

**Scáth 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.**Email** castleconnellchurch@gmail.com**Killaloe** Fr. James Grace 061 - 376137**Bridgetown** Fr. Jerry O'Brien 085 - 8227484**Clonlara** Fr. Jimmy Kennedy 086 - 1587007

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jesus is chosen by the Spirit to be Lamb and Servant; Paul is chosen to be an apostle. Each of us in Baptism is chosen. We are chosen to live a life of holiness, to share in God's life, a life for us of praise and worship, of witness and apostolicity.

**Mass intentions this week**

**Castleconnell** **6:30pm** **17<sup>th</sup> Jan**  
 Patrick Skehan (Month's Mind), Mary Ryan, Belmont Cottage (Ann), & Kitty, Annie & Madge Ryan, Main Street, (Ann), Michael Moloney (Ann).

**Castleconnell** **11:30am** **18<sup>th</sup> Jan**  
 Patricia McDermott (1<sup>st</sup> Ann), Helen Quinn (Ann).

**Mass intentions next week**

**Castleconnell** **10.00am** **23<sup>rd</sup> Jan**  
 Carmel Lee & the Jennings Family (Ann)

**Castleconnell** **6:30pm** **24<sup>th</sup> Jan**  
 John A. Blake (Month's Mind), Paddy Coffey (Ann), Kathleen O'Keeffe & the O'Brien Family (Ann), Tommy O'Brien & Dorothy O'Brien (Ann), Patrick Fitzgerald, St. Flannan's Terrace, (Ann).

**Castleconnell** **11:30am** **25<sup>th</sup> Jan**  
 Mary Owens (Ann), Mary O'Connell (Ann) & Nicholas O'Connell (Ann), Eileen Joyce (Ann).

**Ahane** **10:00am** **25<sup>th</sup> Jan**  
 Michael Ryan Snr, (Ann).

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

**Eucharistic Adoration** Every Thursday from 10.30am to 1pm. You are welcome to visit the Blessed Sacrament during these hours.

**Money Matters** Offertory collection €1,160. Many thanks for your on-going generous 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.

**Pray for the repose of the souls** of Serena O'Shea, Lynwood Park, Finbar Gallagher, Lisnagry, and Shauna Carmody-Grace, Murroe, who were buried during the week and Vera Walpole and Moira Hog, Castleconnell, whose burials take place this weekend. May their souls rest in peace.

**Pope Leo's January Intention** For prayer with the Word of God Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

**Medjugorje Pilgrimages 2026** Departing from Shannon to Mostar in association with Marian Pilgrimages. May 20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> €845; Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> €865, for bookings received before Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. Seven nights' accommodation near St James Church with breakfast and dinner. Full religious programme. For bookings contact:- John O'Brien - 086 8586304.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January** 'There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.'

**Mass Times**

**St Joseph's, Castleconnell:-** Mon – Fri 10.00 am, Sat 6.30 pm, Sun 11.30 am.

**St Patrick's, Ahane:-** Sun 10.00 am.

**St Vincent's, Lisnagry:-** Sat 4.00 pm

**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.