

Scathe Na Sionnaine Pastoral Area –Castleconnell - Clonlara – Killaloe
Castleconnell Fr. Willie Teehan 061-377170 Fr. James Michael 089-2370053
Parish Office: Val Foley 061-372929 - Mon, Tues, Wed.10am to 12 noon.
castleconnellchurch@gmail.com Mass Times - Castleconnell Saturday 6.30pm.
Sunday 11.30am - Ahane 10.00am - **Killaloe** Fr. James Grace 061-376137
Bridgetown Fr. Gerry O'Brien 061-580969 **Clonlara** Fr. Pat Mulcahy 061-354334

1st Sunday of Advent

The God who comes is a loving Father; we are the work of his hands. Our hope in Christ will strengthen us to await steady and without blame the day of his coming.

Mass Intentions this Week

Castleconnell	6.30pm	2nd December
Private Intention		
Castleconnell	11.30am	3rd December
Darragh Hourigan (Ann), Mary Fitzpatrick (Ann) John, Bridget & Thomas O'Brien.		
Ahane	10.00am	3rd December
Noreen Riordan (Months Mind), Patrick Condon (Ann), Grace Dunphy (Ann), Frank & Roseleen Kelly (Ann)		

Mass Intentions next Week

Castleconnell	6.30pm	9th December
Catherine Barry (Ann), Michael Moran (Ann), The Byrnes Family (Spa), The O'Brien Family (St Patricks Villas)		
Castleconnell	11.30am	10th December
Thomas Byrnes (Ann), Willie Keane (Ann), Joe Doyle (Ann), Christy Joyce (Gouig) (A), Catherine & John Hyland (Ann), All deceased members of Ahane GAA.		
Ahane	10.00am	10th December
Mary Collins (Ann), Arthur & Mary Graham, Ben Grehan		

St. Vincent's Lisnagry Mass @ 4.00pm every Saturday. All are welcome.

Lay Led Liturgy Every Monday, led by the Pastoral Council. All are welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration Every Thursday from 10am to 1pm. You are welcome to visit the Blessed Sacrament during these hours. Anyone wishing to access the Padre Pio Glove can arrange to do so by contacting 087-6375792.

Money Matters Offertory €1,340.00. Thank you for your continued support.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Friday, 8th December

Mass times - Castleconnell 9.30am, Ahane 10.00am, St. Vincents 11.00am.

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..

Care of the Aged, Castleconnell Ahane Montpelier Care of the Aged Committee are holding their Annual Christmas Dinner at the Castle Oaks Hotel on Sunday 10th December. Mass will be celebrated at 2 pm prior to the dinner. The cost is €10 – non-refundable. If you would like to attend, please contact Dolores Madden who will be at all masses 2nd & 3rd December, Ann Ryan @ 061 377193 or one of the committee members.

Eucharistic Ministers Required for Ahane Church. Training will be provided and a rota will be drawn up. Contact Dolores Madden or email castleconnellchurch@gmail.com.

Altar Servers Required for both Castleconnell and Ahane Churches. If you are in 3rd, 4th or 5th Class and would like to become an Altar Server please contact Fr. Willie or Fr. James after Mass. Full training will be provided.

Annacotty Annual Christmas Carol, Singing for the Needy will be held in Annacotty on Sunday 3rd Dec @ 6 pm. Please bring a toy of any value, or give a donation, to the Redemptorist's Poor Campaign for distribution to the disadvantaged of Limerick.

Blood Donation Clinics will take place in Castletroy Park Hotel, Mon 4th & Tues 5th Dec 4:20 - 7:40 pm. New donors welcome at all clinics. Call 1800 222 111 for appointment.

Glenstal Abbey are running an Advent series of talks titled 'A Season of Opportunities'. Talks take place on Sunday at 4.30pm in the Monastery Library, followed by refreshments and Vespers at 6pm. Donation: €20. Fr Columba McCann begins the series with his talk 'Stay Awake, Stay Alive!' on Sunday 3rd December. For more information and enquiries please contact events@glenstal.com or call 061 621005.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to support their Christmas Appeal in the coming days and weeks. A representative of our local society will speak at our masses on December 16th and 17th. A retiring collection will be taken as we leave mass. All support will remain local and will be much appreciated.

Prayer of blessing for an Advent Wreath



Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Saviour, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessing upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen