

INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY LENT “Year C” -----MOTHERING SUNDAY

6th March, 2016

MASSES:	Inch	Sun 6 th March @ 9.30am Tue 8 th March @ 7.30pm Sun 13 th March @ 9.30am	Special Intention Mass for Lent John Enright, Inch Tom & Pauline Killeen, Ivy Hill & Market Street, Ennis
	Connolly	Sun 6 th March @ 10.30am Sun 13 th March @ 10.30am	John Hehir, Feighroe, Connolly Thomas Monahan, Corrancreagh Michael Hehir, Ard na Greine, Ennis
	Kilmaley	Sat 5 th March @ 7.30pm Sun 6 th March @ 11.30am Sat 12 th March @ 7.30pm	Special Intention Special Intention Jack & Lil Davoren, Kilmaley Catherine Casey, Knockadangan Gerard & Alice Healy, Furroor Clive Frawley, Balleen Kathleen & Erika McMahon, South Carolina & Kyleatunna Deceased Members of the Neylon Family, Kyleatunna Kitty Mainero, USA & Knockatunna Jimmy Meehan, Culleen, Kilmaley
		Sun 13 th March @ 7.30pm	Special Intention

BAPTISM: We welcome into God’s family and the Christian Community **Siún Mc Guane, Shean, Kilmaley**. We congratulate her parents Leonard and Patricia and pray that God will always guide and protect her.

SYMPATHY: We offer our sympathy, support and prayers to the family, relatives and friends of **Mary B. Murphy, Tulla** mother of **Catherine Glynn, Clonlaheen** and **Bridie Lawler, Kildare** mother of **Tony Lawler, Mahonburgh**, buried this weekend.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS: A one page reflection on each Sunday Gospel called *Hearing, Happening, Hoping* can be downloaded from the Killaloe Diocesan website <http://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/diocesan-news/hearing-happening-hoping-2016.html>. Weeks four and five are available now.

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2016: “...whoever honours a mother is like someone amassing a fortune.” *Ecclesiasticus/Sirach 3:4*. On this Mothering Sunday we remember mothers in the developing world who struggle, through no fault of their own, to care for their children. Mothers like Teresina Karimi in Kenya who skips meals so her children can eat. We pray that with Trócaire’s support Teresina will be able to look forward to a brighter future. Find out more at www.trocaire.org.

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: Kilmaley - Sat 12th @ 7.30pm Billy Hamel; Sun 13th @ 11.30am Ann O’Loughlin

Inch - Sun 13th @ 9.30am Brid Higgins

Connolly – Sun 13th @ 10.30am Martha Dillon

BASKET & ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS: A sincere thanks to all who contribute so generously every weekend to all the collections: The total last weekend - **Weekly Envelope €816.30; Priests Collection €345; Epiphany €1.50; Catholic Social Services €317.50**

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

LENTEN TALKS 2016 DOMINICAN CHURCH, LIMERICK presents *Prophetic Voices - past and present* in this year’s Lenten Talks we listen to two voices that speak out to us from the past and two voices that speak out to us today. **Tues 23 Feb Time: 7.30pm. Donation of €5 invited.** Entrance on Dominic Street to the hall adjoining the side of the church, opposite Costello’s pub. The third talk will be on **Tues 8 March: My Vision, as a Woman, of Future Church. Mary T. Malone** is an historian. She specialises in the history of women in Christianity. She returned to Ireland in 1998 after 35 years in Canada, where she taught at Toronto School of Theology

IRISH INSTITUTE FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES SPRING LECTURE SERIES @ Mary Immaculate College, Limerick: **Wednesday 9th March 2016** @ 7pm, T1 18, TARA Building *Catholicism and Credibility: The Challenge of Faith Formation* by Dr Anthony Towey, Director of the Aquinas Centre for Theological Literacy at St. Mary’s University, Strawberry Hill. Admittance Free – Everyone welcome

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: The 60th Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will leave Shannon on Sunday June 26th returning on Friday July 1st. The cost this year is €687 per person sharing with a €10 discount for online booking at JWT website www.joewalshstours.ie Booking forms can be obtained from Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lr. Baggot St, Dublin 2. Tel 01 2410800. A limited number of sick pilgrims will be accommodated in the Sanctuary of Lourdes at a cost of €585. Applications for sick pilgrims only to Fr. Tom at 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. More details on poster in the Church porch or Killaloe Diocese website www.killaloe-diocese.ie

KEEPING FAITH IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: iCatholic will host a live panel discussion on **Mon 14th March at 8pm** on the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment’s proposal to introduce an approach to teaching religion in all primary schools that may present significant challenges for Catholic primary schools and for the teaching of Catholic religious education. **See iCatholic.ie/live or the iCatholic facebook page for more details and don’t forget to tune in to icatholic.ie on the 14th March at 8pm.**

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.**

55TH WEST CLARE DRAMA FESTIVAL: will take place in Doonbeg Hall from Sat, 5th to Mon, 14th March. Adjudicator is Michael O'Hara. Doors open 7pm. Curtain 8pm. For details of performance, see posters & www.westclaredramafestivaldoonbeg.com Please support.

NCCA CONSULTATION ON EDUCATION ABOUT RELIGIONS AND BELIEFS (ERB) AND ETHICS: The consultation on ERB and Ethics was launched by NCCA on the 3rd. November, 2015 and have invited Submissions on proposals which will be accepted up to March 31st. 2016. There is an option to complete an online survey on www.ncca.ie/consultation/erbe, but an Advisory group gathered by the Council for Catechetics and CPS suggest that written submissions would be the better option. Submissions do not have to be particularly long or detailed and can be submitted by post to: ERB and Ethics Consultation, National Council of Curriculum and Assessment, 35 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin 2 or by email to info@ncca.ie. A strong case can be made that Catholic schools currently make provision for inter-religious and inter-cultural learning and awareness in terms of their policies, ethos, leadership, the programme in religious education and across other curricular areas. For example, this commitment to inter-religious and inter-cultural dialogue is clearly outlined in the recently launched Preschool and primary religious Education Curriculum for Ireland and in the Veritas programme Grow in Love.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016: World Youth Day with Pope Francis: The biggest gathering of young people in the world will take place in Krakow, Poland from July 24th to 31st 2016. You must be 18 years of age to travel on the pilgrimage. The cost is €895. Further details from Deirdre Convey 065-6834461 or Fr. Donagh O'Meara 087-2322140.

DAFFODIL DAY FRIDAY MARCH 11TH if anyone is free to pick daffodils this week please contact Clare on 086 2267364. Also, if you have fresh daffodils you would like to donate please drop them to Mary Guerin at 9 College Park, Ennis. Alternatively on the day daffodils can also be dropped to the Square, Ennis.

KILMALEY LOTTO: Numbers Drawn 5, 10, 11, 30. No Jackpot Winner. **Jackpot next week will be €9,100** --- €30 Winners- Thomas O'Connor, Pat Meaney, Kieran Linnane, Bernie Griffin, Tom c/o Culleen Lodge. Next Draw on Saturday 5th March. Play online at www.kilmaleygaa.ie

ENROLMENT -- CONNOLLY N.S.: Connolly N.S is now enrolling for September 2016. Expression of Interest forms and Enrolment forms can be obtained from the school. Drop in and view our excellent facilities, preschool and after school care service for junior and senior infants. **Closing date for applications is 30th April 2016. Contact: Seán O' Neill (Principal) on Tel: 065- 6839550 or email us on connollynationalschool@gmail.com**

COMMUNITY TOURISM DIASPORA INITIATIVE 2016: Clare County Council invites applications for funding for the Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative 2016. Interested parties are advised to contact Philomena O'Connell, Clare County Council at 065 6846511 or email tourism@clarecoco.ie for an application form. Closing Date for receipt of applications is **4.00pm on Friday, 11th March 2016.**

CONNOLLY TIDY VILLAGE: Connolly tidy village meeting on **Wed Mar 9th @ 8pm in Connolly School.** All welcome even if not from immediate village. Your thoughts are valuable and we need your support.

37TH ANNUAL CLARE 250 MILE CYCLE takes place on the **21st & 22nd of May.** Taking part in this event gives you an opportunity to nominate someone from your parish who has been diagnosed with cancer to go on our pilgrimage to Lourdes in September. If you are interested in taking part, please contact 065 6841600 or email clare250mile@gmail.com.

'SETS BY THE SEA': Set & Social Dancing Weekend @ The Bellbridge House Hotel Spanish Point 11-13th March...Seisiún, ceol, caint, craic, amhráin agus scéalta!!! Bigí Linn!!! Join us for a weekend of set dancing, social dancing & lots of sessions!! Proceeds to local Alzheimer's Society. Contact Tina for further info on 087 298 8005.

FOOTLOOSE THE MUSICAL: Come join Ennis Musical Society for one rocking trip back to the 80's when they present **Footloose the Musical** 15th to 19th of March at Glór Ennis. Filled with show stopping dance and songs from start to finish, you will relive the 80's classics such as - Let's hear it for the Boy, Holding out for a Hero, Almost Paradise and of course Footloose!!! This not-to-be-missed show is one for all the family! Don't miss out on seeing the classic movie brought to life on stage. Nightly performances and also a Saturday matinee. Tickets €18/€14 --adults/children. Tickets available at Glór 065 6843103 or online at www.glor.ie

KILMALEY GAA are now producing a monthly club electronic newsletter that will include all the latest news, and reviews on all our teams from U6 to adult. Anyone interested in being added to the mailing list please email kilmaley88@live.com

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 or team manager. 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 31st 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 31st March 2016.

A TIDY TOWNS INFORMATION evening will take place on **Tuesday, 8th March from 5.30pm to 7.30pm** in the offices of Clare County Council. Please confirm your attendance to Ailish McMahan on (065) 6846476 or email aimcmahan@clarecoco.ie

VOLUNTEER WITH SAGE SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY SERVICE FOR OLDER PEOPLE: Sage needs volunteers to help speak up for older people across all care settings. Sage will provide QQI accredited training and ongoing support. For more information call 086 183 1428, email michelle.rooney@sage.thirdageireland.ie or see www.sage.thirdageireland.ie

CYSTIC FIBROSIS ASSOCIATION: The Annual Church Gate Collection will be taken up at Masses on the weekend of **12th/13th March at all Churches in the Parish.**

COMMUNITY GAMES: Inch/Kilmaley/Connolly Swimming for Girls and Boys U8 – U16 will be on Wednesday, 6th April 6-7pm at Ennis Pool, Registration will be at 5.15pm €2 euro per person. Mixed distance relays U12 and U14 Cross Country are on 1st April in Cooraclare. Closing Date for entries 19th March. Interested contact Deirdre Neylon 087 6433021 or Connie Cahill 086 8869785. Anyone interest in OneWall Handball, Chess and Draughts please contact Deirdre or Connie.

NEW BEGINNERS VINAYASA YOGA class every Thursday at 7pm followed by improvers class starting at 8.30pm.

...Gifts and presents are nice but that is not enough. Give your Mother a day to have some peace of mind. Be gentle, be good, be helpful, be kind. (Carol Matthews)

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY