



Offertory Collection:

Last week: €1,733 Thank You.

Building Fund

Collection Total €2,830

Recent Baptism

Welcome to the Christian community
Amber Duggan, Cahir



Recently Deceased

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Denis McCarthy, Shanaway who was buried this week.

Christmas Coffee Morning

Pre-Christmas Coffee morning on Fri 16th Dec in BEDA Hall from 11am to 1pm. Light refreshments, musical entertainment & good conversation. Organised by the community & St. Michael's Centre, Bandon. 023-8841681 for info.

Carol Service

Ballineen Methodist Church Christmas Carol Service will be held on Sun 11th Dec at 8pm. Refreshments served and everyone is welcome.

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
May the rain fall softly on your fields
And may you keep safe in the gentle loving arms of God.

Today's Thought

"It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up. "

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.

Castletown Fundraising

Annual Bazaar will be held on Sun Dec 11th in Castletown Hall at 1.30pm.

Managing your Waste

A talk on managing and composting your waste food and green waste by Donal O'Leary of Waste Down in Gort Mhuire on Mon Dec 12th at 8pm. Organised by BEAHG & Tidy Towns. Adm €5. Students are free.

Castletown Ladies Club

presents a Christmas Floral Demonstration with Breda Crowley (AOIFA) on Tues 13th Dec at 8.15pm in Castletown Hall. Mulled wine & mince pies, great night assured. All welcome

Ahiohill Ladies Club

Christmas flower arranging demonstration by Carmel O'Driscoll in Ahiohill Parish Hall on Wed 14th Dec at 8pm. Refreshments served and all are welcome.

Diarmuid O Mathunas

Final Club draw is on Sun 18th Dec in Castletown hall at 11.15am Teas served. Diary Date; Fundraising Dance will be held on Sat 14th Jan 2017. Music by Patrick O Sullivan in the Parkway Hotel.

Dance

Dance and Party in Castletown Hall on Wed 14th Dec. Music by John O Sullivan 7.30 -10pm. Proceeds to Diarmuid O Mathuna GAA. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Admission €5.

Photo Calendar 2017

Images by Fr Tom Hayes is now on sale at €5. Proceeds will be divided between the Cork Branch of the Alzheimer's Society and the Enniskeane Parish Buildings Fund.

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Parish Bulletin

11th Dec 2016

Booking Masses for a loved one

We have a tradition of praying for our loved ones when they die. Many people also like to have a Mass offered for their family member or relative. Traditionally, this was easy to arrange: we had lots of priests offering Masses and there were a lot more Masses in each church.

Until recently, we had little trouble in this parish in accommodating people's wishes for Months Mind Masses and Anniversary Masses on an individual basis. But this has changed because the number of funerals in the parish has increased a lot in recent years. Also, with families being spread apart due to emigration and moving to elsewhere in Ireland, families find they have to book the Masses and make arrangements farther ahead – making last-minute changes due to another funeral very difficult. So we have to make changes. They won't suit everyone but we have no choice.

We will continue to pray for people at all Masses. The weekend Masses will be shared by the people whose names are given to the Parish Office by Thursday midday each week (whether to mark a month, a year anniversary or longer after their death). They will be prayed for at each of the Masses offered in the parish on that weekend and their names will be read out as part of the Prayer of the Faithful. The parish will not take a booking for one of the Saturday or Sunday

Masses to be offered for just one person on the weekends from Feb 1st., 2017 onwards.

The weekday Masses on Tues, Thurs and Fri may be booked by one family for loved ones but we ask that you consider having Mass offered for more than one person on the same date (e.g both parents). Monday morning's Mass is usually offered for private intentions (e.g, a sick person).

(People who have already make bookings with the parish office do not need to change anything.)

Cór na nÓg Inis Céin

Children's choir will host a Carol service in Enniskeane Church on Mon 19th Dec at 7.30pm. All are welcome to what is sure to be a truly special night.

Parish Life

Cork priest Fr Bernard Cotter has co-written a book on parish life, called "How to Survive Working in a Catholic Parish". Members of pastoral councils or assemblies will find it very helpful, as will parish volunteers and those thinking of helping out. The book is on sale in Veritas, Carey's Lane, Cork for €15.95 or you can order it from the publishers on-line at www.rpbooks.co.uk for £12.95 (you can also see a sample chapter on that website). Or contact Fr Bernard directly on frbernard@eircom.net (books from the author: €15).

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