

Scathe Na Sionnaine Pastoral Area –Castleconnell - Clonlara – Killaloe

Castleconnell- Fr. Willie Teehan 061-377170 Fr. Tom Whelan 087-2730299
Parish Office – Sue 061 -372929 - Mon, Tues, Wed.10am to 12 noon.
castleconnellchurch@gmail.com - Castleconnell Saturday - 6.30pm.
Sunday 11.30am - Ahane 10.00am - Killaloe Fr. James Grace 061376137
Bridgetown: Fr. Gerry O'Brien 061 580969 Clonlara: Fr. Pat Mulcahy 061354334

Masses from St. Joseph's Church Castleconnell are being streamed for Live viewing on our Webcam. www.castleconnellparish.ie. Mass can also be heard on Radio 106.3fm. Facemasks to be worn in Church during Masses

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Our attention is now directed fully to the coming of Christ in the Christmas mystery. The Preface call us to wonder at this great happening, to prepare for Christmas in prayer and praise.

Mass Intentions this weekend

Castleconnell 6.30pm 17th December
Biddy O' Driscoll (1st Ann) Kevin Hardiman (Ann) Michael Fitzgibbon(Ann)
Jim McKeever and deceased family members (Ann) Willie Keane (Ann) and
Larry Looby (Months Mind)

Castleconnell 11.30am 18th December
Thomas and Jamie Blake (Ann) Michael Murnane (St. Patrick Villas) (Ann)
Mary Keane (Gardenhill) (A) Private Intention.

Ahane 10.00am 18th December
Nellie Enright & deceased members of the McNamara family.(A)Private Intention.
John Hammond (Months Mind) 7.00pm **Friday 23rd December**

St. Vincent's Lisnagry - Mass at 4pm every Saturday. All are welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration - There will be **No Adoration** this Thursday Dec 22nd or Thursday Dec 29th. It will resume on Thursday January 5th, 2023.

Pray for the repose of the souls of: Elizabeth Hayden (nee Meskill) Castleconnell and Kildare. Odhran Gilligan, Navan, brother of Joan Kennedy, Lisnagry, Eddie Cregan St. Vincent's, and Maura Kiely, Lisnagry who died recently. May they rest in Peace.

Money Matters

Offertory Collection €1180. Thank you for your generous support.

Priests Christmas Collection will be taken up next weekend. Your ongoing support is much appreciated.

Castleconnell/ Ahane Parish Christmas Mass Schedule.

Castleconnell	Christmas Eve - December 24 th	Vigil Mass - 6.30pm
Ahane	Christmas Eve - December 24 th	Vigil Mass - 8.00pm
St. Vincent's	Christmas Eve - December 24 th	Vigil Mass - 4.00pm
Castleconnell	Christmas Day - December 25 th	Mass - 9.30am
Castleconnell	Christmas Day - December 25 th	Mass - 11.30am
Ahane	Christmas Day - December 25 th	Mass - 10.00am

Castleconnell Church -

Morning Mass - Monday December 26th to Friday - January 6th 10.00am.

Castleconnell, Ahane, Montpellier Care of the Aged would like to thank most sincerely the Friends of the Care of the Aged namely Eleanor Kingston, Mary Tierney and Phylla Lynch for giving us the amazing sum of €21,138 which was the proceeds of the Annual October Sponsored Walk. This will be the last year of the organised walk which they have run for over 35years. A special thanks to all who walked and their sponsors. Many thanks to all businesses and personal donations made to the organisation, your generosity is very much appreciated. We ask friends and neighbours to let the committee member know of any needs older people may have. One need everyone has is a need for company and for someone to say "Hello" in passing, it costs very little. Wishing all our Seniors a Very Happy and Holy Christmas and above all a Healthy New Year.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to support their Christmas Appeal. Our contact no is 087-6935580. All support will remain local and will be much appreciated.

Ahane Camogie Club will hold a 12hrour Spinathon outside Shannon House Castleconnell between 9am and 9pm Friday 23rdDecember. All funds raised will be split between the Club and the Castleconnell/Ahane/ Montpelier Cancer Support Group.

A Blessing of the Crib in the Home

This blessing can be prayed when the crib is being put in place in the home

God of every Nation and people, from the very beginning of Creation you have made
Manifest your love:

When our need for a Saviour was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love.

Lord, Bless all who look upon this manger, may it remind us of the humble birth of
Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him,

Who is God-with-us and Saviour of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.