



Offertory Collection:

Dec 2nd: €1871 and Building fund: €2895. Thank You.

Castletown Ladies Club

Christmas Night on Tues 11th Dec at 8:15. Festive Flower Arranging with Breda Crowley & Make-Up Demo with Mary Mullins. Mulled wine, mince pies, Christmas cheer! Everybody Welcome

Ahakeera Drama

Will present a one act play 'Where There is a Will' in Ahakeera Hall on Sunday afternoon 9th December at 3pm.

Ballineen Enniskeane Coffee

Morning

On Fri 21st of Dec in the local BEDA Hall from 10.30-12.30. All welcome to gather for tea/coffee and scone with live music and lots of good company.

Tidy Towns

All the street lights have been switched on in both our villages with thanks to Liam Bradfield and the Ballineen & Enniskeane Christmas Lights group who take on this mission each year to bring the festive cheer to everyone and to those who pass through, a new addition will our Crib which was made by Denis O'Mahony and was placed at the old courthouse in Ballineen. We would like to thank all the young in the Ballineen Foroige for their tireless work in helping us enhance the villages for Christmas this year.

Parish Assembly

Meeting in Gort Mhuire on Mon 10th Dec at 8.30pm.

Christmas Mass Bouquets

There are Christmas Mass Cards available in the parish office.



Recently Deceased

Sympathy is extended to the families of John McCarthy Cloonareague who was buried in Kinneigh this week and Ina Cope Lilac Court buried in Enniskeane.

Community Christmas Day

Dinner

Dunmanway will be holding their traditional Community Christmas Day Dinner on Christmas Day in Coss Hall Dunmanway from 11:30 am - 3pm. Open to everyone and anyone, whether for one or for a group/family. Come and soak up the warmth of our community celebration. Good company, entertainment, smiles and a fabulous Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings is guaranteed.

Booking is essential- call Jo on (085) 865 9782. If you require transport, tell Jo, we will try to arrange this for you.

To make this day happen we rely on help and sponsorship. If you can volunteer time, donate goods or funds to support this event please get in contact.

Christmas Day volunteers will be included in the meal and celebrations.

All details of how to join in can be found on our Facebook page 'Dunmanway Community Christmas Dinner' or by ringing Jo on (085) 865 9782

Concert with Tommy Flemming

The Dunmanway Playground Redevelopment Committee are delighted to welcome none other than Tommy Fleming to St. Patrick's Church, Dunmanway on the 14th Dec with his Voice of Hope II Tour. The concert starts at 8pm. Tickets are €30 and may be purchased at locally and online at www.tommyfleming.net. Contact Deirdre on 087 972 4023 for info.

Enniskeane and Desertserges

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Parish Bulletin

Dec 9th 2018

'Prepare the Way ...'

Prior to Christmas the local parishes combine to provide community celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our churches. The dates are as follows:-

Newcestown Church: Mon 17th at 8pm
Enniskeane Church: Tues 18th at 7.30pm

Bandon Church: Wed 19th at 7.30pm

The format is a short reflective preparation followed by an opportunity to confess to one of the priests and then a community prayer of thanksgiving and blessing.

Christmas Remembrance Trees

The Tidy Towns and Ballineen Foroige have launched their Christmas remembrance Trees for Christmas 2018.

There will be a tree outside Scannells Pharmacy in Ballineen (kindly sponsored by Eileen Scannell) and a second tree beside Enniskeane Post Office (kindly sponsored by Etty O' Donovan).

The public will be able to buy a ribbon (from Centra Ballineen, Scannells Pharmacy, Enniskeane Post Office, O'Riordans Pharmacy and Centra Enniskeane) and put the name of their loved one on it and members of the Tidy Towns & Foroige will put them on the trees.

Each ribbon costs €2 with All Proceeds going to BUMBLEance, Children's National Ambulance Service which was used in 2018 by two families in the locality.

Community Carols Service

Advent begins! Preparation for Christmas in our community each year includes a coming together to sing and pray. We join with our fellow Christians in a service of prayer, reflections and carols — hosted yearly on a rota. This year, the Catholic Parish of Enniskeane & Desertserges is hosting the service. Everyone is welcome.

It will be held at the BEDA Hall, Ballineen, at 7.30pm on Sun Dec 16th. It will be followed by light refreshments and everyone is invited to bring and share.

Bambinelli Sunday

This year we are adopting the Vatican tradition of blessing Nativity scene figures of the baby Jesus ("Bambinelli" in Italian). The tradition was started by Pope Paul VI in 1969 and ever since, the Bambinelli blessing has been given by the Pope during the Angelus in St. Peter's Square on the third Sunday of Advent. It's a teachable moment for families to refocus children on the true meaning of the Advent season.

We ask every household in our parish, young and old, to unpack the crib and bring the baby Jesus (or any other figure) from your family's nativity scene to be blessed at the Sunday Mass at 12:00 in Enniskeane on Dec 16th, the third Sunday of advent. This event will also be supported by all the children of the Do this in Memory program.

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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