



**Offertory Collection:**  
Dec 17th: €2190



## Recently Deceased

Kindly remember in prayer the repose of the souls of Finbarr Crowley, Killinear, Newcestown, who was buried in Enniskeane this week and Sinead Dunne (nee O'Leary), Dublin and Ballineen, whose funeral took place this week in Enniskeane. May they rest in peace.

## Castletown Ladies Club

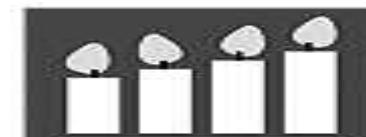
Celebrate Women's Christmas with Castletown Ladies Club + Toddler Group Dinner in C'town Hall, 6th Jan at 7:30pm, entry €15. Music, craic, raffle. Proceeds to Cork Penny Dinners. Non-members welcome. Contact Nuala at 023-8847575 / Rose at 085-1509454. Wishing all our supporters a very happy Christmas.

## UCC Mature Student/QQI/FE (FETAC) CAO Information Evening

Wednesday 10 January, 6.00 p.m., Lecture Theatre Boole 1 (beside the Boole Library). Relevant for anyone making a CAO application or contemplating same. Personal Statement, budgeting, fees and finance, etc. All welcome

## Christmas Offerings

Sincere thanks to all the people who provide an income for the priests through the quarterly offerings. There is an envelope for the Christmas Offering in the set of four posted out to each home at the start of the year. There are spare ones available in the church porches. Many thanks for your kindness throughout the year.



## Diarmuid O Mathuna

Diarmuid O Mathuna are holding a puc fada St Stephens morning @11.30 starting at Kenneigh

## St. Oliver Plunketts

Annual Christmas morning swim at Inchadoney meeting across from the surf Club at 10:30. Come along and build up an appetite for the turkey !

Puc Fada will take place St. Stephens morning. Starting at the village at 11 am sharp. !

## Meals on Wheels

Reminder to please book if you would like to partake of a great Traditional Christmas Dinner, music and gifts, at the Meals On Wheels Centre. You can book your seat at the table by ringing Morrin or Louise on 0238868110 or 0872078016

## Calendar

Ballineen & Enniskeane Art Group Calendar 2018 on sale in local businesses €5, proceeds towards: West Cork Rapid Response Air Ambulance & Cancer Connect

## St. Mary's GAA

St. Mary's GAA Club will hold a Poc Fada on St. Stephen's Day @1:30 p.m. Starting at Enniskeane Bridge.

## Parish Office hours

Please note that the Parish Office will remained closed during Christmas week and will reopen on Tues Jan 2nd.

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](mailto:parishoffice@enniskeaneparish.ie) before 11am Thursday.

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Parish Bulletin

Dec 24th 2017

## Marking a blessed time

On this fourth Sunday of Advent this year, we are on the threshold of Christmas. Our preparations, even our last-minute ones, will grind to halt. And our thoughts turn to the mystery of the season.

We give thanks for all the blessings of the past year, as individuals, as family, as parish, as community.

As parish, we give thanks for the new life that's been added to our community through the babies who have been born and baptised into our parish family and through the people who have moved here during the year to live with us.

As parish we are grateful to everyone who helped us to enhance our churches and facilities which we use in praise of God and in service to his people during the year. We thank God for the blessing of a refurbished Castletown Church especially. And we thank all the people whose generosity is making it possible to meet the costs.

Christmas time is poignant for all who have lost a loved one during the year or during Christmas in previous years. We keep all who are bereaved in our prayers and Masses during Christmas and pray that those we love may be in the eternal light of the Lord.

We welcome to our parish the many people who live elsewhere the rest of the year and are spending this Christmas or part of it with us. Remember you are always at home here among us!

We also pray for the people who are scattered across the globe but whose roots are here among us. This is a special time for renewing our appreciation of who we are and who we belong to.

Wherever you are this Christmas, and whatever thoughts are in your heart, may the light of the child Jesus be in your spirit and he bless you with his love.

## Christmas Timetable in the parish of Enniskeane

### Sunday Dec 24th

Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent:

10.30am at Castletown Kinneigh  
12 noon at Enniskeane  
Christmas Eve Mass  
7.30pm at Enniskeane Church  
9 pm at Ahiohill Church

### Monday Dec 25th Christmas Day

9am Ahiohill  
10 am Castletown Kinneigh  
11.30am Enniskeane

### Tuesday Dec 26th (St Stephen's Day)

Mass in Enniskeane at 11am

### Thurs 28th, Fri 29th: Morning Mass at 11am.

**Weekend of Dec 30th/31st:** Sat 6pm Ahiohill, 7.30 Enniskeane; Sunday 10.30 Castletown; 12noon Enniskeane

### Monday Jan 1st: Mass at 11am

**Fr. Tom Hayes PP**, Parochial House, Enniskeane. 023-8847769 / 087-9311472

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