



## Offertory Collection

Dec 12th and Dec 8th : €1875. (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.

## Ballineen & Enniskeane Tidy Towns

Remembrance Tree located at Gort Mhuire. Ribbons €2, available at Enniskeane Post Office and Scannells Pharmacy Ballineen. All proceeds in aid of Cancer Connect & West Cork Palliative Care.

## Are you away from home this Christmas?

Submit a video message or picture with text to be included at our Christmas masses. Email submissions before Wed 22nd of Dec. Email: parishassembly@enniskeaneparish.ie

## Christmas Mass Bouquets

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

## Mass Times for Christmas

Morning Mass on 27th, 28th, 31st Dec and Jan 1st are at 11am. Mass on 30th Dec at 10am all in Enniskeane Church.



## Recently Deceased

Sympathy is extended to the family of

Mark O'Sullivan Castletown-Kenneigh

who died recently

## Christmas Mass times

Reminder that the tickets for the Christmas masses will be given out at each of the three churches between 2pm and 4pm on Sunday Dec 19th. 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

## Parish Office Opening Hours for Christmas

Parish office will be open on Tues 21st of Dec and then closed for Christmas and reopening Jan 7th 2022.

FR. TOM HAYES PP, Parochial House, Enniskeane. 023-8847769 / 087-9311472 (Calls only)

Email parishpriest@enniskeaneparish.ie (Off-duty Wed)

PARISH OFFICE: Tues 9:30am- 1pm; Thurs 9.30am – 1:00pm, 2pm - 5:30pm; Fri 9:30am - 1pm. Tel 023 8847769 Email: parishoffice@enniskeaneparish.ie

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# ENNISKEANE AND DESERTSERGES

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*Churches at Ahiohill, Castletown Kenneigh and Enniskeane*

*19th Dec 2021*

## Christmas 2021

All the signs are that when the shepherds and the men from the east faced home after seeing the new born Saviour they were lost for words. They didn't know what to make of it all and they never expected that they'd be at the epicentre of world history.

We can say the same ourselves about the pandemic caused by the coronavirus. Last year, we certainly didn't think that our lives would still be curtailed this year. Like the people at the first Christmas, we too need to humbly say that what's going on is bigger than us.

As we look back over 2021 we can see the ups and the downs of people's lives as well as in our world. But Christmas, above all, is a time to give thanks for what has been and for who is to come. Our faith community, in spite of all the challenges, remains alive and active. We have welcomed many children in baptism, we have celebrated Confirmation with all those who were waiting, we celebrated their first reception of Holy Communion with many children and families, newly married couples have walked down the aisles of our churches with smiles and laughter and hope, families have shouldered the loss of loved ones and been supported in prayer and gestures by parishioners, neighbours and friends.

Throughout the year, there has been a virtual army of people who have been

the life-blood of the parish in so many ways — people of all ages and all kinds of talents and abilities have made our prayer-life and our community visible and tangible, not only here but across the world. (It would take several pages to list them all!) Thank you one and all for your generosity.

There's also a wave of kindness that's hardly ever seen the people who keep the parish going with their donations of money to pay our bills and maintain the churches; those who sent in 'dues' for the clergy; those who sent money to be used for the support of those in need; those who stopped by with a cake or a plate. Thank You!

It has also been a trying year for so many people who serve people at work. We are grateful to all who have helped us take care of our health locally and all our people who work in the front lines. Locally, the school boards, principals, teachers, SNAs, secretaries, bus drivers and all who work with children have been doing amazing work. We hope the holidays will be restful.

Whether you are connected in person or online this Christmas, may the light of the Saviour shine in your heart. Have a Blessed Christmas.

## Christmas Offering

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