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Second Sunday of Advent God's promises to us are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. We look forward to the kingdom when, pure and blameless, we will reach the perfect goodness which Christ produces in us.

Mass intentions this week

Montpelier **7.00pm** **6th Dec**

The Hough Family (Montpelier)

Castleconnell **6:30pm** **7th Dec**

Diarmuid Carey (1st Ann), Catherine Barry (Ann), The Byrnes Family (The Spa), The O'Brien Family (St. Patrick's Villas), Brian & Moya Gubbins (Ann).

Castleconnell **11:30am** **8th Dec**

Catherine & John Hyland (Ann), Mary Guerin (Ann), Tim & Sheila Barrett (Birthday Rem)

Ahane **10:00am** **8th Dec**

Mary Collins (Ann), Patrick Condon (Ann), Frank & Rosaleen Kelly (Ann). Arthur Graham & Grandson Ben Graham (Ann).

Mass intentions next week

Castleconnell **6:30pm** **14th Dec**

Brenda Easton (1st Ann), Michael Fitzgibbon, Woodpark (Ann), Betty Roche (Ann)

Castleconnell **11:30am** **15th Dec**

Willie Keane (Ann), James McKeever & Deceased Family members (Ann).

Ahane **10:00am** **15th Dec**

Mena Ryan (Ann), Con & Josie Ryan, Knockbrack, (Ann).

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 €1,440. 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 106.3 FM

Parish Envelopes 2025 Parish envelopes are available for collection from the Parish Office.

Care of the Aged Annual Christmas party will take place today in the Castleoaks Hotel for all who have booked. Mass will be at 2 pm, followed by dinner.

Christmas Artisan Market ACM Shannon House - Sunday 8th December 10-3pm
Visit Santa at ACM Castle Street - Sunday 8th December. Tickets from Eventbrite.ie
Christmas tree lights switch on Sunday 8th Dec @ 12.15.

Memory Ribbons for tree available from ACM Shannon House, Shannon Stores and Whisps Hair Salon. €4.00 per ribbon in aid of Castleconnell Care Of The Aged.

The Rolling Tones Rock Choir along with a live band are thrilled to bring their Christmas concert "*Rocking Around the Christmas Tree*" to Castleconnell Parish Hall on Saturday, 14th December at 7pm. Along with students from The Singing Studio, they promise a night of classic hits plus festive favourites. Tickets available at Eventbrite, Shannon Stores, Protea Cafe or 087 - 4112471.

Family Blessing for a Christmas Tree

God of all creation, we praise you for this tree
Which brings beauty and memories and the promise of life to our home.
May your blessing be upon all who gather around this tree,
All who keep the Christmas festival by is lights.
We wait for the coming of the Christ, the days of everlasting justice and of peace.
You are our God, living and reigning,
For ever and ever. Amen

Mass Times

St Joseph's, Castleconnell:- Mon – Fri 09.30 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.



TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS

An Update on Roof Repairs to St. Joseph's Church, Castleconnell – December 2024

Good progress has been made to date tackling our roof leak. What started as a leak has become a major structural problem due to many years of localised and unseen water ingress resulting in the development of wet rot in one of the primary roof support structures.

Your Pastoral Council is managing the scope of these important works in consultation with, and guidance of, an appointed specialist Architect and Structural Engineer.

The engineering structure you see now at St. Joseph's has been provided on the recommendation of both our Architect and our Structural Engineer as necessary to enable localised structural roof stability and waterproofing works to commence in January 2025.

Your Pastoral Council wish to acknowledge and thank the wonderful professional and helpful staff of Limerick County Council Planning Department, for their guidance and assistance in making our Grant Applications for this Phase 1 repair project so successful.

However, St. Joseph's Church in Castleconnell is now 160 years old and our Architect has advised that the entirety of the roof slates will require replacement over the next number of years.

Of course, with large projects on very old buildings come very large costs. With this in mind, the Pastoral Council will be reaching out to our Faith Community in 2025 for help and assistance with this project. In the first instance, there is a need to assemble a dynamic team to manage and co-ordinate such a worthy project and all help will be much appreciated.

We will, together with the new team, begin a fund raising program in the New Year. A separate Bank Account will be set up to ring fence all donations for the roof project.

We would like to thank all Parishioners for their understanding and co-operation whilst this very necessary project is underway.

With many thanks and all good wishes for our coming festivities.

The Priests of the Parish
Members of the Pastoral Council
Members of the Parish Finance Group.