

INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY EASTER- DIVINE MERCY “Year C” 3 April 2016

MASSES:	Inch	Sun 3rd April, @ 9.30am Thur 7 th April, @ 7.30pm Sun 10 th April, @ 9.30am	Special Intention Bernard Murphy, Shantulla, (Months Mind) Andy Clancy, Bushypark Peggy Lawlor, Inch John Killeen, Clonfeigh
	Connolly	Sun 3rd April, @ 10.30am Tue 5 th April, @ 10.00am Sun 10 th April, @ 10.30am	Special Intention Denis & Pat Joe Kelly James & Mary Wynne, Tullaghoboy
	Kilmaley	Sat 2nd April, @ 7.30pm Sun 3rd April, @ 11.30am Sat 9 th April, @ 7.30pm Sun 10th April @ 11.30am	Special Intention Special Intention Michael Joe Neylon, Kilclogher Michael & Flan Neylon, Cahermore Mickey & Mary Ann O’Neill, Drimanure Special Intention

TRÓCAIRE: Over the past weeks of Lent we have been invited to reflect on how we can support the people of Kenya through our prayers and financial support. We thank those who have returned their Trócaire **contributions so far and encourage others to do the same. Last year our Parish contributed €2,463 so hopefully we can do as good this year.** Many thanks for your support.

PARISH FINANCE GROUP: A meeting of the Parish Finance Group will take place on **Tuesday 5th April at 8pm** in Fr. Pat’s House. All members are asked to attend.

CEREMONY FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY commencing at 2.00 p.m. at Ennis Cathedral on the April 3rd: The Feast of Divine Mercy is a public feast day formally established by St. John Paul 2 in May 2000. The Divine Mercy Devotion is inspired by the experiences and writings of a Polish nun Sister Faustina who died at 33 years of age in 1938 and was canonised in April 2000. It embraces priests, religious and laity united in their commitment to live mercy in relating to their brothers and sisters, to make the mystery of Divine Mercy known, and to invoke God’s mercy for sinners. Novena of Divine Mercy starts Good Friday.

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: Kilmaley - Sat 9th @ 7.30pm Ann Griffin Sun 10th @ 11.30am Deirdre Neylon
Inch - Sun 10th @ 9.30am Anne-Marie Upenieks Connolly – Sun 10th April @ 10.30am Rose Fox

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 €978.77; Priests Collection €2,279.50; Catholic Social Services €7; St. Patrick’s Day €51.50; Epiphany €10; Education Fund €5; Assumption €2;**

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF PILGRIMAGE: This year the Killaloe Diocese is celebrating 60 years of pilgrimage to Lourdes. On 26th June four flights will leave Shannon Airport bringing pilgrims to Lourdes for five days celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The cost is €687 full board with online discount available on www.joewalshstours.ie. Assisted pilgrims are most welcome to travel and care will be provided by medical, nursing and carers. Cost for an assisted pilgrim is €585. Application forms for assisted pilgrims to Fr Tom Ryan Shannon Pilgrimage Director on 061-364133.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: The Diocese of Killaloe are organising a once in a life time Pilgrimage to the Holy Land for 147 people direct from Shannon Airport for **8 days from 23rd to 31st October.** Cost is €1,430. If you ever wished to see and experience where Jesus lived and ministered this may be your opportunity with a direct flight from Shannon. **Booking forms for the remaining places are available from Fr. Tom Ryan, Shannon 087-2349816 or Fr. Brendan Quinlivan, Ennis 087-2736310**

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock this year will take place on **Sunday 3rd July,** sharing with Ferns as we have in previous years. This year Killaloe diocese will lead the ceremonies. **Save the date – specific details will be announced at a later date.**

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN EVALUATION - A mid-term evaluation of the implementation of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan is currently underway, and any parishioner who wishes can participate. An evaluation questionnaire is now available on the diocesan website for completion by 18th April, 2016.

KILMALEY LOTTO: Numbers Drawn 5, 9, 16, 28. No Jackpot Winner. **Jackpot next week will be €9,500----** **County Board Ticket Winners:** Grainne Barry, Lisa Lynch, T & R Doohan, Haylay Delvin & Margaret Hehir. Next Draw on Saturday 2nd April. Play online at www.kilmaleygaa.ie

CYCLE AGAINST SUICIDE: This year, over 7,000 cyclists are expected to take part in Cycle Against Suicide, travelling over 1,100km around the island of Ireland in 14 days. The Cycle begins in Phoenix Park, Dublin on **Sunday, April 24th** and visits a number of towns across the island; from Cavan to Cookstown, Roscommon and Roscrea, returning to Dublin on **Saturday, May 7th**. Full details of the route and how to register is available at www.cycleagainstsucide.com. If you would like to play your part in helping to break the cycle of suicide on the island of Ireland, volunteers are always welcome. To volunteer with Cycle Against Suicide, please e-mail volunteer@cycleagainstsucide.com. If you would like to provide accommodation for cyclists when Cycle Against Suicide visits your local area, you can do so by sending an e-mail to homestays@cycleagainstsucide.com.

CENSUS 2016: Census 2016 takes place on Sunday night, **24th April**, 2016. EVERY household in the country is asked to complete a census form on that night. Over the coming weeks, **enumerators will be delivering Household Census Forms to your home. Enumerators will carry ID and all information is confidential. For more information, visit www.census.ie**

KILMALEY G.A.A: Kilmaley Hurling Club are holding a **special general meeting at the clubhouse at 8pm on Monday the 4th of April**. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss accessibility to capital funding from the Slievacallan wind farm development. It is an important meeting and full attendance of all paid up members over 18 is encouraged.

LOUGH DERG JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE SEASON opens on Sunday 1st May with One Day Retreats which continue on 2, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 & 30 of May. Booking is essential. The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Wednesday 1st June. You may begin the Pilgrimage on any day between 1st June and 13th August. Pre-booking is not required for the Three Day Pilgrimage. Contact Lough Derg by telephone 071 9861518, email info@loughderg.org, www.loughderg.org.

RISING AGAINST CANCER 48HR FAST IN ENNIS ON APRIL 7TH. Candle light procession to Cathedral on April 8th at 6.30pm followed by concert commemorating 1916, remembering Dymphna O'Sullivan. Admission by donation. All proceeds to Sláinte an Chlair, Clare Cancer Support. Tel 087-6912396.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC: This will take place at the West County Hotel, Ennis on **4th April from 5 – 8 p.m.** and also on **Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th April from 2- 5 p.m. Please support**

CLARE BURREN MARATHON CHALLENGE - SAT MAY 28TH: The Burren, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare. Choice of Full, Half & 10K Mini marathons. Walk - Jog - Run, both on & off road, across the beautiful Burren terrain. Entry options & info: <http://www.clareburrenmarathonchallenge.com/> or phone 087 7779714. Charity Groups, individuals, runners, walkers - everyone welcome to take part.

BACK TO EDUCATION INITIATIVE (BTEI) IS OFFERING QQI LEVEL 4 FOOD AND CATERING COURSE in the Adult Education Centre, Clonroad, Ennis starting in mid-April. This is a part-time course for adults who wish to develop their skills to work in the hospitality industry. Free Tuition to Social Welfare recipients and their dependents and Medical Card holders. If interested, call Eilis or Martina at 065-6897650 / 684-3633.

FLEADH CHEOIL NA HÉIREANN 2016: The Clare Volunteer Centre is looking for volunteers to form part of the team to welcome the 400,000 visitors to Ennis during Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2016. There are many ways in which you can be involved as a volunteer from street ambassadors to venue assistants. If you are available from 14th August – 22nd August and would like to take this opportunity to be part of the Volunteer Fleadh Team, ring Sharon or Dolores on 065 68 66 800 or email info@volunteerclare.ie. Do something different for 2016 – be part of the Fleadh!

FROM 5TH – 7TH MAY, BEALTAINÉ/AGE AND OPPORTUNITY AND GLÓR, in association with Clare County of Culture are hosting a national event called **VOLTage**. This event will platform the many extraordinary projects and creative activities which bring together artists and older people from Clare and throughout Ireland. **VOLTage** at Glór includes theatre, film, music, visual arts as well as an Arts & Health Seminar which features a number of guest speakers focussing on creativity and the arts in health, care, and wellbeing. See www.glor.ie for further information.

SERVICES FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PEOPLE: Our next clinic will be Monday 4th April 2016, from 10:00am to 1:00pm. in St Mary's Health Centre, Thurles. This is a free service where you can acquire information regarding hearing loss, guidelines for good communication, information on equipment for your home to help you hear the doorbell, phone, smoke alarm and television. We also provide information on Irish Sign Language, Tinnitus and Lip-reading. Come in and have a chat, no need for an appointment. HSE hearing aid tubing can be changed and batteries for all hearing aids can be purchased for €2 for a packet of 6. We do not service, fit or issue hearing aids at our clinic. **Family members and local agencies are welcome to seek advice. If you require more information please contact the resource office: DeafHear.ie Mid-West, Pery Street, Limerick. Tel: 061 467 494 Fax: 061 467 497 Text: 087 6839754 Email: limerick@deafhear.ie Web: www.deafhear.ie**

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND are providing the QQI Level 5 Activities of living patient care module in Shannon on the 04/04/2016. This is one of the elective modules towards the full QQI Healthcare Award. For more info or to express an interest kindly contact our training department on 0579370221

APOSTOLIC WORK SOCIETY (KILMALEY) founded in 1991 will celebrate its 25th Anniversary this year at its Annual Display of finished work completed by various members throughout the winter at ***Inch National School on 1st May, 2016***. On the day there will also be a display of sacred vessels if you would like to have a loved one remembered by donating a sacred vessel in memory of them for use in the missions please contact ***Maureen O'Rourke, at 6839054***. The society also collects used stamps