

# INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Advent "Year C" 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 |

MASSES:	Inch	Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 9.30am	Special Intention
		Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec @ 9.30am	Special Intention
Kilmaley	Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 7.30pm	Special Intention	
	Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 11.30am	Special Intention	
	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7.30pm	John Joseph (J.J.) Custy, Bristol & Kyleatunna, Memorial Mass	
	Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7.30pm	Teresa Neylon, Cahermore, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary	
	Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7.30pm	Special Intention (Food Giving Mass)	
Connolly	Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec @ 11.30am	Special Intention	
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**FIRST FRIDAY:** Friday next is the First Friday in December. Mass times are as follows- **Kilmaley 10.00am Connolly 11.00am** Communion calls will take place at the usual times. **Mass and the Sacrament of Anointing will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am in the Kilmaley Day Care Centre. Please note change of Date.** All are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS FOOD GIVING MASS:** Christmas is quickly approaching and on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December Santa will be at the Vigil Mass in Kilmaley to collect for the **Annual Christmas Food Appeal which will take place on the Weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> December.** Parishioners are asked to donate non-perishable food item(s) to give to families throughout Clare who are in need this Christmas. Collection Boxes will be provided in all three Churches. In our support of this appeal we are making sure it will be Happy Christmas for many others. **Hamper items which would be useful - tea bags, coffee, sugar, selection boxes, minerals, biscuits, soaps, jam, baked beans / peas, cereals, custard, crackers, creamed rice, shampoo, toilet rolls, tinned fruit, soup, jelly, baby food, nappies, spaghetti, noodles, tayto. All items will be distributed through Clarecare.**

**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. Copies available in the Church Porches.

**DOMINICAN CHURCH, LIMERICK PRESENTS THE NEW FACE OF THE CHURCH. ADVENT TALKS 2015,** In this year's Advent Talks we reach towards a new understanding of the Church in our diocese in light of the upcoming Limerick Diocesan Synod. **Tuesday 1st Dec - Reflections on the Synod on the Family - Gerry O'Hanlon.** Gerry is a theologian working at the Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice. Former Provincial of the Jesuits in Ireland, he has written extensively on church renewal and reform. **Time: 7.30 PM; Donation of €5 invited.** Entrance on Dominic Street to the hall adjoining the side of the church, opposite Costello's pub.

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:** Connolly – Mon, Tue, Wed @ 10.00am & Fri 11.00am Kilmaley – Thur, Fri, Sat @ 10.00am

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD:** Kilmaley - Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7.30pm **Roísín Burke** Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 11.30am **Deirdre Neylon**

Inch - Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 9.30am **Siobhan Maher**

Connolly – Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 10.30am **Martha Dillon**

**SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Kilmaley Senior Citizens and Kilmaley Daycare Centre are holding their annual **Christmas Party in Woodstock Hotel next Sunday, 6th December at 12.30pm.** Dinner is followed by a visit from Santa and Bingo. Music by PJ Murrphy, and there will also be a performance by the winners of Kilmaley's Got Talent competition. Lots of Spot Prizes, Family and friends are welcome to join us after 4 pm for dancing, singing and fun. Seniors please give your name to Marie Lynch, Mary Ita Griffin, Bernie Barry, or Anne McMahan

**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 €812.25; Priests Collection €10; Sick & Retired Priests Fund €790.25; Missions to date € 743.70;**

**HOLY YEAR OF MERCY:** Pope Francis has announced a **Holy Year of Mercy** beginning on 8 December next. The Diocese has invited Fr Dermot Ryan, St Kieran's College, Kilkenny to introduce us to the year. He will give a talk entitled **'Pope Francis and Mercy - A worldly weakness, a Christian Strength'** at St Flannan's College, Ennis on **Monday 14 December at 8pm** All welcome.

**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 €1430, 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.killaloe-diocese.ie](http://www.killaloe-diocese.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.

**SEAN KEANE: CHRISTMAS BY THE HEARTH WITH CONNOLLY N.S:** Connolly N.S. will be in concert with Seán Keane in Glór on Thursday 3rd of December @ 8pm. Tickets can be booked through the school or through Glór box office

**CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE:** The following appeal is issued by Cardinals, Patriarchs and Bishops from across the globe representing the continental groupings of National Episcopal Conferences. It is addressed to those negotiating the COP 21 in Paris and it calls on them to work toward the approval of a fair, legally binding and truly transformational climate agreement. "Whether believers or not, we are agreed today that the earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone. Damage to climate and environment has enormous repercussions. We call for an integral ecological approach, we call for social justice to be placed centre stage 'so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor' In conjunction with The COP21 climate change conference and Pope Francis encyclical *Laudato Si* **there will be a march in support of climate change, scheduled for Lahinch this Sun 29th Nov beginning at 12 noon at the prom. All are welcome to come and in putting the encyclical into action we will also show our support for true change in our world.**

**SACRISTAN - THANK YOU:** A sincere thanks to all who supported the recent Sacristan Collection for Kilmaley Church.

**THE ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DEFENCE FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM COUNTY CLARE**, this Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December at the Friary, Ennis at 7.30pm. Current and retired members plus their families are welcome to attend. Contact Lt Crowe 0870516292

**REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY:** Clare Haven Services will hold a Remembrance Ceremony in the Friary Ennis on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm**. This ceremony is to remember the women in Ireland who have died tragically through violence. **We would like to extend an invitation to all to attend this ceremony.**

**KILMALEY LOTTO: Numbers Drawn 5, 12, 22, 32.** No Jackpot Winner. Jackpot next week will be €7,700--- €30 Winners- Melissa Pyne, John Cahill, Enda McDonnell, Liam Killeen, Johnny Hennessy. Next Draw on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Play online at [www.kilmaleygaa.ie](http://www.kilmaleygaa.ie)

**KILMALEY MEITHEAL** would like to thank most sincerely all who contributed to their annual fundraising Walk held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Your contribution is vital to maintain the running of Meitheal throughout the year. If anybody would still like to donate to the Kilmaley Meitheal Development Fund, you may do so by returning your envelope to the Meitheal office, giving your contribution to any member of Meitheal, or leaving it in any of the shops in the parish. All contributions are most welcome.

**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)

**CLARE CRUSADERS - THANK YOU:** The Organisers of this collection would like to thank all who contributed so generously in Kilmaley, Inch and Connolly last weekend. Total Collected was €547.37

**REGINA NATHAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Regina is delighted to be returning to Ennis for her annual Christmas concert which will take place in **St. Columba's Church of Ireland, Bindon Street on Saturday 5th December at 8.00pm**. Regina will perform a delightful selection of popular songs, arias, musical theatre and Christmas favourites and will be joined again this year by pianist (and internationally-renowned accompanist) Linnhe Robertson. Tickets: €20 [includes seasonal refreshments!]

**CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING BAKE SALE** will take place at **Clare Youth Service**, Carmody Street, Ennis on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December from **10am to 12.30pm**. Your support would be greatly appreciated

**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)

**CAHERCALLA HOSPICE** presents Limerick Choral Union Handel's Messiah on Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7.30pm St Peter & Paul Cathedral Ennis. Tickets €15, available from Cahercalla Hospital, Veritas Ennis, Parish Office, Ennis Book Shop and on the night. Proceeds to Cahercalla Hospice

**RAY OF SUNSHINE FOUNDATION:** Come see Santa, Mrs Claus and their friends arrive on a horse and carriage on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December at 3pm Bogdale House Lisroe. You can take your own pictures with Santa and his friends and each child will receive a toy from Santa. Kiddies disco, face painting & treats. All proceeds are in aid of a rescue centre in Kenya for children aged 3 -16 years in association with the Ray of Sunshine Foundation Kenya. To book please contact Emma 0872347969 or Lisa 0873895784 for more details. CHY20856.

**KILMALEY G.A.A.:** Kilmaley GAA AGM will take place on Sunday 29th November at 5pm sharp in the clubhouse. All club members are welcome to attend.'

**PARISH MAGAZINE:** All Sporting, Cultural, Religious & other organisations are asked to submit their end-of-year reports without delay. E-mails may be sent to [info@realprint.ie](mailto:info@realprint.ie) Memory sticks should be dropped into reception at Realprint. Photographs should be captioned. It is important that this be done without delay if the magazine is to be out before Christmas.

**GAELOCHOLÁISTE AN CHLÁIR CLÁRÚ DON SCOILBHLIAIN 2016/2017** Oíche Oscailte Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 beginning at 5.45 p.m. sharp The Principal and Staff at Gaelcholáiste an Chláir cordially invite Fifth and Sixth Class pupils and their parents to view our facilities and to meet with the teaching staff. School Brochures / Enrolment Forms available from the local Primary Schools or from the College Office, telephone 065-6829432.

**ENNIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENROLMENT FOR 2016/2017** Academic year Open Evening Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 beginning at 6:15p.m. sharp The Principal and Staff at Ennis Community College cordially invite Fifth and Sixth Class pupils and their parents to view our facilities and to meet with the teaching staff on the above date. SCHOOL BROCHURES/Enrolment Forms are available from the local Primary Schools or from the College Office, Telephone 065-6829432

**BALLYEA COMMUNITY CENTRE - CHRISTMAS MARKET AND CAKE SALE**, Sunday 13th December, from 11am to 3pm. Over 30 stands, food trucks, raffle, Childrens corner and snow !! Perfect last minute gift shopping. Promises to be a great day.

**COMMUNITY GAMES AGM** this Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December in the The Kilmaley Inn @ 8.30pm sharp. New members welcome.