



ST AIDAN'S PARISH

Enniscorthy, Diocese of Ferns

NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

27TH NOVEMBER 2016



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PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

On Sale at the Parish Office, the Sacristy and after all Masses this weekend. Pack of 12 for €5. Proceeds to the Organ Fund. Please support.

ROSARY FOR THE HOLY SOULS

The last Rosary for the Holy Souls is this Sunday **27th November** at 3pm at Calvary in St. Mary's Cemetery All welcome.

PARISH CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Join us in the Presbytery on Friday 2nd December for the Parish Christmas Coffee Morning. Raffle for lovely prizes, all are Welcome. We thank the Ladies Social Committee for running the coffee morning each year and for all the lovely prizes. Thank you.

VISITATION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fr Odhrán will visit his area on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December (please note dates).

Fr Billy will visit his area on Thurs 1st, Fri 2nd & Sat 3rd Dec (afternoons).

APPEAL FOR ROSARIES AND SMALL RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

If you have any spare rosaries or small religious articles you can donate to the missions, please leave them in to the Parish Office as soon as you can. Many thanks.

Parish Readers may collect a copy of the Sunday Missal for 2017 (year A) from the Parish Office.

ATHENAEUM NEWS

The Athenaeum is open seven days a week. Monday to Friday 10.30am to 5pm. Saturday 12noon to 5pm. Sunday 2pm-5pm. Entry is €3. The Athenaeum is a registered charity run entirely by volunteers.

Peter Pan The Panto - Thursday 8th to Saturday 10th at 8pm and matinee performances on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th at 3pm. Tickets on sale from Monday 5th December. www.edms.ie, Tel: 085 8342140 and from Athenaeum box office.

Christmas Crafts, Antiques and Curios Fair every day from Friday 16th - Saturday 24th 11am to 5pm. For details contact Anne on 087 9892010. **Coming up in January**

"Imaging Palestine - A decade of solidarity 2006-2016" - a photographic exhibition 6th-8th January 2017. **Rebel Poetry** - Helen Ashdown is compiling a book of unpublished poems by Irish Volunteers, members of Cumann na mBan and County Wexford people in general between 1916 and 1923. If you have any poems that you would like to have included, please contact Helen 087 2637178 or call into the Athenaeum.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Takes place **NEXT** weekend of 3rd & 4th December.

This is our opportunity to offer hope thought help at a local level this Christmas. Once again, we call on your generosity, to give what you can, however small or great, and it will be used to assist people in your local parish who are experiencing difficulties.

Appeal: The local branch of SVP are appealing for a mans bicycle in good condition. If you can help please call 053 9233746 or 087-1412153.

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

As you know, we have adoration of the Eucharist after Mass each week on Fridays and Saturdays. This is an important time of contemplation and prayer for all those who take part and for the benefit of our parish, diocese and indeed the world. With the co-operation of the Pastoral Council and the Adoration Committee, from Thursday 1st December 2016, this time will be expanded to include a holy hour after Mass, from 10.30 to 11.30am. This holy hour will take place on the main altar. Its purpose is a focused time of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. It is to be held on a Thursday, the day the Lord instituted the priesthood and the Eucharist at the Last Supper. We encourage as many as possible to take part in this weekly time of prayer.

GREATER BELLEFIELD COMMUNITY TEAM

Children's Christmas Disco (0-12years)

Bellefield GAA Complex Sunday **4th December**, 6pm to 8.30pm Adm. €3 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

CALLING ALL FARMERS

Would you like to earn an additional €210.50 per week working in your local community? Call Fiona in Wexford Local Development for more information on the Rural Social Scheme. Tel: 053 91 55800 / 087 0572951 or email fbyrne@wld.ie

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

I write to you regarding the **annual Saint Vincent de Paul collection which is due to take place in the churches of our diocese next weekend. (3/4 December).**

The ongoing generosity of the people of the diocese to the St. Vincent de Paul is heartening and deserving of particular mention and very specific praise.

In speaking with the members of the Society this year, one phrase that has stayed with me is a particularly striking one - "the recovery, though welcome where it exists, is patchy - and for many it does not exist at all."

I would ask that you might reflect with me upon that statement as the good and generous people who are the volunteers at St. Vincent de Paul continue to reach out to and assist the 3000 families in County Wexford who look to them for help.

In conclusion, may I take this opportunity to extend to you every good wish and blessing as we embark on the Season of Advent.

With every good wish, I remain,

Yours sincerely
+Denis Brennan
Bishop of Ferns

"Laudato Si", Care for Our Common Earth

This article was written by a member of the Parish Pastoral Council about Pope Francis' Encyclical

"Care for our Common Home" Food Waste Prevention

Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter, *Laudato Si'*, addresses "every person living on this planet" to *Care for Our Common Home*, Earth. "Approximately one third of all food produced is discarded and whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor." One in eight people in Ireland are living in food poverty. In the spirit of Pope Francis' call for us all to "care for creation through little daily actions", here are some food waste prevention suggestions. 1. Don't be tempted by special offers for perishable food items unless you are sure you will use them. 50% of salads, 25% of fruit and veg and 20% of bread/bakery products purchased are thrown out. 2. Plan your shopping - check what you have in your cupboards and know what is close to its use-by date and use this first. 3. Proper portions - an overloaded plate leads to an overloaded bin. Know your portion sizes and cook accordingly. If you have cooked extra food, save and use the leftovers. 4. www.stopfoodwaste.ie has lots more useful food waste prevention tips for householders. 5. If you are in business, organisations such as Bia Food Initiative (<http://biafi.ie/>) and Food Cloud (<http://food.cloud>) take surplus food donated by businesses and redistribute it to local charities. Food Cloud has already redistributed 5 million meals to charities in Ireland and UK.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

We all know the important role our Grandparents played in our lives and particularly how they shaped our faith. Here in our parish and indeed every parish, Grandparents continue to be hugely influential. With this in mind, we hope to found a branch of the Catholic Grandparents Association here in St Aidan's over the coming months. **To advance this goal, there will be a public meeting on Wednesday 30th November in the Spencer Suite at the Riverside Park Hotel at 7.30pm.** If you would like to be supported in your role as a Catholic Grandparent and would like to know how you can be the best possible example to your grandchildren in the ways of faith, then please come along to this meeting. The Catholic Grandparents Association was founded by an English Grandmother Mrs. Catherine Wiley to help Grandparents pass on the faith and keep prayer in the heart of family life. Its purpose is to provide advice and information to help Grandparents pass on the faith to their grandchildren. The Association's patrons are Saints Joachim and Ann, the parents of Mary and Grandparents of Jesus. For more information please see the Association website on www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

FÉILEACÁIN

Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Association of Ireland
A book sale and raffle (Loads of Prizes) will be held in the Presentation Centre, Enniscorthy on **Friday 2nd December, 9.30am to 1.30pm.** Please support this worthy cause and bring a friend.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to the families of:
Megan Amelia Burke, Leja Kisonaite
Macey Lee Sadie O'Brien
who were baptised recently in St Aidan's.



SANTA WORLD-CLONARD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Fun for all the family, Sat 3rd & Sun 4th December, 2.30pm-5pm. Visits to Santa, Sleigh rides, Christmas Wheel-O-Fortune, Bric a Brac, Craft stall, Christmas Items on Sale, Face Painting, Hamper Raffle, Book Stall, Guess the Weight of the Cake, Guess the number of sweets, Tea & Christmas Pudding Served, **Admission €5**

Dementia Awareness Information Evening in Enniscorthy Library

In Ireland, it is currently estimated that 48,000 people have some form of dementia, and these figures will increase dramatically over the next 30 years. There may be people in your family or community living with dementia that you are unaware of and in need of your support. With this in mind, Enniscorthy Library has teamed up with Bluebird Care Wexford and the DCU Dementia Elevator team to bring you a Dementia Awareness Information lecture which is an introduction to assisting people to recognise the emotions, goals and coping strategies of the person with dementia. **Thursday 1st December 2016, 7pm - 8.30pm, Enniscorthy Library, Attendance is FREE and no booking is required.**

DRIVERS—PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CHURCH GATEWAY AT ANY TIME AS IT OBSTRUCTS EMERGENCY/DELIVERY ACCESS.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Mon to Fri 10am-1pm/2pm-6pm
Saturday 10.30am to 5.30pm



PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Odhrán Furlong, Adm.
Fr. Billy Swan C.C.

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Ms Una Murphy & Ms Dervla Tierney
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**PLEASE TAKE THE NEWSLETTER HOME
WITH YOU OR TO A NEIGHBOUR/
RELATIVE**

MASSSES THIS WEEK - ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCE FROM MONDAY 28TH NOV TO SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER

MONDAY 10am— Special Intention, Mai & James Murray **Rem**
TUESDAY 10am— The Peoples Intentions, Maura O'Shea **Anniv**, and her parents Kathleen & Sean & son Sean Vaughan **Rem**, Birthday Int.
WED'DAY 10am— Mary & John O'Shea & sons Pat & Sean **Rem**
THURSDAY 10am— Síle Uí Laoghaire **RD**
FRIDAY 10am— Breda Sinnott **RD**
SATURDAY 10am— Paddy Bolger **RD**
7pm— Nan Jordan, Bridie Kelly, Patrick (Peanie) & Lily Lee, PJ Fortune, Robert Bolger, James Carthy, Ann O'Sullivan **All Anniv**
SUNDAY 9.30am— Kathleen Butler **Anniv**
11am— Joe Millar, Jim Booth **Anniv**, Sharon Philipin, Síle Uí Laoghaire **Both RD**
12.30pm— Kathleen Kirwan & Betty Doran, Neil Delaney, Pat & Tony Taylor, Ger Carthy, Kay Crosbie **All Anniv**

ENNISCORTHY AND MONART UNION OF PARISHES

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St. Mary's Church, Enniscorthy

Thursday 1st—Sunday 4th Dec

From 12 noon daily

FREE ADMISSION—ALL WELCOME

Donations in aid of SVP & Church Fund
Telling the story of Christmas through
the medium of Christmas Trees

WEDDING

Congratulations to Pauline O'Hara & Philip Murphy who were Married in St Aidan's recently.

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

7pm - Confirmation Candidate

11am - Anne O'Brien

12.30pm— Margaret Carley

WE ARE LIVE!

<http://www.churchservices.tv/enniscorthycathedral>
Watch Mass & Services Live

WEEKLY ENVELOPE (White)

Minimum weekly running cost
of parish is €2500:

20th November= €2408 **Thank You**

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY

CARETAKING QUERIES TO
ANDREW THORPE, ASSISTANT
CARETAKER ON 085-7886693.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
LOCAL CONFIDENTIAL CONTACT
LINE 087 1413153.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Síle Uí Laoghaire

Sharon Philipin

May they Rest in Peace

PARISH SHOP:

Located in the Presbytery

OPEN DURING OFFICE HOURS

10am-1pm/2pm-6pm

Christmas Gifts

now in

Come and visit. Choose a nice gift for a friend or loved one. You are most welcome to come and browse.



**DEADLINE FOR NOTICES IN
NEWSLETTER IS 6PM WEDNES-
DAY. MASSES SHOULD BE BOOKED
WELL IN ADVANCE.**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday after 10am Mass until
6pm. Saturday after 10am Mass
until 2pm. All are welcome.

THE HOLY ROSARY

Each day after 10am Mass
in the Prayer Room. All welcome

Global Catholic
Network

www.ewtn.com



WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

<http://www.catholicbishops.ie/advent-calendar/>

CONFESSIONS: Friday & Saturday after 10am Mass and on Saturday at 6:30pm.

VISITATION OF THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND: We are anxious to visit those who cannot celebrate Mass with us due to illness, handicap or age. Arrangements to receive the sacraments at home can be made by calling the parish office. Kindly notify us of any parishioners who are housebound or hospitalised so they can be visited.

HOUSE VISITATION/HOUSE BLESSING: please contact the Parish Office 0539235777.

CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

WEEKENDS: Vigil Saturday 7pm

Sunday — 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm

WEEKDAYS: 10am daily
(including Bank Holidays)

SUPPORTING THE PARISH

Envelopes: If you would like to register as a friend of St Aidan's, and support the weekly Envelope Collection, please call to the Parish Office for details or tele phone 053 92 35777. Thank You.

MASS TIMES AT ST. JOHN'S

Tuesday & Friday: 11.30am St. John's Hospital Chapel.

Thursday: 2pm in the Oratory New Hosp.

Sunday: 11.15am in the Chapel.

NOTE: Booking Masses may **ONLY** be done by contacting **Fr. P. Sinnott in St John's.**

LIGHTING CANDLES

People are asked to only use the candles provided on the shrines as all other candles will be removed and to please use caution.

CONSERVE HEAT Please close doors entering/leaving Cathedral.