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World Day of Migrants and Refugees

As we celebrate the **104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees** this Sunday, 14th January 2018 it is important that we come together to pray and remember our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters who are living in our dioceses, our parishes and especially those in direct provision centres in our country. **Pope Francis** in his message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2018 says that providing aid to migrants and refugees is a “great responsibility, which the Church intends to share with all believers and men and women of good will, who called to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with generosity, promptness, wisdom and foresight, each according to their own abilities”.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend

Castleconnell

Sat Jan 20th - 7.30pm - Joe Kenny & deceased members of the Kenny. & Pender families.

Sat Jan 20th - 7.30pm - Catherine Barry (Months Mind)

Sun Jan 21st - 9.30am - Private Intentions.

Sun Jan 21st - 11.30am – James & Elizabeth Hurley (Ann)

Ahane

Sat Jan 20th - 6.00pm – Michael Hourigan (Ann)

Sat Jan 21st - 6.00 pm - Private Intentions.

Rest in Peace

Pray for the repose of the soul of Christy Ryan, Fedamore who died recently.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday from 10am -10pm.

Care of the Aged Annual Christmas Party – Sunday, January 21st

The Care of the Aged Committee would like to invite all seniors in the parish to the **Annual Christmas Party at the Castleoaks Hotel next Sun, 21st January 2018 at 3pm**. If you are attending please **give your name to your local committee member** as we need to know in advance to confirm numbers with the hotel. If you having difficulty arranging transport, contact a member of the committee or phone **Anne Ryan** on **377193**. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Castleconnell, Ahane, Montpelier Care of the Aged

Castleconnell, Ahane, Montpelier Care of the Age would like to thank most sincerely, friends of the Care of the Aged, namely Eleanor Kingston, Mary Tierney and Philla Lynch for giving the wonderful sum of **€12,924** which was the proceeds of the October Bank Holiday Weekend Sponsored Walk. A special thanks to all who walked and their sponsors. Thanks to the Beavers/Cubs section of St. Patrick’s Ahane Scout Unit who raised the sum of **€460**. What an amazing achievement from the young people of our parish. We would also like to acknowledge the generous donation from Analog Devices of **€1000** having been nominated by Grainne Murphy. Thanks to all businesses and personal donations made to this organisation your generosity is very much appreciated. We thank you all most sincerely. We ask neighbours and friends to let the committee know of any needs older people may have. One need everyone has is a need for company and for someone to talk to, “**to say “Hello”** in passing it cost very little.

Killaloe Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes:

Bishop Fintan Monahan will lead the 62nd Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Shannon Airport on **Tuesday 26th June returning on Sunday 1st July. €695** full board for online booking at www.ioewalshstours.ie or (**€705** for paper booking). Special section for sick or assisted pilgrims at a reduced price. Early booking advisable. Full details from **Fr. Tom Ryan Pilgrimage Director 061-364133**.

Reflect – What do we actually do for the Church??

Apple I phones and computers have become the landmark and standard tools for the average internet user. When **Steven Jobs** and **Steve Wozniak** invented the Apple computer, they quickly realised that they hadn’t the organisational capabilities to get the company off the ground. They had brilliant ideas but needed greater management expertise. They approached the President of Pepsi, **John Sculley** asking him to leave his position and come join them. Despite his initial reluctance Steven Jobs said to him, “Do you want to spend the rest of your life selling sugared water or do you want a chance to change the world.” Indeed Jobs and Sculley went on to change the world. This is the very task presented by Jesus to us in the Readings this weekend. **Make the big difference for Jesus whenever you find yourself**. We spent a lot of our days working to earn money, to support family members, to buy nice things, to pay the bills. In your commitment to your church what is our response when society challenges a belief or teaching that we hold dear?? Are we helping to change our world in the way we confront evil and injustice.?? Are you daily planting the seeds of compassion and goodness through your actions and conversations When bringing about the Kingdom Of God on earth we help change the world for the better.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje - 14th June 2018

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje on June 14th from Shannon to Split. Spiritual Director
Fr. Paddy Conway. **€719**. Contact Bernadette Murphy 086 1634553.

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