



Offertory Collection:

19th Feb €1,968. Thank You

Building Fund

Collection at all Masses next weekend



Recently Deceased

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Rita McCarthy, Woodlands, Courtmacsherry and late of Crohane, Ballinscarthy who was buried in Ahiohill Cemetery this week.

Spring Stations

Keelnameela, Breaghna & Ballyvoige - Michael & Aine Donegan on Fri 3rd Mar at 7.30pm.

Corran & Ballinard - Rose Hurley on Mon 6th Mar at 7.30pm

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

Womens World Day of Prayer

Ballineen Methodist Church on Fri Mar 3rd at 8pm. All welcome

St. Joseph's Young Priests

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to our recent fundraiser for the Society. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Cór na nÓg Inis Céin

We welcome any children from first class up who wish to join our Children & youth choir. Practice takes place on Monday nights in Enniskeane church from 7.15pm-8.15pm. Registration can be done with the coordinating parents at the practice.

Today's Thought

"The best mirror is an old friend."

CAHCS

presents: "Fron-goch, University for Rebels" an illustrated talk by Tim Crowley. An Caipín, Wed 1st March, 8.30pm. Non members €5, includes teas. Don't miss this highly acclaimed event. Everybody welcome.

Diarmuid O Mathunas

Membership draw takes place on Sunday March 5th. To join contact any committee member.

Active Retirement

Meeting in the BEDA hall on Tues 28th Feb. 2.30 - 4.30pm.

Ahiohill Ladies Club

Meeting in Ahiohill Parish Hall on Mon 6th March at 8pm. Guest speaker DJ Murphy will give a talk on Spring planting and gardening. All welcome.

Fashion Show

Hosted by St Oliver Plunketts GAA club in Fernhill House Hotel on Sat Mar 18th. Featuring Helen from Daily Diva, Fashion & Lifestyle Blogger. Special Guest - Sean Óg O Halpin. Prosecco Reception at 7.30pm with the show starting at 8pm followed by a Disco. Tickets available from 086 2247560 087 9065642

Divine Mercy in Lent

A special day of Divine Mercy in Lent will take place in St Augustine's, Washington St, Cork on Sun 5th March at 2pm.

Chiropodist

Wed 1st March in the BEDA Rooms. Bookings by appointment only.

Naomh Óg GAA Nursery

Sports activities for boys and girls aged 3- 6 years begins on this Sun 26th Feb in Plunketts Sports Hall from 3-4pm.

Enniskeane and Desertserges

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Parish Bulletin

26th Feb 2017

Lent – it's here!

A time for slowing down, re-examining, reconnecting, refocusing. The Christian season of Lent is for individuals, families and the whole community. We can all benefit from it.

So it's time to ask; what are you doing for Lent? The practical visible challenges that we set ourselves (such as giving up sweets, drinks, or other luxuries) are not an end in themselves. These are meant to help our inner spiritual life where we connect with God. And that can take time — that's why we need the 40 days.

Ash Wednesday – March 1st

This is a day of special focus and prayer as we begin Lent. The visible part is our wearing of ashes on our foreheads with which we hope to "repent and believe in the Gospel". Masses with blessing of ashes are as follows: 10am at Enniskeane Church; 7.30pm at Castletown Kinneigh Church and 8.30pm at Ahiohill Church. Blessed ashes will also be brought to the four parish schools during the day.

Remember also that it is a day of fast (one main meal) and abstinence (from meat and all extras).

Lent for others

Part of the challenge of Lent is to help us be less focussed on ourselves and our needs and to reach out in Christian charity to people with a lot less than ourselves. One practical way of doing this is

to ensure that there is a Trócaire box in your home and/ or workplace. This year, Trócaire is asking us to become more aware of the plight of the people who live in Honduras – a small country in Central America where more than two-thirds of the population lives below the poverty line.

Trócaire is an Irish charity and the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. They work with partners in over 20 countries in the developing world to empower communities to improve their lives, meet their basic needs and ensure their human dignity.

First Friday Calls

Visits to the sick and housebound will be made on Thurs 2nd & Fri 3rd March at the usual times

Parish Assembly News

Coffee morning and short Film in aid of Trócaire in Castletown Hall on Sun 12th March after the 10.30am Mass.

As we prepare for Easter, we are looking for people who would like to take part in the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday (13th April). As we need to make a list and a standby list we would like to have names by 10th March. Please contact any Parish Assembly member or phone /text Eileen on (087)2722756.

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.

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