

St Vincent de Paul St Lappan's Conference

Covering Glounthaune, Little Island, Knockraha, Brooklodge

Year Ended 31 December 2015

Income	
Church Collections	23595
Donations	8254
Sale CDs	4063
Total Income	35912
Expenditure	
Food And Cash	21626
Coal, E S B, Gas	8479
Education	2812
National Conference	
Sundries	449
Total Expenditure	33366

Cóisir na Nollag, Luan 12 Nollaig 7.30pm - 11.00pm; Ionad an Phobail, An Gleanntán.; Soláisti Nollag, Amhránaíocht, Rinnce, Spot duaiseanna. Táille: €10.00 ag an doras (crannchur san áireamh) Bigí linn agus fáilte. Eolas: Sean 4353344

Erin's Own Lotto; 7th December. Numbers drawn: 7,8,15,23. No Winner €30: Sharon Mullane, Paul Twomey, Denis Crowley. €25 voucher to Paul Riordan & Hugh Cronin. Next week's jackpot: **€1,650**. Next Draw 11th January 2017.

Glounthaune Tidy Towns Calendar 2017 These are now available in the Post Office, Fitzpatrick's Shop and the Amber Filling Station, €5 each, 6 for €25. An ideal gift to send to your loved ones abroad. All proceeds go towards Glounthaune Tidy Towns local projects.

Knockraha Macra na Feirme member Siobhan Kelleher won the National title in Impromptu Public Speaking in Tullamore on Saturday 3rd December. This was a personal goal of Siobhan's and shows that a person should never give up on their dreams. Congratulations from everyone in the club. The club's Senior debating team are in the Seandun Final on Tuesday 13th December against Glanmire in the Fir Tree at 8pm. A big thank you to everyone who attended the mass and cup of tea last Sunday. We are looking forward to hearing more stories on the 17th March for the 60th Anniversary Dinner Dance. If anyone is interested in joining macra or looking for more information you can contact (Seamus at 086 3485477 or Elaine at 085-8373914). Also check out the website www.macra.ie for more info.

Glounthaune Parish Newsletter – 11th December 2016

Sunday 'Funday' Club

The next Sunday School will take place next Sunday (18 December) in the Church Centre. It is aimed at children preparing for their 1st Communion and Confession but open to other siblings too. You are invited to drop your child/children to the Parish Centre 20 minutes before the 12 o'clock mass (i.e. 11.40am). The children will be brought back to the church after the homily where they will rejoin their families. Please note, we will no longer be responsible for the supervision of your child when they are back in the church.

Blessing of Baby Jesus - You are invited to bring along your figurine of Baby Jesus from your crib at home and have this figuring blessed at Mass next weekend. These blessings will take place at all Masses on 17th/18th December.

We remember in our prayers Ger Mulcahy, Knockraha whose funeral took place on Tuesday. We extend our sympathy to his mother Mary, his brother Seamus, extended family, relatives and friends.

Christmas Cuppa with our neighbours
You are invited to meet with our neighbours from Ashbourne House & enjoy a cuppa & Christmas treats in the church centre at 10.30am on Wednesday 21st December. Our last meet and greet was a great success with stories shared, lots of laughs, phone numbers exchanged & friendships formed.

Sacrament of Penance, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Confession

This is the sacrament by which sins are confessed and forgiven. Sin is a failure to love God by keeping his commandments and living according to his teachings. During this sacrament, sins are forgiven by the words and actions of the priest during absolution. **You are invited to our Sacrament of Reconciliation for Christmas on Wednesday night, 14th December at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church Glounthaune.** A number of priests will be available to hear confessions.

Offertory Collections for last week:
Knockraha: €395, Little Island: €700.
Glounthaune: €1775

A Blessing of the Christmas Tree in the Home

When you switch on your Christmas tree lights at home!!

Lord our God, We praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.

We praise you for the light of Israel: The Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.

We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God, Let your blessing come upon us as we light up this tree. May the light and cheer it gives us be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this share and spread this Joy. Amen

You are invited to join Scoil Náisiúnta an Chroí Naofa on this Tuesday evening, 13th December for their annual Christmas Carol Service in the Sacred Heart Church, Glounthaune. A wonderful occasion, not to be missed!

Invitation to the Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen, Bishopstown, Cork

A day of Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament using the Holy Family Monstance on Tuesday, Dec 6th following 10.00am mass until 7.00 pm in and with the intercession of Little Nellie of Holy God to commemorate the anniversary of her First Holy Communion on December 6th 1907. Come and spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

Training for Parish Catechists

The second two year training, the Maryvale Certificate in Catechesis, will begin in Cork in January 2017. Information packs and registration forms are available from the Pastoral Development Office Tel: 021 4537601 and must be returned at the latest by 10th January. This course is also open to those wishing to enhance their understanding of the Catholic faith.

Don't be Lonely this Christmas

Senior Help Line, Ireland's only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10 am to 10 pm. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. Christmas can be a sad time for many people, and in the midst of apparent universal gaiety, some of us can feel very alone. Senior Help Line volunteers are trained older people who understand the ups and downs of life, and are happy to be

listen, to keep company and to support. **So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cents. All calls completely confidential.**

8th Mass for Axel Foley to be celebrated at Knock, Sunday 18th December at 12 noon, Knock Basilica. Knock Shrine will on Sunday next December 18th host the key celebration Mass to conclude a special remembrance campaign - #8Masses4no8 - initiated by the family of late Ireland rugby legend Anthony Foley for all loved ones who have passed on.

The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Richard Gibbons, P.P., Rector, Knock Shrine at 12 noon at Knock Basilica and will be attended by Anthony's wife Olive, sons Tony and Dan and other family members and friends, who will travel from Killaloe, Co. Clare and further afield for this very special celebration. The social media campaign has reached over 2.5million people and had over 600,000 engagements – all people joining in solidarity with the Foley family to remember Anthony and their own loved ones. Such has been the reaction that people have engaged with the campaign from over 50 countries across the world, lighting candles in churches from Canada to Australia, Swaziland to Switzerland.

Fr. Richard Gibbons said: *"It is a wonderful opportunity for people, near and far to join in this incredible remembrance movement which has seen people across the world join in remembering their loved ones who have passed on and, indeed, Anthony Foley. The number 8 has special significance for the Foley family and the eighth Masses leads into the Christmas season, which can be a difficult time of year for many families who have lost a loved-one. We are honoured to be*

celebrating this Mass as we know how much it means to the family and fans of Axel Foley."

Southern Steam 2017 Calendar on sale in the parish office. €10 each. All proceeds to **Pieta House**. A stunning piece, beautifully photographed and for an excellent cause.

**St Vincent de Paul Helpline
021 4270444 or 087 1520360**

Christmas Mass Bouquets

We have beautiful Christmas Mass Bouquets available in the parish office and in the church sacristies. €2 each with proceeds going towards the work of Aid to the Church in Need in Syria and Bishop John Ryan's charity in Malawi. The front of the cards feature pictures of our three parish churches with a nativity scene and "Christmas greetings from Glounthaune". The inside of the cards tell recipients that their intentions will be remembered in a Triduum of Masses in our parish on Christmas day.

The annual Rotary Tree of Remembrance starts this Saturday on Patricks St. People are invited to write messages remembering their loved ones onto yellow ribbons which are hoisted onto the tree creating a colourful garland. While there is no cost, all donations received will go to Marymount Hospice and Enable Ireland. At a prayer service in St Peter and Pauls on Saturday 14th January at 6pm all the ribbons will be laid out on the altar and prayers said for those remembered.

Greenville Christmas Sale

A Christmas Sale will take place in aid of the Cork Association for Autism at their

Greenville Campus in Carrigtwohill on Thursday December 15th from 10am - 5pm. The Greenville Service Users are busy preparing some lovely pieces for the sale. Plants, pottery and handcrafted Christmas decorations will be available to buy on the day. Everyone is welcome to attend on the day. For directions or more information please log on to www.corkautism.ie or call Carol on 021 453 3642.

Masses for the week ahead

Monday 12th Glounthaune @ 10am:

Finbarr Dwyer Anniversary

Tuesday 13th Glounthaune @ 10am:

Kathleen Smith Anniversary

Wednesday 14th Glounthaune @ 10am:

James Harrington R.I.P.

Thursday 15th Little Island @ 10am:

Mass for the people of the parish

Friday 16th Little Island @ 10am:

James & Kathleen Maher Anniversary

Mass Intentions 17th/18th

Saturday, Glounthaune @ 6pm:

John & Elizabeth Twohig & Michael & Catherine Sheehan Anniversary.

Richard, Catherine & Michael Leahy. John & Mary O'Connell, Anna & Michael Barry, Mary & Matt Murphy, Joan McNamara, Paddy Lombard, John Russell, Jim O'Leary, Lena Aherne, Ted Geary, Sile Daly, Richard & Nora Ryan, Gerard Brady. May they rest in peace.

Sunday, Glounthaune @ 9am:

Michael McCormick Anniversary
Benefactors of St Vincent de Paul RIP

Sunday, Knockraha @ 10am:

Michael Daly Anniversary
Nora Hickey Anniversary
Pat Collins Anniversary

Sunday, Little Island @ 11am:

Lar, Kit & Kevin Cashman R.I.P.
Henry & Mary Collins Anniversary

Sunday, Glounthaune @ 12 noon:

Darragh Murray Anniversary