

**Scathe Na Sionnaine Pastoral Area –Castleconnell - Clonlara – Killaloe**  
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### **The Baptism of the Lord**

Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation.

### **Mass Intentions this Week**

<b>Castleconnell</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> January</b>
Mary Collins & Jimmy Coffey (Ann), May Moloney (Ann)		
<b>Castleconnell</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> January</b>
Jerry Flannery (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann), Pauline Fitzpatrick (Ann), Sheila Byrnes (Ann)		
<b>Ahane</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> January</b>
Con Ryan and Josie Ryan (Ann)		

### **Mass Intentions next Week**

<b>Castleconnell</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> January</b>
Brenda Easton (Months Mind), Joe Kenny (Ann), Michael Moloney (Ann) Mary Ryan (Belmont Cottage) & Kitty, Annie and Madge Ryan (Main St) (Ann),		
<b>Castleconnell</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> January</b>
John, Breda & Kate Frewen (Ann)		
<b>Ahane</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> January</b>
Private Intention		

**Morning Mass- Castleconnell** returns to its normal time of 09.30 Mon - Fri.

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

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

**Pray for the repose of the soul** of Esther Meehan, Lisnagry and Patrick Hearne, Killeenagarraff who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**Eucharistic Adoration** Every Thursday from 10am to 1pm. You are welcome to visit the Blessed Sacrament during these hours.

**Money Matters** Offertory collection - €1,730. Thank you for your continued support.

Masses from St. Joseph's Church Castleconnell are being streamed for live viewing on our Webcam, [www.castleconnellparish.ie](http://www.castleconnellparish.ie). Mass can also be heard on Radio 106.3fm..

**New School Term** As the children of our Parish return to school we send all our good wishes for the term ahead. We especially look forward to welcoming into our Church the children who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion and their Confirmation in the coming months.

**Parish Envelopes 2024** Parish envelopes are available for collection from the Parish Office. If you have not received your envelopes, but wish to, please contact the Parish Office during opening hours Mon- Wed 10am – 12 noon. 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.killaloediocese.ie](http://www.killaloediocese.ie). The 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.

**Blood Donation Clinics** will take place in Castletroy Park Hotel, Wed 10<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec from 4:20 - 7:40 pm and Sun 14<sup>th</sup> from 11.50 am to 3.10 pm. New donors welcome at all clinics. Call 1800 222 111 for appointment.

### **Reflection**

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