



## Offertory Collection

Jan 1st: €1120 and Building Fund: €1565. (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

Patrick Coughlan, Connagh,  
Eoin Horgan, Belrose,  
Ollie O'Mahony, Clonamara,  
Eoin Baggot, Keelnacranagh,  
Erin Shannon, Lilac Court,  
Riona Lynch, Bandon,  
Iarlaith Lordan, The Paddock  
James Helen, Kilmoylerane,  
Cian O'Sullivan, USA,  
Conor Macias Healy, Spain  
Darragh Crowley, Phale,

who were baptised recently,

## Baptisms

If you would like to book a baptism, please contact the parish office. The next dates available are Jan 22nd, Feb 5th, Feb 19th and March 19th all at 4pm.

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## Recently Deceased

Sympathy is extended to the family of Denis Hurley, Grenagh and Gurrans who died recently.



## Recent Marriage

Congratulations and every blessing to

- Deirdre Cullinane, Castlederry and Adrian Kirby, Murroe, Limerick
- Kate O'Driscoll, Ballineen and Cathal Patterson, Ballinacarriga
- Margaret Barrett, Gortaleen and Ciaran Scannell, Baile Mhuirne

Who were married in our Parish recently

## A year in Review

This past year we celebrated the sacrament of baptism for 40 babies. (Up from 34 in 2020). The number of marriages celebrated was 10. (Up from 4 in 2020). These figures of course have been impacted by Covid and we know that some people had to wait a long time for their celebrations. We wish everyone every blessing. We are also conscious of those in our parish that have lost loved ones in the past year with 26 funerals. (The same as the previous year.)

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*Churches at Ahiohill, Castletown Kinneigh and Enniskeane*

*9th Jan 2022*

## It is good to give thanks!

The scriptures tell us this, too. So as we commence a new year in the parish I want to renew my thanks to everyone who contributes talents, time, prayer, support, kindness and generosity to the life of the parish.

Special thanks to all who kindly sent in Christmas offerings (or dues) for the income for the priests. Your kindness is appreciated.

## Papal messages

Every so often the news media gives a break from Covid news and picks on something or someone else for a change! If a message from another source is potentially controversial, it'll make it's way onto the front page! This was the case with Pope Francis in the past week. On Wednesday, he addressed a gathering at his general audience in the sixth of a series of talks he is giving each week on St. Joseph. This week, he encouraged people to be like St. Joseph and overcome any fear or hesitation couples might have about becoming parents. He highlighted the difficulties many couples have in becoming parents. He also pointed to the many children in the world who have no one to look after them and asked that more support be given to adoptive couples. "I pray that

no one will feel deprived of the bond of paternal love".

He said out world needs young people and they need generous parents to mind and care for them.

Pope Francis concluded his text with this prayer:-

I pray that no one will feel deprived of the bond of paternal love. And those who are orphaned, may they go forward without feeling abandoned. May Saint Joseph protect, and give his help to orphans; and may he intercede for couples who wish to have a child. Let us pray for this together:

Saint Joseph,  
you who loved Jesus with fatherly love,  
be close to the many children who have no family  
and who long for a daddy and mommy.  
Support the couples who are unable to have children,  
help them to discover, through this suffering, a greater plan.  
Make sure that no one lacks a home, a bond,  
a person to take care of him or her;  
and heal the selfishness of those who close themselves off from life,  
that they may open their hearts to love.