

INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT “A” 5th March, 2017

MASSES:	Inch	Sun 5 th March @ 9.30am	Bernard Murphy, Shantulla 1 st Anniversary
		Tue 7 th March @ 7.30pm	Mass for Lent
		Sun 12 th March @ 9.30am	Josie Coote, Inchmore Tom & Pauline Killeen, Ivy Hill & Market St. Ennis
	Connolly	Sun 5 th March @ 10.30am	John Hehir, Feighroe
		Sun 12 th March @ 10.30am	Special Intention
	Kilmaley	Sat 4 th March @ 7.30pm	Special Intention
		Sun 5 th March @ 11.30am	Eileen Devine nee Casey, Month’s Mind
		Sat 11 th March @ 7.30pm	Gerard & Alice Healy, Furroo Jimmy Meehan, Culleen Jack & Lil Davoren, Kilmaley
		Sun 12 th March @ 11.30am	Special Intention

SYMPATHY: We offer our sympathy, support and prayers to the family, relatives and friends of **Sean Hickey, Uxbridge, London & formerly Slaveen, Ennis** who died in England last week. Funeral details later.

BAPTISM: We welcome into God’s family and the Christian Community **Honor Áine Reid, Mahonburgh, Inch.** We congratulate her parents Seosamh and Edel and pray that God will always guide and protect her.

TRÓCAIRE - Last year our parish contributed **€2,200.** There will be Mass in Inch Church each Tuesday night at 7.30pm. Trócaire boxes are available in all churches this weekend.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES: March Group Anniversary Masses are as follows - **Kilmaley** – Sat 11th at 7.30pm & Sun 26th at 11.30am **Connolly** - Sun 12th & Sun 26th at 10.30am; **Inch** – Sun 12th & Sun 26th at 9.30am

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: Kilmaley - Sat 11th @ 7.30pm Roísín Burke Sun 12th @ 11.30am Brian Flynn
Inch – Sun 12th March @ 9.30am Christopher Forde Connolly – Sun 12th March @ 10.30am Martha Dillon

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 €613.40; Priests Collection €172; Catholic Social Services €314.50; Epiphany €3; St Patrick’s Day €6.**

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Bishop Fintan Monahan will lead his first Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on **26th June.** The 61st Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will leave Shannon on **Monday June 26th, returning on Saturday July 1st.** The cost this year is still €692 per person sharing. €10 discount for online booking at www.ioewalshstours.ie. Booking forms can be obtained from: Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2. Telephone: (01) 2410810. A limited number of sick pilgrims will be accommodated in the Sanctuary of Lourdes at a cost of €595 Applications for sick pilgrims only to Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director, SS John & Paul Presbytery, Shannon, Co. Clare. Telephone: (061) 364133. Families or individuals often sponsor a family member, parents, or a friend on the occasion of an anniversary or Jubilee with a visit to Lourdes. Sponsorship for sick people is always welcome. For more details, see poster in Church porch and on the Killaloe Diocese website www.killaloediocese.ie.

INTERNATIONAL CENTENNIAL PILGRIM IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: (Blessed by Pope Francis). Our Lady is calling you, as she is coming to Ennis Cathedral on **Friday 24th March for 10am.** Mass and consecration of the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

POLAND PILGRIMAGE 20TH – 27TH JUNE – Ex Shannon Airport – Fully Escorted Pilgrimage. Contact: PREMIER TRAVEL on 021-4277700

HEARING HAPPENING HOPING: LENTEN REFLECTIONS ON THE WORD OF GOD. As well as the theme of repentance, the season of Lent is a reminder of our own Baptism and our own hunger to be rejuvenated in our faith. A great way of living Lent is to give some time to reflection and listening to God by spending time with the Word of God. Hearing Happening Hoping is a resource to help us to do this. It is a simple approach to reading the Word of God focused on the Lenten Sunday Gospels. It is written with a group in mind but can also be used individually by anyone interested in the Scripture. There is a page for each Sunday of Lent which is now available for download on the Diocesan Web Page, www.killaloediocese.ie The website also includes an explanatory page to help you get started.

SPRING DAYS AT GLENSTAL: 'Ageing Well' - *As we live longer, can we age well* - Saturday 4th March. Information at 061-621000 Email: events@glenstal.com; www.glenstal.com

6 SUNDAYS OF LENT AT GLENSTAL: Re-Reading the Parables of Luke in the light of the Lenten Practices of Prayer, Fasting and Alms Giving. Talks by invited guests and community members take place in the Monastery Library at 4.30 followed by Refreshments and Vespers. Further information at 061-621000; [Email:events@glenstal.com](mailto:events@glenstal.com) or www.glenstal.com.

KILMALEY LOTTO: Numbers Drawn 8, 9, 18, 31. No Jackpot Winner- Jackpot **Next Week €1,900**---- €30 Winners: Seanie & Conor Connellan, Joe Hayes, Paddy Crowley, Anna Talty, Michael Connellan. Next Draw on Saturday 4th March. Play online at www.kilmaleygaa.ie

CLARE HOSPICE AT CAHERCALLA: Weekly Draw Result–**1st Prize €650.00** – Margaret Murphy, Ballynacally. **2nd Prize €200.00** – Robyn Wynne, Ennis. To join contact Fundraising Office 065 --6821966 www.cahercalla.ie

TULLA COMHALTAS CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY - TULLA CÉILÍ BAND: On Saturday, March 18th at 8.00pm a Celebration Concert will be held at Tulla Courthouse with the world renowned Tulla Céilí Band topping the bill, with Storyteller/Singer, Joe Arkins, as Fear an Tí. Support Acts include The Tulóg Ceili Band who has won their third successive all Ireland title, Dance champion, Aine McDermott from Cavan and several other musicians including Sinéad Mulqueen, All Ireland Senior Concertina and Accompaniment Champion. Tickets from Custy's Ennis, Tulla Pharmacy and the Music Room Tulla or by contacting 086 1522169 or 087 7973430.

PIONEER LENTEN CHALLENGE!: Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by visiting www.pioneerassociation.ie and joining online or by contacting your local Pioneer centre representative. Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. Go for it and make a difference to someone's life!

ENNIS MUSICAL SOCIETY: 2017 production of **Little Shop of Horrors** being staged 8pm nightly from March 8th - 11th March in Glór Theatre. Admission €18

56TH WEST CLARE DRAMA FESTIVAL: will take place in Doonbeg Hall from Sat 4th – Mon 13th March. Adjudicator is Walker Ewart. See posters and www.westclaredramafestivaldoonbeg.com for details. Doors Open 7pm. Curtain 8pm. Adm: Adults €10. Children €5. Please support.

CLARE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY: 'Language and literacy in nineteenth-century Ireland' – a talk by Dr Niall O Ciosáin. Accounts of the shift from Irish to English often emphasise the fact that English was the language of literacy and that Irish was an oral language. How true was this? What would an ability to read Irish entail? What materials were available for possible readers of Irish? Lecture take place **on Tuesday 7th March in the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis, at 8.00pm.** It is free to members and €5 for non-members. New members are always welcome. Enquiries to fogorman51@gmail.com Tel 087 2262259.

SHINE RELATIVES SUPPORT GROUP meets in Ennis, 1st Thursday of the month at 8pm, Gate Lodge, Gort Rd. If you are supporting a relative experiencing mental health issues and you would like support for yourself in a confidential and comfortable space please join us. Call Ann Marie, Shine RDO 087 7878 222 for further information.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH ONCOLOGY NURSE Specialist at Sláinte an Chláir, Clare Cancer Support Centre, Kilnamona from 12 midday, Thursday the 9th of March. All cancer patients and survivors welcome.

NATIONAL LEARNING NETWORK - TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: Are you at home because you don't know how to access further training, then NLN could help you? We train early school leavers, those who require additional learning supports, or have an illness or disability? To get more details on this full-time Course based in Francis Street, Ennis, contact Elaine or Geraldine on 065 6864560 or visit us at Adult Education Showcase Old Ground Hotel this Thursday 9th March 1pm - 4pm.

CLARE ROSE OF TRALEE: We are reaching out to all the Parishes of the county, North, south, east and west to ask you to nominate or suggest a local Lady to come forward and take the first step of the once in a lifetime experience while representing your local area, town, village or business. Anyone willing to give a little encouraging Nudge or to any interested ladies in the parish are invited to check out www.roseoftralee.ie/apply or find (clareroseoftralee) on Facebook. The Clare rose of Tralee selection will take place at the Inn at Dromoland on the 8th of April - That night you can get a real taste of what the festival has to offer, as well as being entertained by local upcoming stars, The best Banner in the BANNER competition, fun and games with the MC and of course the selection of the 2017 Clare Rose of Tralee.

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, call 086 2777139

Notices for Newsletter to Fr. Larkin by 12 Noon on Thursdays