

INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Feast of the Holy Family "Year C"

27th December, 2015

<u>MASSES:</u>			
	Inch	Sun 27 th @ 9.30am	Noel Killeen, Clonfeigh Sean O' Connor, Strasburgh, Inch Jimmy & Maura Hickey, Ivy Hill Stephen Hickey, Ivy Hill Jimmy Hickey, Ennis & Ivy Hill Patrick Gregan, Knock, Inch
		Sun 3 rd Jan @ 9.30am	
	Kilmaley	Sat 26 th @ 7.30pm Sun 27 th @ 11.30am Fri 1st Jan @ 12 Noon Sat 2 nd @ 7.30 pm Sun 3 rd @ 11.30 am	Special Intention Vera Hennessy, Culleen New Years Day Mass Special Intention Special Intention
	Connolly	Sun 27 th @ 10.30 am Sun 3 rd Jan @ 10.30 am	Micko Reidy, Glaun, Connolly 1 st Anniv Kitty Reidy, Glaun, Connolly Special intention

NEW YEARS DAY: Friday next is the **1st January 2016**, the beginning of a New Year. Everyone will be expressing good wishes for happiness, health and success. Why not begin the New Year by praying the Blessing of God at Mass on **Friday 1st at 12 Noon in Kilmaley Church**. We pray the protection of Mary, the Mother of God on our lives, our families and community for this coming New Year.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Connolly – Mon, Tue, Wed @ 10 am Kilmaley- Thur & Sat 10 am Fri 12 Noon

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: Kilmaley - Sat 2nd Jan @ 7.30pm Roisín Burke; Sun 3rd @ 11.30am Ann O'Loughlin
Inch - Sun 3rd Jan @ 9.30am Siobhan Barry Connolly – Sun 3rd Jan @ 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 €1,464.40; Priests Collection €977; Christmas Day €8; Feast of the Immaculate Conception €53; Missions €1.50; Peter's Pence €2.30**

JUSTICE & PEACE: The Justice and Peace Group in the Diocese are anxious to promote care of elderly people who may be living alone during the entire year, but in particular at this Christmas time. If you know of any elderly neighbour or person living in your area who may be alone or in need of some assistance during these times, we would urge you to drop in for a chat or a quick visit. The smallest of things can mean the world to someone, so, we would encourage us who are able to keep an eye to our elderly neighbours and friends this Christmas season.

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. 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

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. 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.

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.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT IRELAND We are an association who aim to help older people to lead a full happy and healthy life. **Our Aim.** 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**

YOUTH DIRECTOR & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: The **Diocese of Kilmore** is looking to employ an enthusiastic and experienced person as Diocesan Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. The post will be full-time and for a two-year contract initially (subject to review thereafter). **Outline of Post:** To develop, design, co-ordinate and deliver faith programmes throughout the Diocese of Kilmore which will inspire our youth and young adults to grow in confidence, self-esteem and faith while ensuring compliance with the highest standards in Safeguarding Practice. A job description and application form may be downloaded from the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre website **www.kilmoredpc.ie**

THANK YOU: A sincere thanks to all who supported the recent Church gate collection in aid of Cahercalla Community Hospital & Hospice. Total contributed was €589.51. All monies will go directly to Cahercalla Hospice to support 24 hour hospice care.

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

BINGO : Christmas Bingo night on Tuesday 29th December in Lissycasey Hall starting at 7 pm 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 27th 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 2nd 2016**, from 5 – 7 pm to mark the launch of **Clare – County of Culture 2016** followed by **FIREWORKS** Display at 7 pm. Further information on www.clare.ie

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

KILMALEY LOTTO: Numbers Drawn 9, 11, 22, 26. No Jackpot Winner. Jackpot next week will be €8,100---- €30 Winners- Martin Nugent, P.J. Warren, Colm O’ Ceallaigh, Aggie O’ Malley, Caoimhe Frawley. Next Draw on Saturday 26th December. Play online at www.kilmaleygaa.ie

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 am to 10 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’.**

GUN CLUB-CHRISTMAS SHOOT: Kilmaley Gun Club Christmas Shoot will take place in Tullassa Shooting Grounds, Inch on 27th December at 11a.m. All members & non members welcome.

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

May the Spirit of Christmas bring you peace,
The gladness of Christmas give you hope
The warmth of Christmas grant you love.

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