

INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY EASTER-VOCATIONS SUNDAY “Year C” 17th April, 2016

MASSES:	Inch	Sun 17 th April @ 9.30am	Special Intention
		Sun 24 th April @ 9.30am	Maisie Kennedy, Ivy Hill
	Connolly	Sun 17 th April @ 10.30am	Special Intention
		Sun 24 th April @ 10.30am	Special Intention
	Kilmaley	Sat 16 th April @ 7.30pm	Special Intention
		Sun 17 th April @ 11.30am	Special Intention
		Sun 23 rd April @ 7.30pm	Special Intention
		Sun 24 th April @ 11.30am	Maria Ryan, Kilclogher Mary Neylon, Culleen Johnny McMahon, Kilclogher Tommy Haren, Lecarrow John Hehir, Lahaknock

SYMPATHY: We offer our sympathy, support and prayers to the family, relatives and friends of **P.J. Coote, Cahercalla, Ennis** buried during the week. We offer our sympathy, support and prayers to the family, relatives and friends of **John Downes, Carhuduff, Miltown Malbay** buried this weekend.

TRÓCAIRE: Over the past weeks of Lent we have been invited to reflect on how we can support the people of Kenya through our prayers and financial support. We thank those who have returned their Trócaire **contributions so far and encourage others to do the same. Amount contributed so far €1,798. Last year our Parish contributed €2,463 so hopefully we can do as good this year.** Many thanks for your support.

BAPTISM: We welcome into God’s family and the Christian Community **Caoimhe Eve Callinan, Lahaknock, Kilmaley.** We congratulate her parents Joseph & Fiona and pray that God will always guide and protect her.

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: Kilmaley - Sat 23rd April @ 7.30pm Leanne McMahon; Sun 24th April @ 11.30am Seamus Lynch
Inch - Sun 24th April @ 9.30am Martina O’ Loughlin Connolly – Sun 24th April @ 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 €710.75; Priests Collection €294; St. Patrick’s Day €18.50; Education Fund €1; Lourdes €4.50; Catholic Social Services €12; Christmas Day €6**

VOCATIONS SUNDAY - GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter or Good Shepherd Sunday is a special day for everyone in our parish and our Diocese. We celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We ask that we may be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit as we carry on the mission of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. We pray in thanksgiving to day for our Bishops, Priests, Religious and Deacons and for an increase in vocations in the Church. May our youth listen to God’s call and be encouraged to respond generously. Anyone interested in learning more should make contact with our vocations director, Fr. Iggy McCormack on 086-2777139.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF PILGRIMAGE: This year the Killaloe Diocese is celebrating 60 years of pilgrimage to Lourdes. On 26th June four flights will leave Shannon Airport bringing pilgrims to Lourdes for five days celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The cost is €687 full board with online discount available on www.joewalshstours.ie. Assisted pilgrims are most welcome to travel and care will be provided by medical, nursing and carers. Cost for an assisted pilgrim is €585. Application forms for assisted pilgrims to Fr Tom Ryan Shannon Pilgrimage Director on 061-364133.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: The Diocese of Killaloe are organising a once in a life time Pilgrimage to the Holy Land for 147 people direct from Shannon Airport for **8 days from 23rd to 31st October.** Cost is €1,430. If you ever wished to see & experience where Jesus lived and ministered this may be your opportunity with a direct flight from Shannon. **Booking forms for the remaining places are available from Fr. Tom Ryan, Shannon 087-2349816 or Fr. Brendan Quinlivan, Ennis 087-2736310**

SEINN CELEBRATION EVENT Wednesday, 27th April 2016 - The Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Ennis at 7.30pm. The Seinn music project began in 2013 and this year there is a particular emphasis on the Year of Mercy. Come and join second-level students and parish choirs from our diocese, as they join together to celebrate the music from the Seinn 2016 programme, as well as pieces associated with the Year of Mercy. All are very welcome to attend what is sure to be a fantastic evening of song and celebration.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock this year will take place on **Sunday 3rd July,** sharing with Ferns as we have in previous years. This year Killaloe diocese will lead the ceremonies. **Save the date – specific details will be announced at a later date.**

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: A main theme of Catholic Social Teaching is the **inherent value, worth and dignity of each of God's human beings. Human dignity is something that can't be taken away.** Catholic Social Teaching states that each and every person has value, are worthy of great respect and must be free from slavery, manipulation and exploitation. Catholic social teaching believes that human beings, created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26-27), have by their very existence an inherent value, worth, and distinction". Daniel Groody "Globalization, Spirituality and Justice" "How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points? This is a case of exclusion." Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN EVALUATION - A mid-term evaluation of the implementation of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan is currently underway, and any parishioner who wishes can participate. An evaluation questionnaire is now available on the diocesan website for completion by 18th April, 2016.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE ex SHANNON: MAY 25th for 7 nights. Spiritual Director: Fr Gerard Fitzgerald. Group Leader: Kathleen Lee. Cost: €659. Kathleen will be happy to answer enquiries at 086 1031508

KILMALEY LOTTO: Numbers Drawn 4, 15, 29, 32. No Jackpot Winner. **Jackpot next week will be €9,700 ---- County Board Ticket Winners:** Brian Mc Donnell, Melissa Pyne, Martha Dillon, Pat Murphy, Leah Corry Next Draw on Saturday 16th April. Play online at www.kilmaleygaa.ie

LOUGH DERG JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE SEASON opens on Sunday 1st May with One Day Retreats which continue on 2, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 & 30 of May. Booking is essential. The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Wednesday 1st June. You may begin the Pilgrimage on any day between 1st June and 13th August. Pre-booking is not required for the Three Day Pilgrimage. Contact Lough Derg by telephone 071 9861518, email info@loughderg.org, www.loughderg.org.

"SUMMER IS COMING!!!, burn calories and get fit with the Kilmaley StepFitt cardio and tone 6 week programme commencing Monday 18th April at the Kilmaley Daycare Centre from 7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m., suits all levels of fitness, spaces are limited so to book your step contact Clare on 0876855569."

TABLE QUIZ- INCH CRUSADERS F.C.: General Knowledge Table Quiz – in Magowna House Hotel, Inch on Friday 22nd April @ 8.30pm **Teams of 3 – €30 per table.** Raffle on the Night – Top prize 2 tickets for Ireland v Holland Soccer Match. Great fun and great prizes. MC Conor Clancy. All Welcome

ARTHRITIS IRELAND CLARE BRANCH information evening "Living with Gout" with Dr. Alexander Fraser at the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis on Wednesday 20th April at 7pm. Free admission, all welcome. Contact 086 0279379 for more information.

MATT O' CONNOR OPEN SPORTS: Matt O'Connor memorial Open Sports day at Lees Road on Sunday 24th April at 2pm. Races for girls & boys from U/7 to U/16. Junior & Senior Races also plus Relays. Medals will be presented to all U/7s

WEEKEND RETREAT IN THE BURREN: 6th - 8th May: Why not come on a guided journey to the most secret and sacred places in the Burren and let the silence and beauty of this unique landscape renew in body and soul? Further information from Mary at 087 970 1130/Nóirín at 087 9459151

MOUNT CALLAN CHALLENGE - Sunday 17th April at 11.00 a.m. Base Camp: The Hand, Connolly. Meet @ 10.30am for 11.00am Start. Bring packed lunch/water and wear suitable walking/weather gear. Walk will be led. Organised by Doora Barefield Ladies Football Club.

CLARE OLDER PERSON'S VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2016: Following on from the successful launch of the Clare Older Person's Volunteer of the Year Award last year, the search is on again for nominations from individuals and communities in Clare. To celebrate our communities and to recognise the outstanding contribution made by older people who volunteer their time, energy and skills to enhance the quality of life in communities across County Clare, we invite you to nominate a volunteer over the age of 55 who has made a difference through volunteering. For criteria and a nomination form, either email info@volunteerclare.ie , telephone 0656866800

CLOUGHJORDAN ECOVILLAGE: A free field trip to Cloughjordan Ecovillage with the Environmental Awareness Officer at the County Council and there are still some places available. This unique experience is an opportunity for all interested community and voluntary groups to visit us here in Tipperary. Through presentations and a tour participants will see the many environmental features, and explore how we improve participation in the development of sustainable communities and the local economy. The field trip includes a delicious local lunch. To book a free place contact - Cepta McDonagh - Environment Section, Clare County Council [Tel:065 6846473](tel:0656846473) envawareness@clarecoco.ie

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Inch/Kilmaley/Connolly Community Games Church Gate Collection last Sunday. Total collected €775.86.

COMMUNITY GAMES Inch/Kilmaley/Connolly Area Sports in Lees Road this Wednesday, 20th April. Registration at 5.45pm starting at 6pm. Events for all ages including Ball throw and long puck. New events this year. Entry fee is €2.

Pope Francis:

Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or to the consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community.... This is why Jesus said: "Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest," that is, God the Father, "to send out laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38). Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit. I am pleased to stress this today, which is the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations