

INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 22nd March, 2015

MASSES:

Inch	Sun 22 nd March @ 9.30am	John Enright, Inchmore Anne Maher, Knock
Kilmaley	Sun 29 th March @ 9.30am	Special Intention – Palm Sunday
	Sat 21 st March @ 7.30pm	Special Intention
	Sun 22 nd March @ 11.30am	Susan Cabey, Cahermore Clive Frawley, Balleen M.V. Hehir, Ballyillaun Martin & Mary Monahan, Shean Michael & Mary Ann O'Neill, Drimanure
Connolly	Sun 28 th March @ 7.30pm	Special Intention
	Sun 29 th March @ 11.30am	Special Intention – Palm Sunday
	Sun 22 nd March @ 10.30am	Fr Michael Hillery, Kildysart
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LAY LED LITURGIES/ SERVICES IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST: As we journey into the future every parish may not have a resident priest or at times if a priest may be ill or just to allow them take holidays; the vision contained within the Pastoral Plan is that members from the local community will be able to lead others in prayer. A night of training & discussion will take place in **Inagh Hall for our Cluster on Thursday 26th March at 8 p.m. with Maureen Kelly**. This is an important training that might be of interest to Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, leaders or anyone in leading the community in prayer. These services are available in some parishes already throughout our Diocese. Let us continue to be a community of vision and one that is prepared to respond at this time.

SYMPATHY: We offer our sympathy, support and prayers to the family, relatives and friends of **Francy O' Loughlin**, Inagh, brother of Pat O' Loughlin Mahonburgh, Inch who was buried during the week.

BAPTISM: We welcome into God's family and the Christian Community **Luca Patrick Kelly**, Feighroe, Connolly. We congratulate his parents Stephen and Louise and pray that God will always guide and protect him.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: **Connolly** – Mon, Tue, Wed @ 10.00am **Kilmaley** – Thur. Fri. Sat @ 10.00am
Inch – Mass this Tuesday at 7.30pm

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: **Kilmaley**- Sat 28th @ 7.30pm **Mike Rynne** Sun 29th @ 11.30am **Deirdre Neylon**
Inch- Sun 29th @ 9.30am **Moirá Lawlor** **Connolly** – Sun 29th @ 10.30am **Noeleen Doherty**

LENTEN REFLECTIONS: A one page reflection on each Sunday Gospel called **Hearing, Happening, Hoping** can be downloaded from the Killaloe Diocesan website. The first five Sundays are available now.

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN: "Moses then raised his hand and struck the rock twice with the branch; water gushed out in abundance, and the community and their livestock drank." *Numbers 20:11*. 22nd March is World Water Day and is a timely reminder of the millions of people in the world who do not have access to clean water for drinking, washing, sustaining livestock or growing food. Trócaire continues to work with communities to ensure they have access to this most precious resource. Visit trocaire.org/lent

LENTEN TALKS: **Dominican Church, Limerick presents FIVE LENTEN TALKS - "SAINTS FOR TODAY WHO TEACH US TO LIVE AND TO PRAY"**. VENUE: Dominican Hall, Dominic Street, Limerick. TIME: 7.30pm. Entrance on Dominic Street (between the Church and the Dominican Biblical Institute). Donation of €5 invited. Enquiries to Dominican Priory Phone: 061 412 333, email: oplimerick@gmail.com **Fifth and Final Talk: Tuesday 24 March: Created in a Fire of Love: St. Catherine of Siena, Woman of Prayer and Courageous Action. Speaker: Angela Campion OP.** Angela is a Dominican who has been involved in retreat giving and faith formation since the 1970's.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock this year will take place on **Sunday 5th July**, sharing with Ferns as we have in previous years. **Save the date – specific details will be announced at a later date.**

APSTOLIC WORK SOCIETY: A meeting of the members of the Apostolic Work Society will take place on **Wednesday 25th March at 8pm in Fr. Pat's House**. All members are invited to attend

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: The 59th Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will leave Shannon on Friday June 26th, returning on Wednesday July 1st. The cost this year is €687 per person sharing with a €10 discount for online booking at www.joewalshstours.ie. Booking forms can be obtained from: Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2. Tel: (01) 2410800. Book online at www.joewalshstours.ie get €10 discount. A limited number of Sick pilgrims will be accommodated in the Sanctuary of Lourdes at a cost of €575. Applications for sick pilgrims only to Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director, SS John & Paul Presbytery, Shannon, Co. Clare. Telephone: (061) 364133. Families or individuals often sponsor a family member, parents or a friend on the occasion of an anniversary or jubilee, with a visit to Lourdes. For more details, see poster in Church porch or the Killaloe Diocese website www.killaloe-diocese.ie

ACCORD COUNSELLING SERVICES: Are you experiencing difficulties in your Marriage / Relationship? Accord Counsellors offer couples and individuals a safe, professional, inexpensive counselling service. To book an appointment with a Counsellor, contact ACCORD ENNIS in complete confidence. Tel: (065) 6824297

PARISH FINANCE TAX REFUND: In the past week letters & forms were sent to all who have contributed €250 and over to our parish. As and from 1st January 2013, a recognised charitable organisation (which our parish is) can claim a tax refund on all contributions it receives of €250 and over. We say a sincere thanks to all who returned forms to date & we encourage others to do the same before the end of March. We thank you for your continued support to our Parish.

CLARE HAVEN SERVICES INSIGHTS PROGRAMME - A free and confidential programme for women who are or have been in an abusive domestic relationship will commence in Ennis in early March. For further information please contact Clare Haven on 065 6842646.

BOOK FAIR- CONNOLLY N.S.: This will take place in Connolly N.S. from Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th, 9 -9.30am and 3-3.30pm. All support would be appreciated. The school will benefit by getting a percentage of new books for the School Library.

PRIDE OF PLACE 2015: Clare County Council invites expressions of interest from local communities, projects or housing estates who wish to seek nomination to the Co-Operation Ireland All-island "IPB Pride of Place" competition 2015. Categories include:- Population, Age Friendly Community Initiatives Enterprise, Young People in the Community Initiative, Community Health Initiative, Housing Estates, Islands and Coastal Communities, Urban Neighbourhoods. For further information please contact the Tourism and Community Development Department, Clare County Council on 065 6846511. ***Closing date is 4.00pm on Friday, 27th March 2015.***

INCHY WINCY PRE SCHOOL at Inch N.S are now taking enrolments for September 2015. There are Free Pre school Year places available and also part time/full time places available (age 3-5years). Please contact Caitriona on 086 1547188.

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

CLASSIC HITS CONCERT in aid of The Alzheimer Society of Ireland Watermans Lodge will take place in the The Lakeside Hotel & Leisure Centre on the 23rd March @8pm. Doors open at 7.30pm Entry fee of €8 per person or €12 for family. Mix of music such as country, Rock and roll, Traditional, Easy listening, 2 Scor ballads, Organised by Peter Bourke, Fr. Bobby Fletcher and Friends. All monies raised come to your local Dementia specific Respite and Daycare centre please support this if you can.

CANCER MAN TO MAN MEETING at Slainte an Chlair Clare Cancer Support Centre Kilnamona on Saturday 28 March at 11am. Coping skills, diet, nutrition, exercise will be discussed. 087 6912396

THE CARERS ASSOCIATION has a QQI Fetac level 5 Care Skills training scheduled to start 17th April in the Shannon Family Resource Centre. Patient Moving and Handling will be delivered as part of the training module. For further details please contact the Training Unit on 057 9322920 or e mail training@carersireland.com

CLARE BURREN MARATHON CHALLENGE - SAT MAY 23RD 2015: Starts 9am on sea front Ballyvaughan. Choice of Full, Half & 10K Mini marathons. Walk - Jog - Run, both on & off road, across the beautiful Burren terrain. Entry options & info: <http://www.clareburrenmarathonchallenge.com/> or phone 087 7779714. Charity Groups, individuals, runners, walkers - everyone welcome to take part.

ESTUARY CHALLENGE 2015 with it's amazing views on both the 100km and 50km routes, will take place Saturday 6th June @ 9.30am starting in Labasheeda Village. ONLINE registration ONLY €25. (On the day is €30). For more information and to register go to W: www.estuarychallenge.eu / FB: Estuary Challenge / T: @estuarycycle or contact Mary (086) 8900620 / John (085) 1491700

"I would like to ask all those who have positions of responsibility in economic, political and social life, and all men and women of goodwill: Let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment." Pope Francis

Notices for Newsletter to Fr. Larkin at pjlarkin@eircom.net by 12 Noon on Thursdays