



Offertory Collection

Dec 5th: €1635 and Building Fund: €1345. (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.

Third Sunday of Advent

Today is Gaudete Sunday meaning Rejoice Sunday. A time to rejoice in the Lord. He is near. How has my advent been so far? No matter how good or bad it has been, today I can rejoice in the Lord and start from scratch. The Lord is close, he is waiting for me. I can open my eyes again, and let joy overcome sadness, I can sing a new song. Today, like John the Baptist, let me be a witness to the light – the light to illumine the world. O Wisdom come – teach me the way of truth.

Ecumenical Carol Service

Reminder that this year the ecumenical carol service will be online. This service will take place on Fri Dec 17th at 7:30pm on Facebook.

Christmas Mass Bouquets

Christmas mass bouquets are now available in the parish office or online using the donate button on the parish website.

New stained glass window

A new stained glass window has been installed in the north porch of Enniskeane Church. The window was painted by George W Walsh, Dublin, an internationally known artist. George has worked in Dublin, Belfast and America and worked with his father George S Walsh who was an apprentice of Harry Clarke.

The window is donated to the parish church to mark its 150th anniversary of dedication in 2022.

The north porch (facing the parochial house) was traditionally where the baptismal font was located. So it was the entry point into the faith community. Nowadays, it is the door that most people use to enter the church to pray. The theme of the new window is one of welcome.

Maynooth Carol Service 2021

Three Maynooth College and University choirs will gather for the annual carol service: the College Chapel Choir, the Schola Gregoriana and Maynooth University Chamber Choir. It will be live-streamed on Wednesday 15 December at 7:30pm. The link is <https://maynoothcollege.ie/live-stream>

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Churches at Ahiohill, Castletown Kinneigh and Enniskeane

12th Dec 2021

Christmas Mass times

Thanks to the Parish Assembly for helping to plan our Christmas Mass times. There are eight Masses going to be celebrated in the parish over the three days. People are asked to choose one Mass to attend as your Christmas Mass, please. This way everyone will have an opportunity to attend. The people who manage the many rotas for people involved in the liturgies are also contacting those who will have an active part in these Masses. Seats will be kept for these people and their families. All others will need a ticket to attend a Mass on these days. This way, people will not be left outside and everyone will find a place. The tickets will be given out at each of the three churches between 2pm and 4pm on Sunday Dec 19th. (Please do not take a ticket for someone unless you are sure they will attend that Mass!) The tickets are free.

The schedule will be as follows:

Friday December 24th Christmas Eve

6pm Enniskeane-Live streamed
8pm Ahiohill
10pm Enniskeane

Saturday December 25th Christmas Day

8.30am Ahiohill

10am Castletown

11.30am Enniskeane -Live streamed

Sunday December 26th Feast of the Holy Family

10am Castletown

11.30am Enniskeane-Live Streamed

Christmas Forgiveness

Due to the Covid19 pandemic it is not possible to have the Penitential Service for Christmas this year either. Neither is it possible to use the Confessional (it would have to be sanitised after each person.)

When asked last year what to do about Confession during a pandemic, Pope Francis said his response would be, “Do what the Catechism (of the Catholic Church) says. It is very clear: If you cannot find a priest to confess to, speak directly with God, your father, and tell him the truth. Say, ‘Lord, I did this, this, this. Forgive me,’ and ask for pardon with all your heart.”

Make an act of contrition, the pope said, and promise God, “‘I will go to confession afterward, but forgive me now.’ And immediately you will return to a state of grace with God.”

Christmas Offering

There are envelopes in each church for use to make your Christmas Offering for the priests. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.