

INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME “Year C” 31st January, 2016

MASSES:	Inch	Sun 31 st Jan @ 9.30am Special Intention Sun 7 th Feb @ 9.30am Special Intention
	Connolly	Sun 31 st Jan @ 10.30am Special Intention Mon 1 st Feb @ 7.00pm Thomas Monahan, Corrancreagh (Months Mind) Sun 7 th Feb @ 10.30am Special Intention
	Kilmaley	Sat 30 th Jan @ 7.30pm Special Intention Sun 31 st Jan @ 11.30am Special Intention Sat 6 th Feb @ 7.30pm Martin Frank Cahill, Knockadangan (1 st Anniv.) Sun 7 th Feb @ 11.30am Special Intention

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday next is the First Friday in February. 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 4th February at 11.00am in the Kilmaley Day Care Centre.** All are welcome.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: Tuesday 2nd February is the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. It is also known as Candlemas Day. Candles will be blessed for **Church and Home use** at the **10am Mass in Connolly.** Anyone who wishes to have Candles blessed for home use please leave them in the churches with names on them.

ST BLAISE: Wednesday 3rd February is the Feast of St. Blaise. This is a day associated with the Blessing of Throats. This will take place after Mass on **Wednesday in Connolly at 10am and also at the First Friday Masses in Kilmaley at 10am and Connolly 11am.**

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Connolly - Mon, Tue, Wed @ 10am & Fri @ 11 am Kilmaley -Thur, Fri, Sat @ 10am

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: Kilmaley - Sat 6th @ 7.30 pm Ann Griffin Sun 7th @ 11.30 am Ann O’Loughlin
Inch - Sun 7th @ 9.30am Christopher Forde Connolly – Sun 7th @ 10.30 am 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 €733; Priests Collection €22.60; Christmas Day €1.50; Epiphany €19.50; Feast of the Immaculate Conception €1.50; Peter’s Pence €4; Lourdes €2; Catholic Social Services €4; St. Patrick’s Day €2; Education Fund €2; Missions €2; Sick & Retired Priests’ €2**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: 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

YEAR OF MERCY WORKSHOP: Pope Francis has asked that the season of Lent this year would be lived “as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s Mercy” in light of this there will be a workshop to focus on what Pope Francis means by Mercy and then to **offer suggestions and resources for celebrating this at Parish level. This will take place on Thursday next, February 4th in the new Pastoral Centre beside Ennis Cathedral at 8pm. We invite and encourage some from the parish to attend.**

ROSARY AT CONNOLLY GROTTTO: Rosary will be recited at the grotto in **Connolly on Saturday February 6th the first Saturday in February at 5pm and if the weather is bad it will be said in the church.** All are welcome

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.joewalstours.ie and get €10 discount.

ASTHMA SOCIETY COLLECTION: The Annual Church Gate collection for the Asthma Society will be taken up at Masses on weekend **6th & 7th February.** All support would be appreciated.

VOCATION TO DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD: 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 5th-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 October 2016 and returning direct to Shannon on Mon 31st October 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.

SHRINES OF ITALY-PADUA & LAKE MAGGIORE, 15TH AUGUST – 7 NIGHTS. Visit the Basilica of St Anthony, tomb of St Leopold Mandie. Optional day trip to Venice. Visit St Mark's Square and St Mark's Basilica. **For Detailed Itinerary:** -Fr Pat Larkin 087 2300627 or 065 6839735 or Mary O Loughlin 087 2482528 or 065 7084000

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, Buses, Hotels and Flights included. Contact James Treacy 061 921470.

LIMERICK CHORAL FESTIVAL SOCIETY IS THRILLED THAT THE WORLD-FAMOUS PALESTRINA CHOIR 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 www.litmt.ie or from the Abbey Bookshop on O'Connell Street (€15/€12).

ST. BRIDGET' CROSSES: Inch N.S. are looking for volunteers on **Monday Morning to help make St. Bridget's Crosses.** Any queries contact **Valerie on 085 2162598**

KILMALEY LOTTO: Numbers Drawn 2, 22, 27, 32. No Jackpot Winner. **Jackpot next week will be €8,600---** €30 Winners- Cian Neylon, Gary Boon, Susan Vaughan, Padraig Talty, Vera McGuane. Next Draw on Saturday 30th January. Play online at www.kilmaleygaa.ie

FLOWER ARRANGERS: Anyone who could help with the team for arranging of flowers in Kilmaley Church at the weekends, could you please contact the parish office 6839735 or Fr. Pat 087-2300627

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

ENROLMENT – INCH N.S.: Enrolments now being accepted for Inch National School for September 2016. Enrolment Application Forms can be obtained from the School. Telephone No: 065 6839353. Closing date for receipt of applications is at 12.00pm Friday 25th March 2016.

KILMALEY GAA MEMBERSHIP: Kilmaley GAA membership for 2016 can now be paid online at www.kilmaleygaa.ie 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.

GOD IN ALL PLACES

God is in all the places within ourselves,
our zones of body, mind and soul;
in that lonely place he is a friend,
in that guilty place he is forgiveness,
in that shameful place he is affirmation,
in that joyful place he is happiness,
in that compassionate place he is encouragement.

God is big enough to be for everyone;
he is weak enough to be for everyone.

(Donal Neary SJ)