

INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME “Year C” 17th January, 2016 MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY

MASSES:	Inch	Sun 17 th January, @ 9.30am Sun 24 th January, @ 9.30am	Special Intention Mary Hegarty, Tullassa Declan Killeen, Clonfeigh & Germany (First Holy Communion Prayer Ritual)
	Connolly	Sun 17 th January, @ 10.30am Sun 24 th January, @ 10.30am	Special Intention Kitty Dillon, Glaun, Connolly (First Holy Communion Prayer Ritual)
	Kilmaley	Sat 16 th January, 7.30pm Sun 17 th January, 11.30am Sun 23 rd January, 7.30pm Sun 24 th January, 11.30am	Special Intention Special Intention (First Holy Communion Prayer Ritual) Ann Eustace, Kilmaley Frank & Lena McNamara, Lispuckaun Fr Jim Kennedy, Doncaster Dr Vivian Lee, Ennis D. J. Lynch, Boulineaska Gertrude Vaughan, The Market, Ennis

SYMPATHY: We offer our sympathy, support and prayers to the family, relatives and friends of **Teresa Linehan, nee Donnellan** who died in America formerly of Kilquane, Shanaway Road, Ennis

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: Kilmaley - Sat 23rd @ 7.30pm Mary Griffey; Sun 24th @ 11.30am Brian Flynn
Inch - Sun 24th @ 9.30am Siobhan Maher Connolly – Sun 24th @ 10.30am Martha Dillon

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 €974.20; Priests Collection €40; Christmas Day €21.50; Epiphany €62; Feast of the Immaculate Conception €4;**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: This takes place from 31st January to 6th February. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2016 is **Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim God’s Mercy**. In this year of Mercy, Catholic Schools are challenged to proclaim God’s Mercy. It is hoped that schools and families will enable children to be the face of God’s Mercy in: the classroom, the playground, the family, the community. **Dear God, Help us to be open to the challenge of proclaiming your mercy in the modern world. Guide our school to be rooted in your example. Open our hearts to reflect your loving mercy in all we do, and inspire us to be brave in answering the call to ‘proclaim your mercy’. As we journey through this week, strengthen us to reignite the Catholic ethos upon which our school was formed. Amen**

JUSTICE & PEACE: Let’s pray for the people in Syria who are starving and suffering in our world. We are all brothers and sisters.

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.ioewalstours.ie and get €10 discount.

VOCATION TO DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD: A Vocations Workshop is being organised for the Munster Dioceses inviting any person interested in being a diocesan priest to experience a time of reflection and discernment. **The workshop is on February 5th-6th 2016 in Thurles and further details available from Fr. Ignatius McCormack, Killaloe Diocesan Vocations Director at 086 2777139**

TOONAGH CHARITY WALK FOR SEEKING VISION CLARE SUNSET FOUNDATION: **Sunday 17th Jan. @ 12.30pm.** Register Toonagh Hall @ 11.30am, Entry fee €10. 3 Routes to suit all levels of fitness 2k, 5k & 10.5k. Start & Finish at Toonagh Hall. Refreshments served after walk. Children welcome (no entry fee for children). Info Breda **0851947763**. Please support, give a little and feel good.

THANK YOU - Kilmaley Choir would like to thank all who supported Carol singing at Christmas.

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 **Sun 23rd Oct 2016 and returning direct to Shannon on Mon 31st Oct 2016**. 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.killaloediocese.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. The last Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land was in 2008.

LOCAL PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2016 EX DUBLIN: Also in a different Pilgrimage Fatima for 13th May 2016 for Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima also taking in Saint Anthony's Baptismal site Church and House in Lisbon. Food, Busses, Hotels and Flights included. Contact James Treacy 061921470

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY: "Migrants and Refugees Challenge Us. The Response of the Gospel of Mercy" is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for this Migrant and Refugee Sunday. On this day we are asked to remember in our prayers, those who have left our shores and those who have joined us here in our parishes from overseas.

ICON COURSE: This will take place at the Carmelite Monastery, Delgany, Co Wicklow. The course will be given by Mihai Cucu and is for 1 week February 22nd – 27th. Beginners welcome. Details: email mihaicucu78@gmail.com

KILMALEY LOTTO: Numbers Drawn **1, 6, 9, 32**. No Jackpot Winner. **Jackpot next week will be €8,400**--- €30 Winners- Peter McDonnell, Noel Neylon, James Keane, Anne & Christy-Woodstock, Martin Moloney. Next Draw on Saturday 16th January. Play online at www.kilmaleygaa.ie

INFORMATION EVENING: Second Level scholarships Inis Oírr, Oileáin Árann will take place in the **Old Ground Hotel, Ennis on Thursday 21st Jan from 4-7pm**. All are welcome. Further information from 099-75016 / 087-2232520

MINDFULNESS BASED STRESS REDUCTION with Anne Buckley. 8 Week Programme Starts Wed. 20th January 10.30am to 1pm weekly Venue: The Red Gates, Corofin. Contact Anne 085 8108633 annebuckley08@gmail.com

FREE BENEFIT 4 COMPUTER CLASSES ON HOW TO: Send/Receive Email, Use Social Media, Use of Apps, Digital Photography, Online transactions such as: Book a ticket, Online Banking, Safety and Security online. These classes are held over two days (4 hours per day) and if you wish to enrol or need more information please contact Pauline/Mary Ellen at CIOC, Elevation Business Park, Clonroad, Ennis, Co. Clare. Phone: 065 6841009 or email: education@cioc.ie

NATIONAL LEARNING NETWORK - TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: If you have experienced a personal setback, long-term illness, have a disability or are an early school leaver, National Learning Network's full-time QQI Level 3 Employability Skills Programme in Ennis will give you the confidence to open up new opportunities for further training or employment. To get more details on this 18-month Course based in Francis Street Ennis, contact Elaine or Geraldine on 065 6864560. If transport is a problem, talk to us about this!

DRAFT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN: The Draft County Development Plan 2017-2023 is currently on display at Áras Contae an Chláir. A series of consultative workshops are being organised at present. An open invitation is extended to all who wish to make submissions or ask question at Áras Contae an Chláir on **Monday 1st February from 4-8pm**

COMMUNITY GAMES: Entries for Art and Model Making will be collected at all schools in the Parish on Wednesday, 20th January, 2016. 1st & 2nd qualify for final in The Christian Brothers, Ennis on 6th February, 2016. Any queries contact Connie Cahill at (086) 8869785 or Deirdre Neylon at (087) 6433021.

PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Mary Most Holy, you, together with St. Joseph and the Child Jesus, experienced the suffering of exile.

You were forced to flee to Egypt to escape the persecution of Herod.

**Today we entrust the men, women and children who live as migrants and refugees to your maternal protection.
Grant us the grace to welcome them with Christian hospitality, so that these brothers and sisters of ours may find acceptance and understanding on their journey.**

**Teach us to recognise your Son
in the migrant who labours to bring food to our tables
in the refugee seeking protection from persecution, war and famine
in the man, woman and child who are victims of human trafficking
in the asylum seeker imprisoned for fleeing without documents**

May all those who are far from their place of birth find in the Church a home where no one is a stranger.

We ask this in the name of your blessed Son, Jesus, our Lord, Amen.