

# INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent "Year C"

20<sup>th</sup> December, 2015

### MASSES:

**Inch**  
Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 9.30am  
**Thur 24<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 6.30pm**  
**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 9.30am**  
Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 9.30am

**Kilmaley**  
Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7.30pm  
Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 11.30am  
Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec @ 7.30pm  
**Thur 24<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7.30pm**  
**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 11.30am**  
Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7.30pm  
Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 11.30am

**Connolly**  
Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 10.30am  
Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec @ 7.30pm  
**Thur 24<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 8.30pm**  
**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 11.30am**  
Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 10.30am

Special Intention  
**Christmas Eve, Children's Liturgy**  
**Christmas Day**  
Noel Killeen, Clonfeigh  
Sean O'Connor, Strasburgh,  
Jimmy & Maura Hickey, Ivy Hill  
Stephen Hickey, Ivy Hill  
Jimmy Hickey, Gaurus Ennis & Ivy Hill  
Special Intention  
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Gerry Cabey, Lispuckane 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
**Christmas Eve**  
**Christmas Day**  
Special Intention  
Vera Hennessy, Culleen  
Special Intention  
Reconciliation Service/Confessions  
**Christmas Eve**  
**Christmas Day**  
Micko Rediy, Glaun, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Kitty Reidy, Glaun

**COMMUNION CALL FOR CHRISTMAS:** Fr. Pat will visit his Communion Calls for Christmas on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at usual times.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30pm in Connolly Church. All are welcome

**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.

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

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD:** Kilmaley Christmas Eve @ 7.30pm Mike Rynne; Christmas Day @ 11.30am Éadaoin Hennessy; Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Dec. @ 7.30pm Leanne McMahon; Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 11.30am Deirdre Neylon

Inch- Christmas Eve @ 6.30pm Children; Christmas Day @ 9.30am Martina O' Loughlin;

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 9.30am Moira Lawlor

Connolly – Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 10.30am Noeleen Doherty

**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 €901.40; Priests Collection €1,030; All Saints €15; Christmas Day €4; Feast of the Immaculate Conception €123; Missions €15; Christmas Day €4; Education Fund €3; Lourdes €2**

**JUSTICE & PEACE:** Pope Francis has released his message for the 49th World Day of Peace which takes place on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2016. In the document, entitled "**Overcome Indifference and Win Peace**" the Pope tells us that "Peace is both God's gift and a human achievement. As a gift of God, it is entrusted to all men and women, who are called to attain it." This means that peace becomes almost sacramental, a meeting place of human and divine enterprise, where our efforts bring an outward manifestation of God's inner gift to us. Therefore we are all called to promote peace in our world, in our communities and in our homes.

**LOURDES 2016:** The 60<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage from the Killaloe Diocese to Lourdes will take place from 26<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016. €687pps full board, no change in price. Book online at [www.ioewalstours.ie](http://www.ioewalstours.ie) and get €10 discount. This is an ideal gift for Christmas or special occasions.

**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](mailto: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.killaloediocese.ie](http://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. 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.

**MOUNT CALLAN WALK** : 5k fun walk in aid of The Ray of Sunshine Foundation will be held in Mount Callan on **St. Stephens Day**, meeting point is at the top of Hand Hill, Kilmaley, registration at **10.00am**. John Melican, Lissycasey, will be travelling to Mombassa, Kenya in January to help build a shelter for young girls used in the sex trade. He is currently raising funds for same. Contact John Melican 086 8134016. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**KILMALEY NEW YEAR STEPFITT** 6 week programme comprising of Step Aerobics/Step Circuits, commencing Monday 11th January 2016 7-8 p.m. Kilmaley Daycare Centre contact Clare on 0876855569 to book your place contact Clare Dillane, Admin Support for Ennis Primary Care Teams 3 and 4 , phone 065-6863830 email: [clare.dillane@hse.ie](mailto:clare.dillane@hse.ie)

**ACTIVE RETIREMENT IRELAND** Is an association who aim to help older people to lead a full happy and healthy life. **Our Aim** is 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](http://www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com)

**HEMOCARE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY:** Affordable Live-in Homecare - providing live in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Mary or Tom today on 087 9916791 or visit our website at [www.alhomecare.ie](http://www.alhomecare.ie) for further details.

**BINGO** : Christmas Bingo night on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December in Lissycasey Hall starting at 7pm hosted by Fergus Athletic Club. Great family night out guaranteed with excellent prizes on offer. Raffle on the night and we look forward to seeing you all there.

**TREASURE HUNT BY CAR IN AID OF SLAINTE AN CHLAIR:** Sunday 27 December Clare Cancer Support. Registration at Powers Pub Tulla 1 - 2pm prizes raffle refreshments music etc. at 4.30 pm. Fee €10 per car.

**CLARE – COUNTY OF CULTURE:** Family Evening with children’s entertainment in Ennis on **Saturday January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016**, from 5pm – 7pm to mark the launch of **Clare – County of Culture 2016** followed by **FIREWORKS** Display at 7pm. Further information on [www.clare.ie](http://www.clare.ie)

**CLARE VINTAGE ENGINE TRACTOR CLUB** - VINTAGE TRACTOR RUN in Kilmaley nes Sunday 27th December @ 11:30am departing from the Kilmaley Inn. All Tractors must be pre 1980. For any queries please contact (087) 2714716

**THE GOAL MILE** –now in its tenth year – takes place once again on Christmas Day at the Fairgreen, Ennis. Walk, run or crawl a mile for the poorest of the poor worldwide. This is a fun event for all the family. Official start 11.00am but you can do the mile anytime between 11.00am and 1.00pm. Contact Mary Collins 086 10 29000.

**THIRD AGE - SENIOR HELP LINE: ‘DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?’** Senior Help Line is a confidential listening service for older people provided by trained older volunteers for the price of a local call anywhere in Ireland, **LoCall 1850 440 444**. **Senior Help Line is open every day of the year, including Christmas Day, from 10.00 am to 10.00 pm**. Senior Help Line’s trained older volunteers offer a friendly, listening and non-judgmental ear to all callers. Lifting the phone lessens the loneliness. We are there. **LoCall 1850 440 444’**.

**TURKEY TROT:** Marian Athletic Club annual Turkey Trot will take place at 12 Noon on St. Stephen’s Day from Waterpark House, Drumbiggle. Registration at 11.50am. All proceeds to Cahercalla Hospice and R.N.L.I. Lifeboats. Runners, joggers, and walkers are invited to take part. There will be lots of prizes on the day.

**GUN CLUB-CHRISTMAS SHOOT:** Kilmaley Gun Club Christmas Shoot will take place in Tullassa Shooting Grounds, Inch on 27<sup>th</sup> December at 11am. All members and non members welcome.