



Offertory Collection:

Last week: Jan 6th €1,109 & Jan 8th €1,964 Thank You.

Diocesan Needs

Second collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. These collections are sent to the bishop for the running costs of the diocese and the expenses of the Irish Bishops Conference.



Recent Baptisms

Erin Hannah O'Driscoll-O'Donovan, Main St., Ballineen

David Jeremiah Hayes, Mawbeg

Conor Michael Timoney, Breaghna

M J Hegarty, Currycrowley

Spring Stations

Bookings can be made by contacting the Parish Office on 023 8847769

Cór na nÓg Inis Céin

Practice on Monday nights in Enniskeane church from 7.15pm - 8.15pm. We have already had new members and welcome any more from first class up who wish to join. Registration can be completed with the coordinating parents at the practice.

Involving Young People

Prayers of the Faithful rota is now being developed in Enniskeane Church. If your child is not already included and would like to participate, please contact Mel O'Boyle 087 7513942 or Nora Bradfield 086 8773888 (5th & 6th Class children)

Today's Thought

"We cannot become what we need to be, remaining what we are."

Dancing classes

Every Wednesday night in Castletown hall Children 7.30-8.30 Adults. 8.30-9:50

BEAHG

A talk by Eddie Lyons of Cork Astronomy Club (Discovering the Solar System) will be held on Mon 16th Jan in Gort Mhuire at 8pm. Adults €5 Students are free and refreshments served.

Oliver Plunketts/Keelnameela LFC

Annual Dinner Dance in Fernhill Hse Hotel on Sat 21st Jan at 8.30pm. Music by Ocean6. Tickets €25 available from 087 2705578

Operation Transformation community walks continue from the clubhouse on Sunday mornings at 11am and Mon & Thurs nights at 8pm. All welcome

Coffee Morning

for Seniors at BEDA Hall on Fri 27th Jan between 11am and 1pm. All welcome Enquiries: Rita at 023 8841681.

Volunteer Drivers needed for Cancer Connect

Cancer Connect is a free and flexible transport service, bringing passengers from West Cork to Cork for cancer treatments daily.

Volunteers are asked to give about 1 day per month; this involves taking his/her own car, bringing a passenger to Cork and then home again. Cancer Connect will contribute towards the cost of fuel.

If you or anyone you know might be available to join the team let me know. If you would like further information, or wish to travel with us, contact Steve on 027 52727 or 087 1224404 or email info@cancerconnect.ie

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Parish Bulletin

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Credible witness

It's hard to know what, or who, to believe any more. During the recent US presidential race, 'fact checking' became something of a buzzword. After each of the major debates, newspapers and news sites churned out articles investigating the validity of the candidates' claims. Research was rapidly carried out, sources were checked, statements from the past were dragged up to prove or disprove many a point. With the internet making it possible to 'fact-check' in mere minutes, it is so easy to be caught out. Those in public life have to be more careful than ever that they are speaking the truth, that they are not contradicting what they have said previously, and that they can back up their statements with authoritative evidence.

John the Baptist may not have been subject to such rigorous 'fact checking', but he was at pains to explain the source of his authority: 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven ... I have seen and I am the witness'. John knew that people might not immediately take him seriously, so twice he emphasised that he did not know Jesus himself. He was not out to trick or mislead people. We can believe what this first witness says about who Jesus is, because his words come directly from God.

Triona Doherty

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; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—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.

Reflection

The world will change for the better when people decide they are sick and tired of being sick and tired of the way the world is and decide to change it themselves.

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