



## Offertory Collection

June 20th: €1110

(This amount only reflects money collected at mass and does not include what people have donated online or by standing order) As always, Thank you for your generosity.



## Recent Baptisms

Welcome to our Christian Community

Ryan O'Donovan, Kilbelogue  
Hannah Crowley, Moneycrohy  
Darragh Millard, Moneygaff

who were baptised recently



## Recently Deceased

Sympathy is extended to the families of

Jimmy Nyhan, Derrigra  
John McCarthy, Palace Anne

who died recently

## Remembering those in our cemeteries

On Tuesday June 29th, at 7.30pm, you are invited to join in online in a time of prayer and remembrance for all who are buried in the cemeteries across our parish. This prayer time will not have a congregation in church but it will be live streamed on the parish Facebook Page. We will pray, we will listen to the Word of God, we will sing hymns, and we will remember.

You are free to visit the graves at any other time. Please do not gather at the graves that evening

## Reminder - Office Opening Hours

Parish office opening hours are now  
Thurs 9:30am-1:00pm and 2pm-5:30pm  
Fri mornings from 9:30am-1:00pm.  
The office will be closed on a Tues.

You may still use the online donate button to order mass cards online.

## First Friday Calls

The monthly calls to the sick and housebound will be made on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd July.

# ENNISKEANE AND DESERTSERGES

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*Churches at Ahiohill, Castletown Kinneigh and Enniskeane*

*27th June 2021*

## A Summer of hope and gratitude

We all hope that by the time the next newsletter is printed that the Coronavirus and its restrictions will be moving into a chapter of history. But we have learned to be cautious too. Hence, we live with hope.

We've learned a lot during the past year. In our parish, the greatest light has been the kindness and goodness of so many people. With so much pressure on everyone, together we kept the life in our parish and we reached out to one another and also made new friends. This was only possible because so many people came forward to help and so many who were already in different ministries and leadership roles did even more. Thank you.

Unfortunately, the restrictions have weakened our connections with schools and our young people whose sacrament days were postponed. We hope to reconnect with them all in the autumn.

As a diocese, one of the key learnings from the pandemic is how vulnerable our parish systems became. When people over 70 were cocooned we realised that many of our priests are included in that category.

We have 11 priests in the diocese who are under 50 years of age. Three of these are on temporary assignment from other places.

With restrictions on how many can attend church for Sunday Mass, the pandemic has forced us to recognise what we'd rather not see: we do not have enough priests to provide Mass in every church and in every parish.

In our local area in recent years we have worked with the priests of four parishes to slightly reduce the number of summer Masses and have priests say Mass in more than one parish. This was the only way priests could get time for a break. But it's a lot harder to reduce the number of Masses for the summer this year.

In Enniskeane Parish, as a result, there will be one weekend when there won't be a Mass in the parish. That's the weekend of Sat/Sun July 17/18th. Weekday Mass will not be celebrated from July 12th – 23rd. Neighbouring churches do not have space to accommodate more people so we ask people, when possible, to connect with Mass online and on the TV.

Funeral Masses during that period will be offered by neighbouring priests.

## Thought for the day

*"A Friend is someone who knows us but loves us anyway"*

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