

Preparing ...

Dec 17th: 7.30pm: Our parish Penitential Rite (Confession) for Advent and Christmas. Several priests will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with us.

Life is ...

"... all about choices and consequences. And the secret to having a good and happy life is to think about the consequences before you make the choices."

— Graham Norton to students of Bandon Grammar School last week.

Castletown Fundraising

Annual Bazaar takes place on Dec 8th at 1:30pm. Door to door collections as usual for two weeks beforehand. Also it would be appreciated if you could donate any home baking, jams and preserves so that the home baking range available on the day could be expanded.

Money Advice & Budgeting Service (MABS)

is a National FREE, Confidential and Non-Judgemental Service. If you are already in debt or feel you are in danger of getting into debt, please do not hesitate to contact our office in Dunmanway on 0761 07 2450 or email dunmanway@ mabs.ie to arrange an appointment.

First Responders

Newly formed Castletown Community First Responder group are holding AGM on next Monday 2nd Dec at 6.45 -8pm in Gort Mhuire. Defibrillator /CPR training after. New members are very welcome. Info from Tomas 0862772709

Tastes of Christmas

Ahakeera Committee invites you to 'Tastes of Christmas' a celebration of Christmas Day Cooking with Celebrity Chef Frank Movnihan in Ahakeera Community Centre Tuesday 17th December at 8pm, Tickets €10 per person. Pre booking is essential due to limited seating. Contact Sinead 087/9764008 Mary Nyhan 086/3740265 also other Committee members will have them.

CAHCS

presents Dr Bernadette McCarthy to speak on 'Historic postboxes of the Coppeen region in context' Wed. 4th Dec, 8:30pm. Non-members €5 inc teas. Everybody welcome.

MICC Variety Concert On Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th

December the Maria Immaculata Community College Variety Concert will take place at the school nightly at 7.30pm. The concert is a mix of drama, dance, music & comedy. Tickets are available to purchase in the school office from Monday 9th December. Student ticket €5 & adult ticket €10. All welcome.

Fr. Tom Hayes PP, Parochial House, Enniskeane. 023-8847769 / 087-9311472 (Calls only) Email parishpriest@enniskeaneparish.ie (Off-duty Wed)

Parish Office: Tues 9.30am – 1pm, 2pm - 5:30pm; Thurs 9.30am – 1:00pm Tel 023 8847769 parishoffice@enniskeaneparish.ie

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Enniskeane and Desertserges

Churches at Ahiohill, Castletown Kinneigh and Enniskeane

1st December 2019

Community Christmas Carols

The annual inter-church celebration of Christmas is being hosted this year by the Methodist Church. It will be held in the BEDA Hall, Ballineen on Friday Dec 20th at 8pm. It will include participation by all church communities and refreshments for everyone and all ages.

Dec 8th

The feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady is usually celebrated on Dec 8th — but not this year, because it falls on a Sunday which is the Second Sunday of Advent. So the Mass of the feast day will be celebrated on Monday 9th but it isn't a Holy Day of Obligation.

First Friday calls
The monthly visits to the sick and housebound will be made on Thurs 5th and Fri 6th at the usual times.

Parish Office Opening Hours

Please note the change in the opening hours in the parish office. The office will now be open on Tues morn and afternoon and Thurs morn only.

Lourdes 2020 dates

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will be from Fri 12th to Wed 17th June. Bishop Fintan Gavin will lead the pilgrimage over the course of the five days.

Ballineen Methodist Church

Carol Service on Sunday 1st December at 8pm. Everyone is welcome

Cór na nOg CD Launch

We will launch our CD of 3 hymns after-12pm Mass in Enniskeane this Sunday December 1st. This is a credit to the many young people who practice every Monday night and have learned that to sing is another way to pray. The CD is called "My Guardian Angel Friend" and has made all the young people aware of how their own special Guardian Angel cares for them. Artwork

from each child is included on the cover.

The CD will cost €5. We welcome you

all to share this special launch with us.

Open House

D.J. Murphy Killumney is holding his Christmas Open House Sun, Dec 1st from 12 p.m - 8 p.m.

Christmas Mass Bouquets There are Christmas Mass Bouquets

available in the parish office.

Crib Blessing

On Sunday 15th for the 12n Mass at Enniskeane, you are invited to bring the figure of the Baby Jesus from your Christmas Crib to Mass to have it blessed. Other young family members may bring another figure from the crib if they wish. That Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent is called the Sunday of Joy. Joy as Christmas and the birth of Christ approaches. It's a good day to plan to erect your Crib at home — but without the baby Jesus until Chritmas Day.