

INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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NATIVITY OF THE LORD --- 25th December 2016

<u>MASSES:</u>			
Inch	Sat 24 th December @ 6pm	Christmas Eve - Children's Mass	
	Sun 25 th December @ 9.30am	Christmas Day	
	Sun 1 st January 2017 @ 9.30am	New Year's Day	
Connolly	Sat 24 th December @ 8.30pm	Christmas Eve	
	Sun 25 th December @ 10.30am	Christmas Day	
	Wed 28 th December @ 7pm	Phil Scanlon, Ennis & Renagisha, Month's Mind	
	Sun 1 st January 2017 @ 10.30am	New Year's Day	
Kilmaley	Sat 24 th December @ 7.30pm	Christmas Eve	
	Sun 25 th December @ 11.30am	Christmas Day	
	Sat 31 st December @ 7.30pm	Special Intention	
	Sun 1 st January 2017 @ 11.30am	New Year's Day	

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM BISHOP FINTAN: Bishop Fintan Monahan has prepared a video message for Christmas praying that Christmas will be a time of joy and peace for all people but reminding us of the challenging message of the crib and remembering all those who suffer at Christmas time. Log onto www.killaloe-diocese.ie and you will be able to listen to it.

BAPTISM: We welcome into God's family and the Christian Community Jack William Verheij, Slaveen, Ennis. We congratulate his parents Chris and Ciara and pray that God will always guide and protect him.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES: The dates for the January 2017 Grouped Anniversary Masses are as follows - **Kilmaley** – Sat 7th at 7.30pm & Sun 22nd at 11.30am **Connolly** - Sun 8th & Sun 22nd at 10.30am; **Inch** – Sun 8th & Sun 22nd at 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: **Connolly** – Mon, Tue, Wed @10am **Kilmaley** — Thur, Fri, Sat @ 10am

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: Kilmaley - Sat 31st @ 7.30pm Mike Rynne Sun 1st Jan @ 11.30am Éadaoin Hennessy

Inch – Sun 1st Jan @ 9.30am Siobhán Maher **Connolly** – Sun 1st Jan @ 10.30 am 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 €1,154.68; Priests Collection €584; Missions €2 (to date €757.11); All Saints €2; Christmas Day €44; Immaculate Conception €79.10; Assumption €2;**

TRÓCAIRE IS HOPING FOR THE USUAL TERRIFIC SUPPORT FROM PARISHIONERS for the Trócaire Gifts and Christmas Appeal. The gifts make a huge difference to the lives of families and communities in some of the world's poorest countries and start from as little as €5 (£4) for olive trees for Palestinian families. To find out more, buy a gift or make a donation log on to trocaire.org or call 1850 408 408.

WATCH FOR YOUR NEIGHBOURS: As the weather gets colder and the days get darker the **killaloe diocese justice, peace & care of creation committee** urges all of us to keep an eye on elderly neighbours. As Church we all have a responsibility to look after each other so if you have any elderly neighbours living alone near you, take 5 minutes to check if they need any errands run and to ensure they are warm enough and have enough food. A little gesture can make a big difference.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON CAN BE A DIFFICULT TIME FOR PEOPLE BEREAVED BY SUICIDE: Support and help is only a phone call away. Clare Suicide Bereavement Support Volunteers are available to help you. This is a free and confidential support service. Please phone 086 0565373 or 087 3698315.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND ST. ANTHONY'S SHRINE: The Killaloe Diocese is organising an once off pilgrimage to Fatima for the Centenary Year 2017 and a visit to the shrine of St. Anthony in Lisbon. The pilgrimage will be direct from Shannon Airport on Easter Monday 17th April, returning Friday 21st April. (Easter week) Cost €699 full board with €10 reduction for online booking to joewalshtours.ie. Booking forms also available from Fr Tom Ryan, pilgrimage Director Shannon 061 -364133 or Fr Brendan Quinlivan Ennis. There are less than 90 places available on a first come basis. Next Year 2017 is the centenary Year of the apparitions in Fatima Portugal and Pope Francis announced during the week that he will go on pilgrimage to the shrine in May.

KILMALEY LOTTO: Numbers Drawn 1, 12, 17, 27. No Jackpot Winner. **Jackpot Next Week €3,000** ---- €30 Winners: Alan & Deirdre Meade, Deirdre Ní Dhorchai, Remed O'Loughlin, Kay McAleer, Gearoid Keane. Next Draw on Wednesday 21st December. Play online at www.kilmaleygaa.ie

CLARE HOSPICE AT CAHERCALLA: Weekly Draw Result – **1st Prize €650.00** – Tony Killeen, Miltown Malbay. **2nd Prize €200.00** – Denise McCarthy, Tulla Road, Ennis. To join contact Fundraising Office 065 6821966 www.cahercalla.ie

BINGO: Christmas Bingo on Thursday 29th December in Lissycasey Hall starting at 7.30pm hosted by Fergus Athletic Club. A great family night out guaranteed with excellent prizes on offer. Raffle on the night and all welcome.

CALLING ALL EMIGRANTS HOME FOR CHRISTMAS: - 'Home For Work' Event in the Harbour Hotel, Galway city on Thurs 29th Dec from 10-1pm. Bring along your CV and talk to experts about local job opportunities on the day. All are welcome. Any questions feel free to give me a call on 091 706717.

KILMALEY NEW YEAR STEPFITT: 5 week programme comprising of step aerobics and step circuits will commence on Monday 9th 2017 from 7-8pm in the Daycare Centre Kilmaley. Spaces are limited. To book your step contact Clare on 0876855569

AT THIS TIME OF YEAR MANY OF US ARE THINKING OF GIFTS. Imagine if you could give the gift of a home for just €2 !! The Mid-West Simon Community have launched our €2 campaign. We ask you to donate just €2 to our cause by texting the word KEYS to 50300. Your €2 can make an extraordinary difference to someone's life, so give a gift this year of just €2.

CAHERCALLA HOSPICE YELLOW RIBBON REMEMBRANCE TREE PROJECT 2016 in association with Lions Club of Ennis together with Ennis Rotary Club Ecumenical Closing Ceremony at *The Oratory Cahercalla Hospital January 6th 2017 at 6pm.* Led by Bishop Fintan Monahan, Bishop of Killaloe. *Yellow Ribbons from the Tree will be brought in procession during the Ceremony and all those remembered will be prayed for.* Everyone welcome to join us celebrate this very successful partnership.

DON'T BE LONELY THIS CHRISTMAS: Senior Help Line, Ireland's only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10am to 10pm. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. Christmas can be a sad time for many people, and in the midst of apparent universal gaiety, some of us can feel very alone. Senior Help Line volunteers are trained older people who understand the ups and downs of life, and are happy to listen, to keep company and to support. **So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cents. All calls completely confidential.**

MILFORD CARE CENTRE is offering a Bereavement Support Education Programme (BSEP), running one evening a week for twelve weeks plus one weekend. The course is not suitable for those who have experienced a significant loss in the previous two years. An **Information Evening** for the programme is taking place on the **11th January 2017 at 7.00pm in Milford Care Centre, Castletroy, Limerick** (next to University of Limerick entrance) Please contact Geraldine Aherne, (Education Department) at G.Aherne@Milfordcc.ie or Stephan Sperber (Social Work Department) at S.Sperber@Milfordcc.ie or at 061 485800.

GETTING MARRIED IN 2017? Why not consider a Pre-Marriage Course in Esker, Athenry, in January or later? This course, from Friday night to Sunday lunch, is an approved course. It comes highly recommended by couples who have experienced the weekend. There are courses in January, March, June and October of 2017. Find us on [www.redemptoristsesker.ie/what we do](http://www.redemptoristsesker.ie/what-we-do), or email info@redemptoristsesker.ie

THE BACK TO EDUCATION INITIATIVE, Further Education and Training Centre, Clonroad Campus, Clonroad Business Park, Ennis, Co. Clare are currently recruiting for learners interested in courses in the Childcare area. This QQI Level 4 Introductory programme prepares learners for working in a crèche or other Childcare settings. Modules on the programme include Child Development and Play, Nutrition and Healthy Options and Computer Applications. This QQI Level 4 programme aims to introduce learners to the knowledge and skills required to progress to further learning in Childcare at QQI Level 5. The programme will run on Monday evenings from 6pm – 9pm & Thursday 11am – 4.30pm, commencing on 12th January 2017. Phone: 065-6843633 or Email: Martina.crowleyhayes@lcteb.ie or Eilish.liddy@lcteb.ie

MARIAN ATHLETIC CLUB TURKEY TROT: The annual Turkey Trot promoted by Marian Athletic Club will take place on St. Stephen's Day at 12 Noon from Waterpark House, Drumbiggle. Registration is at 11.15am. All proceeds to R.N.L.I. Life Boats & Clarecastle Day Care Centre. All are welcome to come along.

INCH CRUSADERS FC would like to sincerely thank everyone for their generous contributions to our church gate collection last week. Your support is really appreciated and thank you.

STAMP APPEAL - USED STAMPS WANTED: – Don't throw your used postage stamps away. The Apostolic Society would be delighted to receive them. They can be given to any member of the society.

“He gave power to become children of God.” If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, contact: 086 2777139

Christmas Greetings & Blessings to all. Welcome to all who join us this Christmas. To all who have travelled home to be with loved ones may they have an enjoyable time. To all who miss a loved one this Christmas may the Christ Child give you strength and peace. May the Infant Baby bless all Families.

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