



### Offertory Collection:

Dec 24th: €2176 and Dec 31st: €1735. Thank you.



### Recently Deceased

Kindly remember in prayer the repose of the souls of Mary O'Donovan, Grove House, Ballineen and Rose Crowley, Riverview Drive, Ballineen. May they rest in peace.

### Do This in Memory

Meeting for the parents co-coordinating the parish part of the First Holy Communion programme at the Parochial House on Tuesday 9th at 8.15pm.

### Casteltown Fundraising Committee

The next meeting of the committee is on Mon the 8th of Jan at 9pm.

### Beginners Hatha Yoga

First Class is Wed 10th Jan in Gort Mhuire on Wednesday mornings @ 10am

The 6 week course is 60euro or to drop in is 12euro. Booking is essential as places are limited. Contact 0831299776 or Facebook @ Maria Blake Murphy

### Ahakeera Drama Group

are performing one act play 'THE MARRIAGE PLAN' by popular demand for one show only on Sun 14th Jan 2018 at 3pm in Ahakeera Community hall.

### Community Carol Service

The Community Carol Service that was held in the Beda Hall on 20th December was a great night and 1330 euro was raised for good causes. The money is being split between MÈDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES (MSF) & Society of St Vincent de Paul. Also on the night many wrapped presents were donated by the children which were given to the local branch of the St. Vincent de Paul. Many thanks to all who were involved in this special night.

### Building Fund

The monthly Building Fund Collection is taken up as the second collection at Masses in the parish this weekend. Thank you for the continuing support.

### Toilets added at Enniskeane

The provision of new toilets at our parish church in Enniskeane Church is a welcome addition to our parish facilities. Work on the toilets was completed in time for Christmas and they are now in use. One of the three toilets is fully accessible for people with mobility difficulties. They are opened whenever there is a congregation in the church and closed at other times.

They are heated, and are equipped with grab-rails, wash basins and electric hand-driers, as well as automatic lights.

Many thanks to Gerard Moynihan, Consulting Engineer, Toames, for the design and engineering and tender supervision and to the church care committee for its assistance and advice.

Following a detailed tendering process last summer, the contract was awarded to Chris O'Donovan Construction, Phale, Ballineen, for a sum of €37,298. Some of the work was subcontracted to Wesco (windows and doors), Charlie McCarthy (flooring), Pdraig Murray (electrical), Chris and Niall McCarthy (painting).

Many thanks to all who were involved in the work for their care and professionalism.

The cost of this work is funded by the Parish Building Fund and by the weekly collections at Mass in the parish. Thanks to all who are helping.

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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Parish Bulletin

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### Commissioning of Funeral Ministry Team

The time of a bereavement is a most challenging time for every person regardless of the circumstances. It's little wonder that Jesus' care for the dead and the bereaved feature so much in the Gospel accounts of Jesus life. Mary and Martha, Lazarus, the widow of Naim, are but a few of the people whose burdens Jesus lifted from them at the time of bereavement.

Ministry to people and families at the time of the death of a loved one continues to be a central part of the Church's mission and of that of our parish. This ministry is not static and has evolved and changed a lot over time – as have other ministries. The most recent change is the planned and organised involvement of parishioners in this ministry alongside the priest(s) of the parish.

In recent months, a team of 11 people have undertaken special training from the diocese to form what is the first Funeral Ministry Team in our parish. They are being commissioned in the parish at Masses this weekend. They will commence their ministry alongside the priests ministering at funerals in our parish in February.

The team is comprised of Bob Bennett, Coppeen; Marie Bradfield, Enniskeane; Michael Burgoyne, Ballineen; Geraldine Corcoran, Enniskeane; Margaret Crowley, Enniskeane; Mary Hennessy, Ballineen; Catherine Keohane, Maulrour; Hannah

Lordan, The Paddock; Julian McCarthy, Ballineen; Margaret O'Donovan, Ballineen; Edward O'Flynn, Tullimurrihy.

Many thanks to each of them for giving of their time and talents to this special ministry.

### Parish Assembly Children and Young People Group

Part of our ongoing work in this group is to create and distribute rotas to the young people of our parish who fulfill vital roles as Atlar Servers, Gift Bearers and Readers of the Prayers of the faithful and Second readings. We are currently blessed with 34 on our rota for Ahiohill, 59 for Castletownkinneagh and 75 for Enniskeane giving a total of 168 on these rotas.

To each and everyone of you we extend a heartfelt Thank You. To each of their families Thank You for supporting your child's decision to become a vital cog in the wheel that is this active and inclusive parish. **Mol an oige agus tiocfaidh sí.**

### Parish Assembly.

The Parish will be actively inviting Volunteers to help with Ministry of the Eucharist, Ministry of the Word, Collectors, Church Cleaners, Flower and Altar Society members.

In the coming weeks a leaflet will be distributed at the weekend masses where you can include your name for any position you would like. Your help would be most welcome in any of the groups so please give it some consideration.

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