



### Offertory Collection:

Feb 25th: €1,818 Thank you.

### Corran history at Coppeen

CAHCS welcomes local historian Con McCarthy to An Caipín on Wed. 7th March at 8:30. Con's illustrated talk is entitled 'Corran Hill and its Environs' Everybody welcome. Non-members €5

### Cór na Nóg Inis Céin

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

### Gort Mhuire Mass

Mass on Thurs 8th at 10am will be in the Gort Mhuire centre. (It will be offered for Sean McCarthy on his anniversary.)

### Ahiohill Pioneer Concert

POSTPONED: Ahiohill Pioneer Association night on Sunday 4th of March in Balinascarthy Hall with Ahakeera Drama Group is postponed until further notice.

### Ahiohill Ladies Club

Ahiohill Ladies Club, next meeting is on Mon 5th March at 8pm. Our guest speaker is Orla Twomey from Bandon Co Op who will give a talk on gardening.

### Community Outreach Group

Why not take on something new in your community for the season of Lent? Community walks are held on Wed mornings at 11am departing from the BEDA. Refreshments will be served afterwards. A community coffee morning is also taking place on the last Fri morning of each month from 10:30am. All Welcome

### Building Fund Collection

The monthly collection for the parish Building Fund is taken up as the second collection at Mass this weekend. Thank you for ongoing support for this fund.

After paying for the building works of last year, we will aim to build up this fund again so that we can address ongoing needs in the care of our churches, presbyteries and grounds.

The weekly collections are used to meet all the parish bills and utilities first.

### First Penance

The boys and girls preparing to receive the Lord in Holy Communion for the first time this year will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance for the first time on Tuesday 6th March at 7.30pm in Enniskeane Church. Family members and parishioners are most welcome, too.

### First Friday Calls

It wasn't possible to make the monthly calls to the sick and housebound last week. Instead, they will be made on Thursday of this week. (People usually visited on Friday mornings will be called to on Thursday morning. The Thursday calls will be made in the afternoon.)

If this time isn't suitable or if someone will be away, please let Fr Hayes know.

### Spring Station Masses;

- Fri 16th March at 12:00 at Mary O'Neill & Andy Bates for Keelnameela, Breaghna and Ballyvoige
- Fri 23rd March at 7.30pm at Tom and Mary Brady for Shanaway and Phale
- Mon 23rd April at Gort Mhuire at 7.30pm for people living in Ballineenn and Enniskeane.

*To book a date for a Station Mass, please contact the Parish Office or Fr Hayes*

# Enniskeane and Desertserges

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Parish Bulletin

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### 160 years together!

The year 1858 was a milestone year for this faith community. It was the first year that the area now known as Enniskeane and Desertserges was joined as one parish with one parish priest.

In that year, Fr Domhnal Ó Súilleabháin, a great Irish scholar who was born at the edge of the Warrenscourt Estate near Kilmurry, died as Parish Priest of Kinneigh. He would be the last priest to have that title. He was buried beside the chapel where he had said Mass and administered the sacraments - where Shamrock Cottage was built as a presbytery in Enniskeane.

An tAthair Ó Súilleabháin had arrived here from Bandon in 1845 and was to serve in the difficult Famine years. His dedication to the people in his care in those years is reflected in the fact that 14 years after his death, his remains were exhumed and reinterred under the altar of the new church in Enniskeane when it was dedicated in 1872. A plaque near Our Lady's Shrine records his burial place. He died 160 years ago this year.

The dedication of his contemporary in Desertserges during the Famine, Fr Timothy O'Donovan PP, is similarly recorded on a plaque in Ahiohill church.

At the time of Fr. Ó Súilleabháin's death, instead of appointing a new PP to Kinneigh/Enniskeane, Bishop Delany changed the appointment of the then Parish Priest of Desertserges Fr Denis O'Donoghue and

appointed him to be the first Parish Priest of Enniskeane and Desertserges.

He had been in Desertserges as PP since 1856 and was a native of Bandon. He ministered here until his death in 1867.

The year of Fr. Ó Súilleabháin's death (1858) is important also because it was the year that Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette in Lourdes. Fr Denis O'Donoghue was succeeded in the parish by Fr Daniel Coveney who during his studies for the priesthood in Rome had developed a special devotion to Our Lady so it's no surprise that he dedicated the new parish church to the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady -- words used by Our Lady at Lourdes to tell Bernadette who she was!

Meanwhile, in the same year, in a poor post-Famine Dublin, a relatively young (58) but brilliant sculptor died. John Hogan grew up in Cork and received his first commercial commission from Bishop John Murphy to carve statues for the North Cathedral.

In the 1840s, while still in Rome, he carved several works which treat of the death of Christ and these were installed in churches and convents across Ireland and Canada. One of them is now the centre-piece of the altar in Castletown Kinneigh Church. Hogan died 160 years ago this year.

Might we mark these milestones in some fashion this year? Ideas welcome!

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