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Fifth Sunday of Lent 'What marvels the Lord worked for us.' We all need forgiveness. As we approach Easter we see more clearly what Jesus Christ has done for us in his death and rising. He has brought the sum of God's forgiving mercy and love into our lives.

Mass intentions this week

Castleconnell **6:30pm** **5th Apr**
 Sheila Collins (Month's Mind), Breeda Hardiman (Ann) Pat Collins (Ann),
 Eileen & Frank Hartigan, Paddy, Mike & Margaret Tierney (Ann),
 Michael and Margaret Ryan (Ann), Private Intention.

Castleconnell **11:30am** **6th Apr**
 Sean Ryan, Lacka (Month's Mind) (followed by burial of Ashes in Stradbally),
 Ned Madden & deceased members of the Madden Family (Ann),
 Paddy Coleman (Ann),

Ahane **10:00am** **6th Apr**
 Private Intention.

Mass intentions next week

Castleconnell **6:30pm** **12th Apr**
 Delia Donnelly (Month's Mind)

Castleconnell **11:30am** **13th Apr**
 Tim Barrett (1st Ann), Sheila Barrett (Ann), Elza Barrett & Joan Carney (Ann).

Ahane **10:00am** **13th Apr**
 Private Intention.

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

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

Pray for the repose of the soul of Johnny Burns, St. Vincents, who was buried during the week. May his soul rest in peace.

Money Matters Offertory collection €1,520 Many thanks for your on-going generous support and also many thanks to those who donate on line.

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

The Pope's Intentions – April 2025 'For the use of new technologies' Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Congratulations to the children in Lisnagry National School who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. We extend our prayers and blessings to each of the children on this very special day in their lives.

Accord is recruiting qualified and experienced Counsellors to train in the specialism of Couple Counselling / Therapy. Successful applicants will follow an 18-day (9 weekends) in-person Level 8, Certificate programme, which will take place in Maynooth (one weekend per month) from September 2025 to April 2026. This programme will provide the clinical skills essential to safe and ethical couples' work and in-depth knowledge to manage a wide range of presenting issues. Course fees paid and placement provided by Accord LG. For further information on application criteria and to obtain an application form, please E-mail: info@accord.ie. Closing date for receipt of applications: 30/04/2025.

Family Carers Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs, a spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

Gathering for Prayer and Reflection Recently a small working group have been meeting in response to the Universal Synod's invitation to engage with those who feel 'excluded or judged because of their marital situation, identity or sexuality.' (Final Document of Universal Synod) This working group has focused particularly on LGBTQI+ and is a collaboration between the dioceses of Limerick and Killaloe. We are now delighted to announce that a gathering for prayer and reflection will take place on Thursday 1st May, at 7.30p.m. in the JP II Oratory at the Crescent Shopping Centre. This gathering will include an opportunity to meet, listen and pray together and welcomes LGBTQI+ people, along with family members and allies.

Windows of Hope – Lent and Easter 2025 You are invited to tune in to daily inspirational messages of Hope from people around the diocese. They are available on all the main social media platforms under the handle @BishopFintan. Please like, subscribe and share to keep in touch with various good news items.

Mass Times

St Josephs, Castleconnell Mon – Fri 09.30, Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 11.30
St Patricks, Ahane Sunday 10.00 **St Vincents, Lisnagry** Saturday 4.00 pm