



Offertory Collection

Nov 14th: €1500 and Marriage Support Collection: €555. (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

We welcome to our Christian community

Tommy Duggan Caher
Sadie Cronin Coppeen
Odhran Power Clonakilty

who were baptised recently.

Mass times

Tines of Mass in the parish:

Saturday 7.30pm at Ahiohill Church
Sunday 10am at Castletown Kinneigh
Sunday 11.30am at Enniskeane (live streamed)

Thought for the day

“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in day out Success is the not the thing we will find in a day. It takes continuous efforts and sacrifices to gain success in life. Your little efforts in a day create great differences in life.”

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Uncertainties

We're living through a time of uncertainty! But many people want to be certain about things! It's one of life's challenges. Parish timetabling is also uncertain in these times. A lot of families have deferred sacraments and family gathering for a long time and are anxious to have them around Christmas this year. The parish will do the best we can to accommodate people's requests for baptisms, marriages, months mind Masses, anniversary Masses, etc but we may not always be able to satisfy everyone. With increasing virus numbers, even more uncertainty is added.

We don't yet know what kind of timetable we may have for Christmas Masses. As we know from last year, all our best laid plans are subject to the public health guidance. We will do our best for everyone.

Church work

The internal work in Enniskeane Church has turned out to be more complex than was thought and will require more time to complete. It means that the church will be closed the weekdays of the coming week. The morning Masses will be in Castletown Church on Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri at 10am.

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Churches at Ahiohill, Castletown Kinneigh and Enniskeane

21st Nov 2021

Stepping Stones

These days it's not often one can see over 80 priests in one place but it happened this past week! And in Kerry! Since before Covid19 Bishop Fintan Gavin had been planning to bring all the priests ministering in the diocese together but it wasn't possible until now. So on Sunday evening last we all headed west across the county bounds to Killarney. The going away part was so that we could all concentrate on spending the time together and engage with the topic at hand without going in and out to attend to parish or chaplaincy calls.

The topic was "Stepping Stones to a new future" in the Diocese of Cork and Ross. Bishop Fintan invited two experienced women facilitators of groups to guide our time together. Maria Garvey from Belfast and Judith King from Bray put shape on the gathering.

Each day, we prayed together, celebrated Mass together, ate meals together, and sat in various configurations to discuss questions and topics put before us. We didn't answer any big questions about changes to parishes because many of these need to be also considered by the wider people of the diocese. So we didn't come home with a detailed road-map.

We did get to know one another a lot better. Among us, there are priests ordained for the diocese, priests from Poland, from the religious orders, from India,

from missionary societies. There are priests who were attending their first such gathering and more who are very near their retirement.

Together, we created a spirit which filled us with hope and promise for the future of our faith community in Cork and Ross. We also spoke about the things that we want to define the kind of Church we stand for.

High on the list of these is a Church which welcomes and values everyone and invites everyone to have an active part in the life of the Church. We agreed that ministry in the Church will centre on parishioners, priests, deacons and religious sisters and brothers all being part of a vibrant community and working together. The priests agreed some initial steps for the clergy to take on topics which only affect them and which will be teased out in follow-up meetings.

There are two challenges facing us immediately. One challenge for the diocese now is that just because we're in a pandemic doesn't mean the diocese stands still - priests will still retire or become unwell, confirmations and other sacraments still need to be organised and unforeseen events will always cut across plans. The other is how to bring parishioners into a discussion with everyone about the future with the pandemic hovering around us.

“Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.”