

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

The Baptism of the Lord

Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that made him known as the Servant of God.

Mass Intentions this week

<u>Castleconnell</u>	6.30pm	7 th January
May Moloney (Ann)	Mary Collins (Ann)	Jimmy Coffey (Ann)
<u>Castleconnell</u>	11.30am	8 th January
Sheila Byrnes (Ann)	Pauline Fitzpatrick (Ann)	Richard Hourigan Powell (Ann)
Harry and Bridie Powell (Ann)		
<u>Ahane</u>	10.00am	8 th January
Deceased members of the Hammond Family. Patrick, Katie and Con Collins (A)		

Mass Intentions next week

<u>Castleconnell</u>	6.30pm	14 th January
Mary Ryan (Belmont Cottage) (A)	Kitty, Annie and Madge Ryan (Main St.) (A)	
<u>Castleconnell</u>	11.30am	15 th January
Matthew Murnane (Ann)		
<u>Ahane</u>		
Private Intention	10.00am	15 th January

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

Castleconnell Morning Mass will revert to 9.30am from January 9th.

Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday from 10am -1pm. You are welcome to visit the Blessed Sacrament during these hours. If you would like to volunteer one hour each Thursday contact 085- 8222782. Anyone wishing to access the Padre Pio Glove can arrange to do so by contacting 087-6375792.

Pray for the repose of the souls of: Pat Carey ,Dereen, Dymphna Davern , Mountshannon Road and Elizabeth Bird, Coolbawn, May they rest in Peace.

Money Matters

Offertory Collection last weekend. €1095 Thank you for your ongoing support.

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.

Parish Envelopes – 2023 Parish Envelopes are available for collection in both churches. If people who are not receiving them but wish to get them contact Sue at the Parish office during opening hours Mon- Wed 10am – 12 noon. Phone 372929. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee thank everyone for your on-going support which is very much appreciated

On-line Donations to Parish You can also make a contribution by credit or debit card directly to your parish using the Diocesan Website www.killalodiocese.ie. The full contribution as received by the Diocesan website will be fully paid to your parish. Simply go to the Diocesan 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.

Eucharistic Ministers Required for Castleconnell Church and Ahane Church. Training will be provided and a rota will be drawn up. Contact the Parish Office **on** 372929 or email castleconnellchurch@gmail.com.

Volunteers Required to manage the collection of the baskets Saturday 6.30pm and Sunday 11.30 Masses in Castleconnell Church, and also to clean and maintain our churches. An extra pair of hands is always welcome so if you can help, please get in touch with Sue at the Parish Office. Phone 372929 email castleconnellchurch@gmail.com.

Baptismal Meeting First Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm in (Sacristy) Castleconnell Church. Parents are encouraged to attend this important meeting in preparation for the baptism of their child. Contact Parish Office re bookings 372929.

Reflection

Baptism

Baptism was not over and done with the day we were taken to the font. We are baptised by all that happens to us in life. We are baptised by hardship; in its turbulent waters we are purified of all that is false and useless. We are baptised by suffering; in its murky waters we grow in humility and compassion. We are baptised by joy: in its gurgling waters we experience the goodness of life. We are baptised by love: in its singing waters we blossom like flowers in the sun. Baptism is like the planting of a seed. It will take a lifetime for this seed to grow and ripen.