

Scathe Na Sionnaine Pastoral Area –Castleconnell-Clonlara – Killaloe
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Mass Times - SaturdaySt. Vincent's Lisnagry - 4pm.Castleconnell 6.30pm
Bridgetown - 7pmSunday -Garraunboy-9.30am.Trugh-9.30am.Killaloe11am.
Clonlara 11am.- Ahane 10.00am. -Castleconnell 11.30am.

Second Sunday of Advent

St. John the Baptist calls to us to straighten out our lives, to lower the mountains of pride so that God's grace can lead us to do what he wants with us. There is no place for our selfishness and pride in St Peter's new heaven and new earth.

Castleconnell - Saturday December 12th

6.30pm.Michael Fitzgibbon (Ann)

6.30pm. - Donal Hartigan.(Ann)

6.30pm. - Nicholas & Mary O'Connell. (Ann)

Castleconnell - Sunday December 13th

11. 30 am.Willie Keane.(1stAnn)

11.30 am. -Jim McKeever & deceased family members. (A)

Ahane - Sunday December 13th

10.00am-Mena Ryan (Laught) (Ann)

10.00am. All the faithful departed inKileenagarrieff Graveyard.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Tuesday December 8th

Mass Times - Castleconnell 9.30am - Ahane 10.00am.

Pray for the repose of the soul of:

Fr. Paddy Culligan,(Killaloe Diocese) retiredParish Priest Carrigaholt,Co.Clare andJohn Hyland, Bog Road, Castleconnell who died during the week. Rest in Peace.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Representatives from our local branch of St. Vincent de Paul will speak at our two Masses in Castleconnell Church next weekend to make their annual appeal. All help you can give will stay local and would be greatly appreciated.

MoneyMatters

Offertory collection last weekend €865Thanks you for your continued support.

Re-Opening of Churches for the Celebration of Mass and the Sacraments

We warmly welcome everyone as our churchesre-open for the celebration of Masses. Social distancing will be an on-going requirement with approximately 2 metres separation between persons. We can accommodate 50 peoplein Castleconnell Church and 25 in Ahane Church. Masses fromSt. Joseph's Church,Castleconnell are being streamed for live viewing onourWebcam. Weekday Masses 9.30am. Saturday 6.30pm andSunday 11.30am.Log on to www.castleconnellparish.ie Radio106.3fm

Baptisms can now take place -Immediate family only. Please contact:Parish Office 061 -372929.

On-line Donations to Parish

In these times of Government lockdown and restrictions on attendances at public masses, many people who are unable to attend church services are interested in contributing to the support of their parish or their priests. Sincere thanks to all our parishioners who have contributed during this time. It is now possible to make a contribution by credit or debit card directly to [your parish](http://www.killalodiocese.ie) using the Diocesan Website www.killalodiocese.ie. The full contribution as received by the Diocesan website will be fully paid to [your parish](http://www.killalodiocese.ie). Simply go to theDiocesan Website and click on the red "**Donate to your Parish**" button on the top of the page. You will be invited to select your parish and the parish fund you wish to contribute to. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Stewards Needed -for both our Churches

Stewards needed to help out, welcome people and direct them to available seats. Saturday/Sunday Masses. Contact Majella 086-4047823 /Parish Office 372929.

Reflection

Advent: A time of Hope

It is said that while there is life there is hope.

This has an even deeper meaning in reverse:

while there is hope there is life.

Hope is strength.Hope sheds light into despairing hearts.

It inspires the will to live.It is the doctor's most powerful ally

It is a shield against defeat and failure.

It revives ideals and renews dreams.

As long as there is hope, no situation is impossible.

Advent summons us to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. In the final analysis, he is our hope.