

## Carols at the Cathedral

A Christmas Carol Service will be streamed from the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork on Sunday 13th December at 7.30pm. People from throughout the Diocese of Cork and Ross are invited to join in the Carol Service via the Cathedral webcam [www.corkcathedral.ie/live-stream/](http://www.corkcathedral.ie/live-stream/).

The words of the carols and full order of service can be downloaded from the Diocesan website [www.corkandross.org](http://www.corkandross.org) beforehand. Join in from home.

## Ecumenical Carol Service

In place of our traditional ecumenical carol service this year there will be an online carol service which will be available on the Facebook pages of all three parish communities. This service will take place on Friday Dec 18th at 7 pm. There will be some recorded music and some live music from soloists in the Churches.

## Parish Office Hours

The parish office will be open up to and including Tues Dec 22nd and will reopen after Christmas on Tues Jan 5th. There are still some Christmas Mass bouquets available.

## Calls to the housebound

Will be made on Dec 21st and 22nd.

## Attending Christmas Mass

Owing to the restrictions caused by Covid19 we are limited in the number who can be in church at any one time. So we regret that to help avoid crowds and to keep everyone safe people who want to come to church for one of the 11 Christmas Masses need to have a ticket.

On Sat 19th at Enniskeane Church from 12n to 3 pm, tickets will be available for the Christmas Eve Masses (3) and the St. Stephen's Day Masses (2).

On Sunday 20th at Enniskeane Church from 2pm to 5pm, tickets will be available for the Christmas Day Masses (3) and the Sunday 27th (3).

A household can book a pew and can sit together. Others can book and collect up to 4 places. There will be over 1,000 places available and will be allocated on a first-come first served basis.

## First Holy Communion

We hope that the boys and girls from Third Class in Coppeen School will have a blessed and holy day with their families when they make their First Holy Communion on Saturday. They have been waiting since May!

## Donate online

Thanks to everyone who has supported the parish through these difficult times. You can donate online at [www.enniskeaneparish.ie](http://www.enniskeaneparish.ie) Thanks.

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*Churches at Ahiohill, Castletown Kinneigh and Enniskeane*

*13th December 2020*

## Advent to Christmas 2020

This is a year, an Advent, a Christmas like we never imagined! But with all that happened and all that is ahead of us there is a thread which doesn't change: our lives have darkness and light. We walk between worry and hope, sadness and joy, disappointment and happiness. None of these fully defines us.

Our parish has kept alight and fanned the rays of hope as we navigate Covid19 and we are grateful to so many.

The spirit that defines us will also guide us through the challenging days of Christmas. With the help of the parish assembly leadership and so many others, we have worked about a timetable for Christmas which seeks to preserve the best of what Christmas is truly about.

We are limited in what we can do. We will do our utmost to keep everyone safe. Everyone will not be able to do what we normally do so some sacrifices are necessary.

## Christmas Masses

There will be 11 Christmas Masses celebrated in the parish between Christmas Eve and Dec 27th. There are Masses most days up to the Sunday after Jan 6th – when Christmas concludes.

Please consider planning to attend in church for one of these Masses. In this way, we will be able to accommodate most people who usually come to church for Christmas.

## Cribs and Churches

Our three churches will be decorated and will be open throughout Christmas from 9.30 until 6pm. You are welcome to visit on your own or with family to pray at the crib, to say a prayer and light a candle, to find a moment of quiet peace.

## Confessions

Covid19 restrictions mean that Confession in the Box or a Penitential Rite cannot go ahead this year. However, Covid19 doesn't separate us from God's mercy. In order to be in a state of grace before receiving Holy Communion, pray the "I Confess" and make an "Act of Contrition/Sorrow" with a promise to go to Confession to a priest when it is possible.

## Christmas Mass times

Christmas Eve in Enniskeane Church:

4pm, 6pm, 8pm (two pods of 50)

Christmas Day in Enniskeane Church:

8am, 10am, 12n (two pods of 50)

St. Stephen's Day: 11am in Castletown (limit of 70); 6 pm in Ahiohill (limit of 50)

Sunday 27th in Enniskeane Church:

8am, 10am, 12n (two pods of 50)

Each of these days, at least one of the Masses will be live-streamed on the parish's Facebook page.

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