INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME "Year C" 24th January, 2016

MASSES: Inch Sun 24th January, @ 9.30am Mary Hegarty, Tullassa

Declan Killeen, Clonfeigh & Germany

(First Holy Communion Prayer Ritual)

Sun 31st January, @ 9.30am Special Intention

Connolly Sun 24th January, @ 10.30am Kitty Dillon, Glaun, Connolly

(First Holy Communion Prayer Ritual)

Sun 31st January, @ 10.30am Special Intention

Kilmaley Sat 23rd January, 7.30pm (First Holy Communion Prayer Ritual)

Sun 24th January, 11.30am Ann Eustace, Kilmaley

Frank & Lena McNamara, Lispuckaun

Fr Jim Kennedy, Doncaster Dr Vivian Lee, Ennis

D. J. Lynch, Boulineaska Gertrude Vaughan, The Market, Ennis

Sat 30th January, 7.30pm Special Intention Sun 31st January, 11.30am Special Intention

<u>SYMPATHY:</u> We offer our sympathy, support and prayers to the family, relatives and friends of **Patrick (Patsy) McGuane, Lisroe, Kilmaley**, buried this weekend.

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: Kilmaley - Sat 30th Jan @ 7.30pm Roísín Burke; Sun 31st Jan @ 11.30am Deirdre Neylon Inch - Sun 31st Jan @ 9.30am Anne-Marie Upenieks Connolly – Sun 31st Jan @ 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 €731.90; Priests Collection €98; Christmas Day €10; Epiphany €65.80; Feast of the Immaculate Conception €3; All Saints €4.50; Catholic Social Services €3; Feast Assumption €2; St. Patrick's Day €2;

<u>CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK</u>: 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

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.joewalshtours.ie and get €10 discount.

<u>VOCATION TO DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD</u>: 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 5**th-6th in **Thurles** and further details available from Fr. Ignatius McCormack, Killaloe Diocesan Vocations Director at 086 2777139

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

<u>LIMERICK CHORAL FESTIVAL SOCIETY IS THRILLED THAT THE WORLD-FAMOUS PALESTRINA CHOIR</u> from St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin are coming to Limerick for the very first time - to perform at the opening concert of this year's choral festival (26th-28th February 2016). The concert takes place on *Friday, 26th February at St. Joseph's Church, O'Connell Ave.* commencing at 7:30pm. Tickets can be purchased online at <u>www.litmt.ie</u> or from the Abbey Bookshop on O'Connell Street (€15/€12).

<u>MEDITATION</u> with movement and beautiful inspirational music. Meditation with a difference on **Wednesday 27th January** in **St Anthony's Hall, Francis St at 7.30pm.** All are welcome. Further information: Mary at 087 9701130

<u>CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN:</u> Parishioners are urgently requested to attend a public consultation in relation to this plan at the Clare County Council Headquarters, Ennis. On Monday, 1st February, 2016 from 4pm – 8pm. Of particular interest to our parishioners should be the draft proposal for a piped Hydro-Electric Scheme on Mount Callan.

<u>KILMALEY LOTTO</u>: Numbers Drawn **9, 25, 30, 32**. No Jackpot Winner. **Jackpot next week will be €8,500**---- €30 Winners-Brian Waters, Tom Warren, Thomas O'Connor, Sean Kennedy, Brendan Hennessy. Next Draw on Saturday 23rd January. Play online at www.kilmaleygaa.ie

<u>KILMALEY PARISH TEXT ALERT</u>: will hold a church gate collection on **weekend of Jan 30/31st.** All contributions will go towards the cost of the text messages that are sent out. All support appreciated.

BACK TO EDUCATION INITIATIVE (BTEI), Adult & Community Education Centre, Skills Unit, Gort Road Industrial Estate, Gort Road, Ennis: Interested in exploring the creative, visual and collaborative world of drama. This QQI level 3 programme is for adults who wish to further develop their skills and knowledge in the area of drama and digital media both in the creative processes behind the scenes as well as in front. For Further information contact the BTEI office on 065-6843633

<u>KILMALEY G.A.A.</u>: Kilmaley GAA's plans for the **new dressing room complex in Lisbigeen** will be available to view in the clubhouse this **Sunday 24**th **January from 4pm to 6pm**. All are welcome to attend.

<u>KILMALEY G.A.A. MEMBERSHIP</u>: Kilmaley GAA membership for 2016 can now be paid online at <u>www.kilmaleygaa.ie</u> or a completed membership form with subscription fee can be returned to any club officer. The subscription fee remains the same as last year €100 for a family, €60 for an adult player, €40 for a juvenile player and €30 for a non-playing adult. Any player that does not pay his membership by 1st March will not be eligible to play for the club in 2016. Any adult member that wishes to attend and vote at the AGM in 2016 must also have their membership fee paid by the 1st March 2016.

<u>DRAFT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:</u> 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 1**st **February from 4-8 pm.**

With the power of the Spirit

The spirit of a person is within the unique cluster
Of gifts, exuberances, talents, loves, hopes,
Worries, hurts, anxieties,
That makes each person unique, never to be replaced.
It is what we remember of someone
Who has left us.

Jesus gave up his Spirit that his Spirit might live

The Spirit of wisdom to teach the true way of life,
The Spirit of compassion to reach out to all of us,
The Spirit of courage to follow through his work to the end,
The Spirit of gentleness to invite each to embrace God,
The Spirit of forgiveness to move on always to deeper love.
And this Spirit gave him power,
A power of conviction and of love
So that the ears of all were on his word.

Donal Neary SJ