

Castleconnell - Ahane - Montpelier

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1st Sunday of Advent

In this new season the Church leads us to reflect in gratitude on the memory of God's love. This love is most clearly manifested in the coming (advent) of Jesus. The Word made flesh, as an infant in Bethlehem. What God has done in the past provides a basis for looking forward to the Second Coming as something to be hoped for. If God **has proved to be so gracious in the past, one can be confident that meeting Him at the end of time could not be an ordeal. Advent, then, is the great season of hope.**

Mass Intentions Next Weekend

Castleconnell

Sat Dec 9th - 7.30pm - P.I.

Sun Dec 10th - 9.30am - P.I.

Sun Dec 10th - 11.30am - Mary & Nicolas O' Connell & John O Connell.

Ahane

Sat Dec 9th - 6.00pm – Patrick Condon (Ann)

Sun Dec 10th – 11.00. - Deceased family members in (Killeenagariff Graveyard)

Eucharistic Adoration

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

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Mass Times – Thursday 7th December - Castleconnell - 7.30pm.

Friday 8th Dec 9.30am. Ahane - 11.00am.

Parish Envelopes – 2018 - Parish Envelopes are available for collection in both Churches. If **people** who are not receiving them but wish to get them contact **Majella Reidy on 086-4047823.**

Tax Relief Scheme –

Tax Relief forms to benefit parishes are available to all parishioners who have made contributions of more than €250 during 2016. New regulations make it possible to recoup the tax paid at 31% from all donors not just those in the PAYE system as was the case before. Many thanks for your continued support.

Killeenagariff Graveyard Committee – Church Gate Collection

Killeenagariff graveyard committee are holding a church gate collection next weekend **Sat/Sun 9th /10th December.** Mass will be celebrated in Ahane Church on **Sunday 10th December at 11am for deceased family members in Killeenagariff Graveyard.**

Trocaire - Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parishioners for their continued support of Trocaire throughout last year. The response of parishes to both our Lenten campaign and more recently, the **East Africa Hunger Appeal** have been overwhelming. The generosity of the Irish faithful towards Trocaire continues to be very strong. As a token of thanks for the support that you and families and schools in your parish have given to Trocaire throughout the year I would like to share with you one of Trocaire's offering to families for the **World Meeting of Families.** Trocaire has collaborated with the World Meeting of Families to produce a resource specifically for families in an effort to encourage and support their spiritual and catechetical preparation entitled the '**Trocaire Romero Family Award.**' This award aims to help guide Irish families as they make their pilgrimage towards the World Meeting of Families in Dublin next August. Every family that participates in this award will be acknowledged with a certificate and will receive a solidarity gift for their home from a country where Trocaire works. The closing date for entries is **Thursday, May 31st 2018** (Feast of Corpus Christi). Each family that completes the award will be invited to an award ceremony that will coincide with the celebration of **World Meeting of Family 2018 in Dublin.** See posters in church porches /www.trocaire.org/romeroawards.

Tidy Towns

Lighting up of the **"Tree" beside the Parish Hall will take place on Saturday 9th December after 7.30pm** Mass. Carol singing, mulled wine, minced pies on the night. Everyone welcome. Merry Christmas from Tidy Towns.

Visit Santa - ACM Community Centre

Visit Santa next Sunday December 10th at ACM Centre from 3 -6pm. Phone ACM on 061-372750 for more details.

Castleconnell Christmas Market - ACM Centre

Castleconnell Christmas Market will take place on **Sunday, December 10th from 3pm to 7pm.**

Marantha Prayer Ministry

Marantha Prayer Ministry invites you to our Christmas Healing Retreat on Sunday, December 10th at 2.30pm at St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Ministry of **Bishop Fintan Monahan, Killaloe Diocese and Sebastian Sales, Sehon UK.** Tea after in hall. All welcome.