

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'You have given us the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.' That God allows evil to flourish along with the good has always been a problem to those who know of God. In this the patience of God contrasts with the impatience of humans. The kingdom grows like the yeast spreading through the dough. The Day of the Lord will reveal all. Meanwhile we wait in hope, and pray to remain faithful.

Mass intentions this week**Castleconnell** **6.30pm** **18th Jul**

Ann O'Brien, Montpelier, (Ann), Jimmy Meehan, Montpelier, (Ann).

Castleconnell **11.30am** **19th Jul**

Paddy Coffey, Annaholty (Ann), Bridget O'Brien (Ann).

Mass intentions next week**Castleconnell** **6.30pm** **25th Jul**

Richard Dundon (Ann), William Joyce (Ann), Ena McCarthy (Ann), Shane Lee (Ann).

Ahane **10.00am** **26th Jul**

Bernadette O'Brien, (Month's Mind)

Castleconnell **11.30am** **26th Jul**

Annie Meaney (Month's Mind), Margaret & Jamie Blake & Peggy Blake (Ann), Thomas, Christina, Gerry, Patricia & Noel Ryan, Clooncommons, (Ann), Mena Humphreys (Ann).

Community Led Liturgy with Communion Every Monday. 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 €1,440. Many thanks for your on-going generous support.**Pray for the repose of the soul** of Breda Ryan, Murroe and formerly of Castleconnell, who was laid to rest this week. May she rest in peace.

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 Popes Intentions – July *For respect for human life*

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

A local outing to Knock Shrine is organised for Sunday 2nd August with Bus collection in Castleconnell @ 09.10 approx. – Contact Tess Burns @ 087 0675039 or 061 581018 for further information. Please note change of date.

Pope Leo's 1st Encyclical – Magnifica Humanitas – The Grandeur of Humanity

Encyclical Letter on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence. The Pope traces the history of Catholic social teaching showing how the Church has always engaged with the "new things" of each era. The encyclical is not anti-technology. It never says AI is evil. What it says is that technology is never neutral. Pope Leo underlines the need for dialogue and human interaction, reminding us that physical presence remains crucial. He invites us to be mindful of our words and engage in dialogue and he lays out the core principles that must guide our response to AI, including human dignity, the common good, subsidiarity, solidarity and social justice. For more information see www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents.

Limerick Blood Donors are urged to make an appointment for these upcoming clinics:- Phone 1800 222 111 for appointment. All clinics from 4:50pm to 8:10pm

Mon 20th July - Castletroy Park HotelTues 21st & Wed 22nd July - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Dooradoyle RdThurs 23rd July - Radisson Hotel, Ennis Road**Receiving the word**

The word of God is to the human heart what a seed is to the earth. However, just as a seed needs soil, so the word needs a receptive heart. The earth responds to the rain and sun so that even the desert blooms. But the arid human heart has the power to resist so that it remains barren. Lord, soften our hearts with your grace, open them with your gentle love, so that the precious seed of your word may take root in our hearts,

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