INCH - KILMALEY - CONNOLLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Presentation of the Lord/A 2nd February, 2014

MASS REQUESTED

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Sun 2nd Feb. 9.30am People of the Parish Sun 9th Feb. 9.30am Special Intention

KILMALEY

Sat 1st Feb. 7.30pm Special Intention Sun 2nd Feb. 11.30am Special Intention

Sat 8th Feb, 7.30pm Kathleen McCaw, Aildavour,

Micko Hickey, Tullassa

Sun 9th Feb, 11.30am Special Intention CONNOLLY

Sun 2nd Feb. 10.30am Special Intention

Sun 9th Feb, 10.30am Michael Lydon,

Slieveloughane Margaret Dillon Clonboula James Dillon, Birmingham &

Clonboula

Kitty Hehir, Connolly

DAILY MASSES

Connolly: Mon, Tues & Wed @ 10.00am Thur @ 11.am

Kilmaley: Thur, Fri & Sat @10.00am

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

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Sun 9th Feb: Moira Lawlor

Connolly

Sun 9th Feb: Patrina Cullen

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday next is the First Friday in February. Mass times are as usual- Kilmaley @ 10 a.m. Connolly 11 a.m. Communion Calls will take place at the usual times.

ST. BLAISE: The Feast of St. Blaise is on Monday 3rd February. He was a Bishop in Armenia. He cured a boy who was choking on a fish bone. He was martyred in 317 during the reign of the Emperor Licinius. Throats are blessed on this day. The Blessing of Throats will take place this weekend after Masses on Saturday night & Sunday and again after 10 a.m. Mass in Connolly on Monday.

SYMPATHY: We offer our sympathy, support & prayers to the friends & neighbours of Tony McElroy, Knockatunna, who was buried during the week

ANNIVERSARY MASSES: The next date for the "Grouped Anniversary Masses" is Saturday 8th February 7.30 p.m. in Kilmaley Church: Sunday 9th February at 9.30 a.m. Inch. 10.30 a.m. Connolly. At the beginning of the mass on the Anniversary dates family members will be invited to light a Candle which will be provided by the Parish. All Anniversary Masses to be booked through the Parish Office 6839735 Monday & Tuesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Wednesday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND - SHARE THE RHYTHM OF MONASTIC DAILY PRAYER LIFE: Mount St Joseph Abbey, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary on the weekend of Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd February. For men aged 20 to 40 who may be discerning a monastic vocation. For further info or to talk about vocation discernment, contact the Director, Br Malachy; email: malachy@msjroscrea.ie or text info to 085 8338503.

DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL: The newly formed Diocesan Youth Council which is made up of young people from across the diocese, have many exciting ideas in the pipeline and some great plans for the coming months for the young people in our diocese. Our second youth prayer meeting is taking place in Quilty Church on February 7th at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. For more information you can follow us on facebook at Killaloe Diocesan Youth Council.

SLÁINTE AN CHLÁIR, CLARE CANCER SUPPORT, Kilnamona, Annual Cancer Day Healing Mass in Kilnamona Church at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 8th. All welcome. Contact no: 087 6912396.

BAKE SALE AT CLARE YOUTH SERVICE on Wednesday 5th February from 10 am to 12 noon selection of homemade breads, tea brack, muffins, etc thank you for your support.

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 February. For further information please contact Clare Haven on 065 6842646.

Items for inclusion in newsletter should now be send to Fr Larkin, in writing or by e-mail pilarkin@eircom.net on or before 12 noon on Thursday. It would be appreciated if this deadline were adhered to

SET DANCING CLASSES: Set Dancing classes have commenced in the "Kilmaley Inn" with Mary Clancy every Tuesday night at 8.30 p.m. All welcome.

FREE TALK FOR PARENTS ABOUT LEARNING DIFFERENCES/DIFFICULTIES SUCH AS DYSLEXIA. DYSPRAXIA, ADD, ADHD on Tuesday 4th of February in Clarecastle National School Hall at 8.15pm - 9.15pm. Presented by Caroline Slattery (www.pressplayorg.com). This talk will cover spelling, reading, sequencing and writing difficulties. Q+A time on an individual basis at the end of talk. Complimentary Tea/Coffee and Biscuits. Everyone is Welcome. No Booking Required.

THE ANNUAL 10K BURREN WALK IN AID OF THE CLARE BRANCH OF THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY will take place on Sunday, February 16, 2014 from O'Donoghues Pub in Fanore. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL ENNIS-CLARECASTLE MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE: From MAY 28th for 7 days.€50 deposit secures €609 up to 17th February, €659 thereafter (prices are all inclusive). Please contact Kathleen @ 065-6824750 or Mary @ 065-6824400.

ENNIS PADRE PIO TRIP to Montecassino, Frascati Lanciano and S. Giovanni October 1st-8th 2014 €959 p.p.s taxes included, led by Mary O'Sullivan. Spiritual Director Fr.Tom Hogan. Contact 087 1747669

THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS IRELAND GAMES 2014 are coming to Limerick and the surrounding areas this summer: The Games open on Thursday 12th of June and close on Sunday the 15th. In order for the Games to be a success, we require the support of 3,000 volunteers. To volunteer today, go to www.specialolympics.ie and commence the application process. We hope you will consider signing up to volunteer at the 2014 Ireland Games to make them a memorable one for all involved. Please contact limerick2014@specialolympics.ie for any queries.

LCETB COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES: in Knitting & Crochet Classes starting Thur, 30 Jan, 2014 in the Kilmalev Day Centre from 7-8:30pm and continuing every Tues and Thurs night until the 6 March. Bring your own materials, but there will be no fee for the class. To sign up or get further information contact Sheila McTigue at 086 0743552 or email mctigue.sculptor@gmail.com. Classes must have a minimum of 10 participants. **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** Tuesday 11th Feb. is the 156th anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady to St. Bernadette in Lourdes. This years pilgrimage leaves Shannon on June 26th & returningJuly 1st. The cost is €677 pps. Booking at www.joewalshtours.je or 01 2410810. A limited number of sick pilgrims will be accommodated in the Sanctuary of Lourdes ata cost of € 565. Applications for the sick pilgrims can be got from Fr.Tom Ryan @ 061 364133

<u>REFLECTION</u> BRIGID - A
BLESSING Brigid, Light to the downcast, Woman of faith and of Ireland.

As water falling from full sky brought benediction, to the crop and creature:

As water falling from cupped hand brought benediction to the new born Christian.

We sprinkle water here and now in this place made blessed by our children.

May the dark of the heart never hold them; May the light of the faith always lead them; May it shine like the pillar of fire before them, and scatter the dark of their days, as it mastered the shadow of yours.

Brigid, Light to the darkness, Hope to the downcast, Woman of faith and of Ireland.