



Offertory Collection:

Last week: €1,862 Thank You.

Mission Sunday

Collection at all Masses today

Building Fund

Collection at all Masses next weekend.



Recently Deceased

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Margaret Tanner, Teadies who was buried this week.

Holy Souls Novena

The nine days of Masses (novena) will be offered from Nov 2nd - 10th. Week-day Masses at 10am (Enn), 7.30pm (Castletown) and 8.30pm (Ahiohill). Lists for enrolling people in the Novena are available at all our churches.

Holy Hour

Holy Hour with our Merciful Jesus, every Thurs evening in Enniskeane Church at 8pm.

"Be still for the Presence of the Lord."

Servers at Castletown

New altar servers along with a parent or guardian with each one are asked to attend a short meeting at Castletown Kinneigh Church on Thurs Oct 27th at 7.30pm. Enrolment form available at Coppeen NS and on parish website.

Upcoming Stations

Ballineen & Enniskeane Villages in Gort Mhuire on Mon 24th Oct at 7.30pm

Ahilnane, Ardkilleen, Coolabawna, Derrigra & Gurteenroe at Don & Eileen Lordan on Tues 25th Oct at 7.30pm

Castletown, Garlands, Shanaclough, Ballaghanure & Clonamara at Séan & Sarah O'Mahony on Fri 28th Oct at 7.30pm

Castletown Parent & Toddler

Meets every Saturday morning 10.30am - 12.30 in Castletown Hall. New members most welcome.

Knit for Fun:

Pop up knitting/craft night on 27th Oct at 9pm in the BEDA. Bring your craft whether it be knitting, crochet, tapestry card making, skies the limit!!! New members always welcome.

Race Night

BEDA Pitch & Putt Fundraising Race Night on Fri Oct 28th at 8pm in The Village Inn. All Welcome.

Diarmuid O Mathunas GAA

Club AGM on Saturday 5th Nov in Castletown Hall at 8pm. All are welcome

Helping Haiti

Coffee day in Foley's Lounge, Ballineen, on Sat 29th Oct from 12 noon to 4pm. All proceeds going directly to the people of Haiti. Support appreciated.

Team Hope Christmas Shoebox

On Friday 28th Oct, there will be a Shoebox night in Ballineen Methodist Church Hall from 7.30pm-10pm. Please come along and put a shoebox together, have a chat and a cup of tea. Donations appreciated. Contact Grace Hosford on 086 8420973 or 023 8847147.

Ahiohill Ladies Club

Demonstration on inexpensive funky Xmas themed decorations by Catherine Campbell in Ahiohill Parish Hall on Mon 7th Nov at 9pm. Refreshments served and all very welcome

Today's Thought

"Failure is only the opportunity to begin again more intelligently."

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Parish Bulletin

23rd Oct 2016

Finance update

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee was held this week. We reviewed parish funds, projects pending and other works that need to be undertaken to maintain our churches and other buildings. It is apparent that the generosity of parishioners towards the parish funds continues to be evident. This is in spite of the fact that most people have less disposable income in recent years and that some people no longer contribute. Our weekly collections at Mass are at the same level as in 2014.

The ordinary weekly collection which is lodged to the parish account averages €2,234 (this includes envelopes returned from neighbouring parishes). What happens to it? We are obliged by the bishop to contribute 10% to the running costs of the diocese (€223 each week); the diocese also takes another 8% (€179) to provide an income and care for priests who are retired or out of ministry through illness. So we give an average of €412 per week in diocesan levies. That leaves €1,832 per week to pay our parish bills.

The two largest expenses are insurance of €201 per week and an average of €235 per week for heat and light in the churches – leaving €1,396 to meet other bills. With this, we spent an average of €174 in 2015 on church requisites (candles, altar breads and wine, missalettes, etc). Wages to employees average, in-

cluding PRSI etc, €324 per week.

The remaining €900 or so is used to pay for stationery, postage, bank charges, service charges, property taxes, equipment purchases and supplies, office supplies, grounds maintenance, etc.

Since we completed paying back the bank loan taken out for repairs to Enniskeane Church, we have continued the monthly Building Fund collection. During part of 2014, all of 2015 and so far in 2016, the Building Fund collections have amounted to €96,552. The regular addition of these collections matters and they give us a good start to help pay for the works about to be undertaken at Castletown Church.

The use of the tax-back scheme by so many of the parishioners also makes a big difference. Imagine how many events we would have to organise in order to raise €25,000! That's the average amount of income tax that has been rebated by Revenue in the past two years. This happens when parishioners who use the envelopes allow us to claim back some of the tax they paid. Between the Building Fund in recent years and the rebated tax we have €146,552 accumulated towards the expenditure that we will incur in the coming couple of years.

A sincere thanks to all who are so generous in so many ways. May the Lord reward all who generously share in the work of building up his kingdom

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