



## Offertory Collection

Oct 10th: €960 and Diocesan Needs: €500

(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.

## Castletown Fundraising

Due to the pandemic, Castletown Fundraising Group is once more unable to hold its two annual fundraising events, Coppeen Rally & Christmas Bazaar, in support of Enable Ireland. Similar to 2021, between here and the end of October you are invited to take on the traditional 20 mile cycle or 4 or 6 mile walk in your own area, in your own time, while adhering to government guidelines and maintaining social distancing. You can ask others to sponsor you or you can make a personal donation online at [www.gofundme.com/f/castletown-fundraising2021](http://www.gofundme.com/f/castletown-fundraising2021) or through donation envelopes that are available now from committee members.

## Thought for the day

*"A little thought and a little kindness are often worth more than a great deal of money."*

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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. All items to be in before 11am Thursday.

## Priests' Retreat

This past week saw the first gathering of the priests of the diocese for several years. Bishop Gavin invited all the priests of the diocese, including priests from elsewhere who minister in the diocese, to take part in a four-day time of renewal and rest.

The retreat days included morning and evening prayer from the divine office prayed by all the priests together, two illustrated talks per day, con-celebrated Mass, meals together, quiet time, time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and time to socialise, walk and catch up. The priests also prayed, for priests who have died recently and during the pandemic, and for the various needs of people who had asked for prayer.

## Recently Deceased

Sadly, this week we learned of another death of a priest in our diocese. Fr. Gerard Galvin died peacefully in Cork University Hospital on Wednesday morning.

Fr. Gerard was a native of Timoleague and was ordained in 1979. He served in the parishes of Gurranbraher, Skibberreen, Passage West, Monkstown, Clonakilty and Muintir Bháire.

Fr. Gerard retired from full-time ministry earlier this year having served as Parish Priest of Muintir Bháire since 2009.

He has also served as Diocesan Education Secretary. May he rest in peace.

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*Churches at Ahiohill, Castletown Kinnelagh and Enniskeane*

*17th Oct 2021*

## Our Future is in Our Hands..

We are delighted that the government are hoping to ease restrictions further and allow a full reopening of our Churches in the next few weeks. In preparation for this the Parish Assembly are looking for parishioners of all ages to join in the various ministries and services that keep our Parish alive with faith.

We all have different gifts and talents and there are a wide variety of ways to become involved in our parish. Some of the ministries and services teams that are currently looking for new members are:- Gift bearers at the offertory (1st class up) Altar servers (3rd class to 6th) Readers of the Prayers of the Faithful (4th class up) Minister of the Word for the Second Reading (5th class up and including post-primary) Minister of the Word for the First Reading (post-primary school and adults) Minister of the Eucharist (TY students up and adults) Collector at Mass (post-primary school and adults).

If you would like to become part of our ministry and service teams please contact us with your name, phone number and email, along with the ministry/service you would like to join and which church you would like to serve at, to:- Children's rotas to:- [enniskeaneygroup@gmail.com](mailto:enniskeaneygroup@gmail.com)

Adult ministries to:-

[parishassembly@enniskeaneparish.ie](mailto:parishassembly@enniskeaneparish.ie)  
Now more than ever our Parish needs all of us to work together to put new life into our worshipping communities. Can you help?

## First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the children who received their First Holy Communion in Ahiohill Church this weekend.

## Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated twice this week. Monday and Tuesday afternoon at 3pm for the children of Enniskeane Church who missed out in 2019. Very best wishes to all. (Morning mass will be as normal at 10am).

## Mission Sunday

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. Worryingly, it is in jeopardy. The pandemic means that less of us can physically attend Mass, meaning less offerings in the basket. The implications for overseas missionaries and the communities they serve over the coming months will be devastating. You can help right now. Please donate €4.00 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at [www.missio.ie](http://www.missio.ie) or call Missio on 01 497 2035. To learn more go to [www.missio.ie](http://www.missio.ie)