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

First Sunday of Lent The water of Baptism saves us through the merits of Christ's death on the wood of the cross. The Holy Spirit breathed life into that water so that we might have the fullness of life.

Mass Intentions this Week

6.30pm 17th February Castleconnell Margaret O'Sullivan (Months Mind) Jimmy Cahill (Ann), Darren Poole (Ann), Phil & Marie Kelly (Ann), William & Mary Bradshaw (Ann).

<u>Castleconnell</u>	<u>11.30am</u>	18th February
Richard, Mary & Sarah Healy & Josephine Carter (Ann),		
Willie & Sarah Frewen (Ann).		

18th February 10.00am Ahane Con Mackey (Ann), John O'Brien, Ballyvarra, (Ann), Teresa Carroll (Ann), Con Collins and Patrick & Katie Collins (Ann).

Mass Intentions next Week

6.30pm 24th February Castleconnell Ned & Eddie Quinn (Ann), Oliver Joyce (Ann).

Castleconnell 11.30am 25th Februarv Breda & Deirdre Talty (Ann), Alan Layton (Ann), John O Connell (Ann).

Ahane

10.00am

Private Intention

25th February

Pray for the repose of the soul of Henry Nash, Castleconnell and Patrick (Paddy) Collins, Dublin and formerly of Ahane, who died recently. May they rest in peace.

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.

Money Matters Offertory collection - €1,720. 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. Mass can also be heard on Radio 106.3fm.

Parish Hall Castleconnell The Parish Hall is now being run by a committee of local people on behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council. The committee hope that over the next while the hall will once again be the hub of the village as it once was. To book the hall for any event or any enquiries please email: castleconnellparishhall@gmail.com.

Castleconnell Active Social Group The AGM will take place Monday, 26th February @ 19.30 hrs in Shannon House. Castleconnell. All welcome.

Bereavement Support Information Evening will take place in Milford Care Centre, Education Department on Tue 27th February 2024 from 7pm - 8.30pm. This evening is designed to give general information on grief and bereavement to bereaved people, their family and friends. The information evening is free of charge.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes This year our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes direct from Shannon Airport will be from Friday 21st June to Wednesday 26th June and our Autumn Pilgrimage from Monday 30th September to Saturday 5th October.

Trocaire Boxes 2024 - Trocaire boxes are available in both our churches this weekend. Please take one home. This year, Trocaire will help families in Malawi adapt to the unpredictable extremes of weather brought on by climate change, helping to modify the flood responses and protect riverbanks when there is too much water and helping adapt irrigation systems and provide better access to supplies when there is too little.

Reflection – Do you want to fast this Lent?

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity. Fast from the pressures and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate. Fast from grudges and be reconciled. Fast from words and be silent so you can listen! Fast from hurting words and say kind words. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger and be filled with patience. Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope. Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Words of Pope Francis

Mass Times

St Josephs, Castleconnell *Mon* – *Fri* 09.30 Saturday 18.30 Sunday 11.30

St Patricks, Ahane Sunday 10.00

St Vincents, Lisnagry Saturday 16.00