INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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14th February, 2015 FIRST SUNDAY LENT "Year C"

Sun 14th Feb 9.30am **MASSES:** Inch **Special Intention**

> Tue 16th Feb 7.30pm Mass for Lent

Sun 21st Feb 9.30am **Prayer Ritual First Holy Communion**

Sun 14th Feb @ 10.30am Connolly Michael Lydon, Slieveloughane

> Kitty Hehir, Feighroe Margaret Dillon, Connolly

James Dillon, Birmingham & Connolly John & Mary McMahon, Kinturk

Nora Lernihan, Kinturk Cross

Martin, Annie & John Crehan, Kilcolumb Sun 21st Feb @ 10.30am **Prayer Ritual First Holy Communion**

Kilmalev Sat 13th Feb @ 7.30pm Kathleen McCaw. Aildavour

> Patricia Dillon, Lispuckaun Micko Hickey, Tullassa

Denis & Mary Lynch, Boulineaska Veronica Haren, Lecarrow

Sun 14th Feb @ 11.30am **Special Intention**

Sat 20th Feb @ 7.30pm **Prayer Ritual First Holy Communion** Sun 21st Feb @ 11.30am Patsy McGuane, Lisroe Month's Mind

SYMPATHY: We offer our sympathy support and prayers to the family, relatives and friends of Mary (Maisie) O' Malley, Clohanmore, Cree, aunt of Mary Barry and P.J. Talty Inch - Mary Cotter, Knocknagoshel, Co. Kerry niece of Eileen Healy buried during the past week.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS: A one page reflection on each Sunday Gospel called *Hearing*, *Happening*, *Hoping* can be downloaded from the Killaloe Diocesan website http://www.killaloediocese.ie/diocesan-news/hearing-happening-hoping-2016.html. The first three Sundays are available now, weeks four, five and six will be available later. These reflections were compiled by Fr. Seamus O'Connell, Maynooth, Jane Mellett, Dublin Diocese, Philip Carder, Armagh Diocese, Sr. Marie McNamara and Maureen Kelly Killaloe Diocese.

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2016: "Learn to do good, search for justice, discipline the violent, be just to the orphan, plead for the widow." Isaiah 1:10.17. Trócaire's Lenten campaign 2016 is asking people here at home to join the fight for justice by supporting Trócaire's work. The injustices faced by the world's poorest people are many and can only be tackled with your help. To find out more visit www.trocaire.org/lent Trócaire boxes are available in all churches this weekend.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Connolly –Mon, Tue, Wed @10.00am Kilmaley-Thur, Fri, Sat. @10.00am

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: Kilmaley- Sat 20th Feb @ 7.30pm Mike Rynne; Sun 21st Feb @ 11.30 am Éadaoin Hennessy Connolly - Sun 21st Feb @ 10.30am Noeleen Doherty Inch - Sun 21st Feb @ 9.30am Moira Lawlor

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 €969.50 Priests Collection €1,767; Christmas Day €6; Epiphany €16.60; All Saints €2; Feast of Immaculate Conception €8;

PIONEER LENTEN CHALLENGE! Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by visiting www.pioneerassociation.ie and joining online or by contacting your local Pioneer centre representative. Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. Go for it and make a difference to someone's life!

SHRINES OF ITALY-PADUA & LAKE MAGGIORE, 15TH AUGUST - 7 NIGHTS. Visit the Basilica of St Anthony, tomb of St Leopold Mandie. Optional day trip to Venice. Visit St Mark's Square and St Mark's Basilica. For a detailed itinerary contact: Fr Pat Larkin 087 2300627 or 065 6839735 or Mary O Loughlin 087 2482528 or 065 7084000

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE ex SHANNON: This begins on 25th May for 7 days with Group Leader Kathleen Lee; Spiritual Director Fr. Ger Fitzgerald. Deposit before 17th February allows €50 discount to €609 p.p.s. - thereafter €659 applies. Kathleen will be happy to deal with your enquiries at 086 1031508.

AWARE DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP meets: Ennis- Tuesdays at 8pm, Day Hospital, Gort Road. Aware Support Groups are free to attend, no referral necessary. www.aware.ie

LENTEN TALKS 2016 DOMINICAN CHURCH, LIMERICK presents *Prophetic Voices* - *past and present* in this year's Lenten Talks we listen to two voices that speak out to us from the past and two voices that speak out to us today. Tuesday 23 Feb Time: 7.30 p.m. Donation of €5 invited. Entrance on Dominic Street to the hall adjoining the side of the church, opposite Costello's pub. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN − HIS PROPHETIC JOURNEY. Dermot Mansfield is an Irish Jesuit, ordained in 1976, who has been mainly involved in retreat work and spiritual direction. He acts as an assistant priest in St Gabriel's parish, Dollymount, Clontarf. His interest in Newman goes back over 50 years. He is the author of 'Heart Speaks to Heart - the Story of Blessed John Henry Newman' which was published in 2010 by Veritas.

<u>JUBILEE OF MERCY</u> - a series of catechesis for adult and young, will be given every **Sunday and Wednesday at 7.30pm in Maria Assumpta Hall, beside Cathedral, starting; 31st January, for 7 weeks**. These talks, given by a team of the Neocatechumenal Way, would help us to listen again to the Good News of the Mercy of God for us, called the "Kerygma" by St. Paul and the early Church. "God wanted to save the word through the Kerygma". Come and Listen

IRISH INSTITUTE FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES SPRING LECTURE SERIES at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick on Thursday 18th February 2016 @ 7pm, T1 18, TARA Building. Reflecting on the "Role of Women in the Church" by Sr Elizabeth Maxwell, founder member of schools' trust CEIST (Catholic Education an Irish Schools Trust) and current member of the Catholic Education Service Committee (CESC). **Admittance Free – Everyone welcome**.

<u>CARE OF CREATION</u>: On Saturday, 30th April there will be a one-day conference in Knock entitled "Climate Change and Me: Rising to the Laudato Si Challenge". Leading climate change experts and sustainability speakers will explore what climate change is and how we can make a difference. The event will take place in St. John's Rest and Care Centre and the cost of admission is €10.

MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE WILL HOST A ONE DAY SEMINAR WITH INTER-BELIEF DIALOGUE IN CONTEMPORARY IRELAND as its theme, in the Lime Tree Theatre on Wednesday 17th February 2016. This free event, which will host participants from a host of faith groups and belief traditions, offers all present an opportunity to dialogue with those from a variety of belief traditions in an open, respectful, and mutually enriching manner; to engage in inter-belief dialogue at a variety of levels and in a variety of ways. Further information see www.mic.ul.ie

<u>KILMALEY LOTTO</u>: Numbers Drawn **2, 8,9,19.** No Jackpot Winner. **Jackpot next week will be €8,800**---- €30 Winners-Gerry O' Malley, Cian Lynch, Sarah Lydon, Donie Lynch, Eoghan, Colm & Dylan Killeen. Next Draw on Saturday 13th February. Play online at <u>www.kilmaleygaa.ie</u>

<u>KILMALEY TIDY TOWNS</u>: A meeting will be held on **MONDAY FEBRUARY 22nd in Kilmaley Inn at 8.30 pm** for those interested in entering in Tidy Towns Competition. Connolly has been part of the national tidy towns for many years with great success as can be seen in the village. We can do the same in Kilmaley with a little effort from all of us and support from Clare Co. Council. Please come and help brighten our parish give us pride in our place.

ENROLMENT – INCH N.S.: Enrolments now being accepted for Inch National School for September 2016. Enrolment Application Forms can be obtained from the School. Telephone No: 0656839353. Closing date for receipt of applications is at 12.00noon Friday 25th March 2016.

<u>DAFFODIL DAY</u>: This year's Daffodil Day is on Friday March 11th. All volunteers are invited to Michael Guerin's Daffodil Day's launch night in Tracey's West County Hotel at *8pm on Monday February* 15th. Hope to see you all there.

<u>CLARE ICA HOST THEIR FIRST FASHION SHOW</u> in support of Bushy Park in Woodstock Hotel on Friday 26th February. Doors open 7pm with many pop up shops, Door Prize, Best Dressed Prize and Raffle. Fashion show at 8pm. Tickets are available from Secretary Aisling Finn 085 170 5735 or from Woodstock Hotel.

<u>TABLE QUIZ CLARE CRUSADERS FUNDRAISER</u>: The Cloughleigh branch of Comhaltas and Woodstock set dancers will host a table quiz for the Clare Crusaders Clinic at Woodstock Golf and Country Club on Thursday, 25th February at 8pm. Table of four €20. All support greatly appreciated.

<u>FAMILY CARERS IRELAND</u> are providing the QQI Level 5 Activities of Living Patient Care module in Shannon, Co Clare on the 29/02/2016, one day a week for five weeks per module from 9.30am to 4.30pm. To express an interest and for more info contact 05793 70221.

<u>NEW BEGINNERS VINYASA YOGA</u> class begins this Thursday, 18^{th} February, from 7-8.15pm with improvers/intermediate class starting at 8.30pm -10.00pm. Enrolling now contact Kieran 087.7958381

BACK TO EDUCATION INITIATIVE (BTEI), Further Education & Training Centre Clonroad Campus, Clonroad Business Park, Clonroad, Ennis: Are you interested in working in an Office? We are planning a level 3 QQI programme commencing in early February. The aim of these classes is to introduce us to the practical skills of working in an office environment. For further details contact Martina Crowley-Hayes / Eilis Liddy 065 6843633 martina.crowleyhayes@lcetb.ie / eilish.liddy@lcetb.ie

"We need constantly t contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it....Mercy: the bridge that connects God and (us), opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness." Pope Francis "The Face of Mercy"