

INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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2nd Sunday Advent "Year C"

6th December, 2015

MASSES:

Inch Sun 6th Dec @ 9.30am
Tue 8th Dec @ 9.30am
Sun 13th Dec @ 9.30am

Kilmaley Sat 5th Dec @ 7.30pm
Sun 6th Dec @ 11.30am
Mon 7th Dec @ 7.30pm
Tues 8th Dec @ 11.30am
Sat 12th Dec @ 7.30pm

Connolly Sun 13th Dec @ 11.30am
Sun 6th Dec @ 10.30am
Tue 8th Dec @ 10.30am
Wed 9th Dec @ 10.00am
Sat 12th Dec @ 12 Noon
Sun 13th Dec @ 10.30am

Special Intention
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Frank & Angela Lyons
Christy Barry, Tullassa
Tommy, Lil & Sonny Hogan, Tullassa

Special Intention (Food Giving Mass)
Special Intention
Feast Immaculate Conception (First Communion
Enrolment)
Feast Immaculate Conception
Clara McDonnell, Garrynagry
Tom & Bill Casey, Kilclogher

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Mary Kelly, Kinturk
Jarlath Hassett, Clounboula, (1st Anniver)
Catherine Keane, Corrancreagh
Tom Crawford, Feighroe, Connolly
Fr Tom Burke, Connolly

MASS AND THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING will take place on next Thursday 10th December at 11.00am in the Kilmaley Day Care Centre. All are welcome.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Tuesday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy day of Obligation. Mass times are as follows- Monday 7th in Kilmaley Church at 7.30pm. (Also Enrolment for First Holy Communion) Tuesday 8th December Inch 9.30am; Connolly 10.30am; Kilmaley 11.30am.

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.killaloediocese.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.

DOMINICAN CHURCH, LIMERICK PRESENTS THE NEW FACE OF THE CHURCH. ADVENT TALKS 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 8th Dec – Tomorrow's Parish-Donal Harrington. Donal is the author of a number of books, including *Tomorrow's Parish* (September 2015), *Christianity at its Best* and *Exploring Eucharist*. He works as a pastoral consultant with parishes and dioceses, focusing mainly on support for pastoral councils and parish ministries, and on pastoral planning. He previously lectured in moral theology (Mater Dei Institute) and pastoral theology (All Hallows College). He is married with two children. **Time: 7.30 PM; Donation of €5 invited.** Entrance to the hall on Dominic Street adjoining the side of the church, opposite Costello's pub.**

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Connolly –Mon, Tue, Wed @ 10.00am

Kilmaley – Fri, Sat @ 10.00am

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: Kilmaley - Sat 12th Dec @ 7.30pm **Ann Griffin Sun 13th Dec @ 11.30am **Ann O' Loughlin****

Inch - Sun 13th Dec @ 9.30am **Anne-Marie Upenieks**

Connolly – Sun 13th Dec @ 10.30am **Patrina Cullen**

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY: Kilmaley Senior Citizens and Kilmaley Daycare Centre are holding their annual **Christmas Party in Woodstock Hotel on this Sunday, 6th December at 12.30pm. Dinner is followed by a visit from Santa and Bingo. Music by PJ Murrhly, and 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.**

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 €571.55; Priests Collection €115; All Saints €19; Missions €3; Christmas Day €2; Lourdes €2**

LIGHTS OF LOVE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: Sunday 6 December, 4:00pm, Ennis Cathedral. A place to remember our children at Christmas. The service is in Remembrance of Infant and Child Loss and we extend a warm welcome to the "Long ago Bereaved" families and parents who in times gone by may not have had the opportunity to acknowledge the Loss of their Little One. Toy box collection in aid of Barnardos.

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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY WITH POPE FRANCIS: The biggest gathering of young people in the world will take place in **Krakow, Poland, from July 24th – 31st 2016**. You must be 18 years of age to travel on the Pilgrimage. The cost of the Pilgrimage is €895. Further details available from Deirdre Convey 065-6834461 or Fr. Donagh O' Meara 087-2322140.

CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE: Encouraging people to plant some winter bulbs in their gardens over the course of the next week. Flowering plants produce breathable oxygen by utilizing the carbon dioxide produced by plants and animals as they respire. Levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere have been rapidly increasing in the last century, however, due to increased burning of fossil fuels and destruction of vital forests, the "earth's lungs." So, every little plant would help. Pope Francis tells us love is shown in little things, so if we could do even this small act it would contribute towards a brighter tomorrow.

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. An ideal gift for Christmas or special occasions.

REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY: Clare Haven Services will hold a Remembrance Ceremony in the Friary Ennis on **Thursday 10th 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 **6, 7, 9, 13 No** Jackpot Winner. Jackpot next week will be €7,800---- €30 Winners- Liam Markham, Noel McGough, Peter McDonnell, Noreen Cleary, Aisling O'Loughlin. Next Draw on Saturday 5th December. Play online at www.kilmaleygaa.ie

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

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, will hold its Annual Christmas collection at Vigil Masses on Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th December at all Masses and look forward to the generosity of the general public which is much appreciated. This year the Annual Appeal will focus on the message "**Say Yes to St. Vincent de Paul because your help can last a lifetime**". Calls for assistance have more than doubled since 2009 and continues to increase year on year. We can't do it alone and without your support we simply could not do our work in supporting the many families who need our help during the year. We are available to help any person or family who are in need and require assistance, to contact us call 065 6824188. If any person wishes to donate to the Society, they are welcome to forward same to St. Vincent de Paul, 84 Parnell St. Ennis.

THE THREE TENORS LIVE IN ST CRONAN'S CHURCH, ROSCREA on Saturday 12th December at 8pm. Tickets €25 available from the Parish Office - 0505-31835 or by email to rosrc@eircom.net. A great night is guaranteed!

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

RAY OF SUNSHINE FOUNDATION: Come see Santa, Mrs Claus and their friends arrive on a horse and carriage on this Sunday 6th 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.

CONNOLLY CELTIC - POKER CLASIC: Connolly Celtic Soccer Club are holding their annual Poker Classic on Friday 11th December in Carneys Bar, Connolly. The classic commences at 9pm sharp with excellent prize money plus refreshments and spot prizes on the night.

BALLYEA COMMUNITY CENTRE - CHRISTMAS MARKET AND CAKE SALE, on the 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.

CHRISTMAS TRAD SESSION in Kilmaley Inn Lounge @ **2.30pm** this **Sunday 6th December**. A great chance to learn some new tunes and play with friends. Advanced Trad Session in **Kilmaley Inn Bar @ 3.15pm**. All are welcome.