

INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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3rd Sunday Advent "Year C"

MASSSES: Inch

Sun 13th Dec @ 9.30am

Kilmaley

Sun 20th Dec @ 9.30am

Sat 12th Dec @ 7.30pm

Connolly

Sun 13th Dec @ 11.30am

Sat 19th Dec @ 7.30pm

Sun 20th Dec @ 11.30am

Sun 13th Dec @ 10.30am

Sun 20th Dec @ 10.30am

13th December 2015

Frank & Angela Lyons

Christy Barry, Tullassa

Tommy, Lil & Sonny Hogan, Tullassa

Special Intention

Clara McDonnell, Garrynagry

Tom & Bill Casey, Kildogher

Mollie McCarthy, Shean

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Catherine Keane, Corrancreagh

Tom Crawford, Feighroe, Connolly

Fr Tom Burke, Connolly & Ruan

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SANTA TO VISIT: Christmas is quickly approaching and on **Saturday 19th December Santa has rescheduled that he will be at the Vigil Mass in Kilmaley** so say thanks to all who gave so generously to the recent Annual Food Giving Appeal.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDRENS MASS: This will take place in Inch Church on Christmas Eve at 6.30 p.m. All are welcome. A practice for anyone who would like to be involved will take place on Tuesday 15th at 6.30 p.m. We invite & welcome as many as possible to attend.

HEARING HAPPENING HOPING is a support for reading and praying the Sunday Gospel during Advent. It is a three step process which can be used individually or with a group to reflect on the Sunday Gospel text. A one page guide for each of the four Sundays of Advent is available on the Killaloe Diocesan website <http://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/diocesan-news/hearing-happening-hoping-a-resource-for-advent.html>. If you or a group you know would like to do something to prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas this resource will help you. The aim is to help people to come face-to-face with God's Word. It is not a Bible course, but a focus for reading, reflecting and praying. It requires no training—the Word is already in our hearts. Just try it! Hearing Happening Hoping can be downloaded and printed out for use by groups.

CHRISTMAS FOOD GIVING THANK YOU: A very sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the Annual Food Giving Appeal for Clarecare through food & financial support. Sincere thanks to Seamus Lynch for organising all the boxes and taking them into Clarecare.

DOMINICAN CHURCH, LIMERICK PRESENTS THE NEW FACE OF THE CHURCH. ADVENT TALKS, In this year's Advent Talks we reach towards a new understanding of the Church in our diocese in light of the upcoming Limerick Diocesan Synod. **Tuesday 15th Dec - Discernment - listening to the Spirit - Jessie Rogers.** Jessie teaches Sacred Scripture in Maynooth, is a Godly Play Trainer and is currently studying to become a Spiritual Director. She lives in County Limerick with her family. **Time: 7.30 PM; Donation of €5 invited.** Entrance on Dominic Street to the hall adjoining the side of the church, opposite Costello's pub.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Connolly –Mon, Tue, Wed @ 10.00am

Kilmaley –Thur, Fri, Sat @ 10.00am

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: Kilmaley- Sat 19th Dec @ 7.30pm Mary Ita Griffin Sun 20th @ 11.30am Seamus Lynch

Inch- Sun 20th @ 9.30am Christopher Forde

Connolly – Sun 20th @ 10.30am Roisin Ni Ceallaigh

BASKET & ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS: A sincere thanks to all who contribute so generously every weekend to all the various collections. The total last weekend was as follows- **Weekly Envelope €616.80; Priests Collection €1,514.20; All Saints €2; Sick & Retired Priests Fund €7; Christmas Day €2; Feast of the Immaculate Conception €168.50**

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY: Pope Francis has announced a **Holy Year of Mercy** beginning on 8 December next. The Diocese has invited Fr Dermot Ryan, St Kieran's College, Kilkenny to introduce us to the year. He will give a talk entitled '**Pope Francis and Mercy - A worldly weakness, a Christian Strength**' at St Flannan's College, Ennis on **Mon 14 Dec at 8pm** All welcome.

WORLD YOUTH DAY WITH POPE FRANCIS: The biggest gathering of young people in the world will take place in **Krakow, Poland, from July 24th – 31st 2016.** You must be 18 years of age to travel on the Pilgrimage. The cost of the Pilgrimage is €895. Further details from Deirdre Convey 065-6834461 or Fr. Donagh O' Meara 087-2322140.

STAMPS WANTED: Kilmaley Apostolic Workers Society are collecting used stamps. Stamps can be given to any member of the Apostolic Workers Society. Your support would be appreciated. Thank you to all those who have donated Stamp already.

FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO VISIT KILMALEY N.S.: Kilmaley National School welcomes the French Ambassador to the school on **Monday 14th December 2015**, in recognition and appreciation of the Butterfly Condolence Card created and sent by the pupils of Kilmaley National School to the French Embassy in light of the recent, sad events in Paris. **Everyone is welcome to join us next Monday morning, 14th December 2015, at Kilmaley National School for this historic occasion.**

JUSTICE & PEACE: The **Justice and Peace Strand of the Diocesan Plan** is now on Twitter. Find us here: <https://twitter.com/KillaloeJPIC> The more followers we get the more difference we can make so log on and give us your support.

LOURDES 2016: The 60th Pilgrimage from the Killaloe Diocese to Lourdes will take place from 26th June to 1st July 2016. €687pps full board, no change in price. Book online at www.joewalstours.ie and get €10 discount. An ideal gift for Christmas or special occasions.

KILMALEY LOTTO: **Numbers Drawn 4, 16, 20, 31 No** Jackpot Winner. Jackpot next week will be €7,900--- €30 Winners- John Guinane, Anne O' Loughlin, Kieran Culligan, Anthony Dillon, Ciara Slattery. Next Draw on Saturday 12th December. Play online at www.kilmaleygaa.ie

THE DIOCESE OF KILLALOE IS ORGANISING A PILGRIMAGE TO ROME *during the Holy Year from 1 August to 6 August 2016.* Accommodation will be at the Pontifical Irish College in the city centre. There will be an opportunity to attend a liturgy with Pope Francis and to walk through the holy doors in all four Papal Basilicas. The pilgrimage is being organised by Kieran Troy and a guide will be available through-out. **The total cost per person sharing is €849.** For further information Telephone 057 9355050 (mornings only) or e mail info@culturalconnections.eu

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: In response to Pope Francis call to the Year of Mercy, the Diocese of Killaloe is organising a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, direct from Shannon Airport to Tel Aviv for 8 days, departing on **Sunday 23rd October 2016 and returning direct to Shannon on Monday 31st October.** The cost will be €1,430, half board, including all taxes, coaches and tips. There will be 147 places available to the Diocese. Booking forms can now be obtained from Fr. Tom Ryan Shannon 061-364133 or Fr. Brendan Quinlivan in Ennis Cathedral 065-6824043. The form can also be downloaded from the Killaloe Diocese website www.killaloe-diocese.ie. A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land is for many people a once in a lifetime opportunity that brings the story of the Gospel alive. Families often sponsor or present as a gift for Christmas, anniversaries or special occasion a family member with a ticket or some financial support towards the ticket. The last Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land was in 2008.

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT: **Newbridge College, Co Kildare 18th – 20th December.** Youth 2000 invites all **young adults** between ages of 16-35 to a Catholic weekend retreat taking place from 18th-20th December at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This will be an exciting weekend attracting over 600 young people from all over the country. **What to expect?** Good fun, excellent speakers, inspiring talks and workshops, prayer, fantastic live music, group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, a Healing Service, games, lots of time to chill out and meet new people. The weekend is being organised by young people for young people. Parental consent is essential for all those under 18. All meals are provided for and accommodation is on site! **Don't let money be an obstacle;** just bring a donation and a sleeping bag. **Newcomers very welcome!** There will be **free buses** picking up from various areas throughout the country. **Booking is essential.** For more information on the event or to book your place, see www.youth2000.ie, **Youth 2000 Ireland Facebook page** or **Tel: 00353 (0) 1 6753690**

ACTIVE RETIREMENT IRELAND We are an association who aim to help older people to lead a full happy and healthy life. **Our Aim.** To promote a more positive attitude to ageing and retirement. To be a recognised voice for retired people. **Why Not Join Us.** We have 14 branches in Clare. We have 25,000 members countrywide. It is our intention to set up a group in our parish. If interested please contact below. **Martin Cummins Ph. 086-1657997 (After 5pm) Eugene Philips Ph. 086-8127788 Outreach officer**

BEREAVED BY SUICIDE: November and the period leading up to Christmas is a difficult time for people grieving the loss of a loved one who has died by suicide. Clare Suicide Bereavement Support volunteers are available to help you. Support and help is only a phone call away. You could phone us at one of our numbers given below and we will take it from there. We promise complete confidentiality. 086 0565373, 087 3698315, www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com

BALLYEA COMMUNITY CENTRE - CHRISTMAS MARKET AND CAKE SALE, on the 13th December, from 11am to 3pm. Almost 40 stands, food trucks, raffle, Childrens corner, cakes, jams, puddings, Christmas arrangements, candles, aloe vera, hats jewellery, hurleys and hurley gear organisers, to mention but a few !! Perfect last minute gift shopping. Promises to be a great day.

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS: CHRISTMAS EVE-- Inch 6.30pm Children's Mass; Kilmaley 7.30pm; Connolly 8.30pm. CHRISTMAS DAY- Inch 9.30am.; Connolly 10.30am; Kilmaley 11.30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION: There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas on Wednesday 23rd December at 7.30 p.m. in Connolly Church. All are welcome.