

Castleconnell - Ahane - Montpelier

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4th Sunday of Lent.

The tone of today's celebration is set by the opening word of the Mass, namely "**Rejoice**". It expresses the attitude which the church wishes us to adopt at this point in our Lenten journey. The opening prayer of the Mass spells out the reason for this joy: through God's Son, Jesus, the Christ, the world is reconciled to God.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend

Castleconnell

Sat March 17th - 7.30pm - Joan Phayer. (Ann)

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Sun March 18th - 9.30am – P.I.

Sun March 18th - 11.30am - Pat Dempsey (Ann)

Ahane

Sat March 17th - 6.00pm – P.I.

Sun March 18th - 11.00am. - P.I.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Trocaire Boxes

Trocaire boxes are available in the church seats, and at the entrances in all churches. Please take one home with you.

Ahane/ Castleconnell/ Montpelier Community Games

Church gate collection next weekend Saturday/Sunday 17th /18th March in aid of Community Games.

Castleconnell /Ahane / Montpelier - Apostolic Work

The apostolic society wish to let you know that anyone interested in purchasing sacred vessels etc. for donation to the missions please contact **Moira 377113** or **Anne 377146 before 31st March.**

Castle Golf Club

Castle Golf club are open for membership. First outing **Saturday ,24th March** in Thurles. Contact murphybrendan35@gmail.com for more information.

MASS TIMES - ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Saturday - Castleconnell - 9.30am & 11.30am.

Saturday - Ahane - 11.00am.

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.ioewalshtours.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.**

St. Patrick's Day Parade – 2018

The St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place in Castleconnell on Saturday, 17th March. **Assembly at 12 noon at Scanlan Park** You are invited to participate in the parade, and we hope you will make every effort to make the parade bigger and better than ever. Children from schools in various age groups, special groups, children/teenagers from various clubs: youth clubs, sports clubs, scouts, beavers, bord na nOg camogie, judo/tai quando, boat club or any other youth organization in the area. Adults from any community organization preferably fancy dress commercial or voluntary organization willing to parade with a float indicating their trade/profession. Owners of Classic vehicles are especially welcome.

Reflection - Charitable Works

God has put a desire for charitable works on everyone's heart. But all too often people believe they are too busy to help. Or they believe their help won't make much of a difference. The sad result is that there are still many people who are not getting the help they need. Don't let that happen! Resolve today to give back to the Lord through work of service. **Lent** is the perfect time to visit the sick or the elderly, to give to the poor, and to reach out to the wounded.

St. Patrick – Principal Patron Saint of Ireland

On Saturday 17th March we and the people all over the World salute St. Patrick, principal patron of Ireland. He brought the Christian faith to the people of Ireland. With the faith comes Christian civilisation. When we make a conscious effort to live the Christian life and attend mass and the sacraments, we are carrying out St Patrick's last wish and prayer on Croagh Patrick. I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends.

