigger all kinds of high-tech systems to minimise the loss of life. Yes, they can afford these in LA, but money alone wouldn't make the difference: people have to learn from the past and then plan effective responses for the future.

At a Confirmation lunch during the week I asked the bishop and the other priests if many interested people had attended the Vocations Information Day organised by the diocese for last Sunday. The silence that followed might parallel the news of an impending earthquake! Deep inside, I almost suspected the answer even as I asked the question. There was no potential candidate turned up who wasn't already in contact with the diocese. People expressing an interest in be-

coming a priest for our diocese are now a rarity — and have been for many years now. But we continue to have an Information Day.

We haven't changed anything! We haven't re-engineered how our parishes work or how their need for ministry is provided. In the last ten years in Ireland, the number of priests in active service has declined dramatically due to retirements, deaths and resignations while at the same time the number being ordained has shrunk to a fraction of what it was. But we all know this — bishops, parishioners, sisters, priests — but we only speak of it in whispers.

A recent meeting with their bishop of Limerick parishioners heard people underline the need for new ways of responding to the emerging needs of the local parishes. We have had similar meetings back along in our diocese. Change comes slowly dripping. It is even slower if we look to others to make it happen while the rest of us 'wait and see'. The shake-up being caused by the rapid disappearance of religious brothers and sisters may soon be followed by the disappearance of priests. When that 'quake' hits, it'll will be way too late to ask what to do next or 'why didn't we see it coming?'

Census 2016

Reminder to complete your Census Form on this Sunday night 24th Apr.

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