



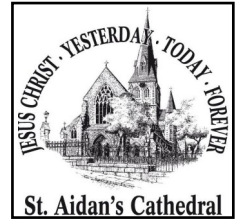
# ST AIDAN'S PARISH

Enniscorthy, Diocese of Ferns

## NEWSLETTER

31st December 2017

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



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### MASS TIMES JANUARY

From Mon 1st January -

**Mass daily at 10am.**

**The church will close at 4pm up to and including 1st January except for funerals.**

**Adoration:** Returns Thursday 4th January, and continues on Friday 5th & Saturday 6th as usual.

**Parish office & shop:** Re-opens Tuesday 2nd January at 10am.

**Emergency Only Telephone No:** Priest on Duty 0872710478.

**Parish Calendar:** Don't forget to get your copy of the Parish Calendar and bring one to a family member, neighbour or friend who may not be able to get one.

### WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES AUG 2018

#### *Reflection:*

God came into the world in a family. And he could do this because that family was a family with a heart open to love, a family whose doors were open. We can think of Mary, a young woman, She couldn't believe it. "How can this be?" But once it was explained to her, she obeyed.

We think of Joseph, full of dreams for making a home; then along comes this surprise which he doesn't understand. He accepts; he obeys.

And in the loving obedience of this woman, Mary, and this man Joseph, we have a family into which God comes.

**Pope Francis: Philadelphia, Sept. 2015.**

Most people these days keep their front door locked. But if they are having a party, they will often unlock it so that it's easier for friends to come in, even if they still plan to answer the door. When a door is locked, it takes time to unlock it.

The same is true of our hearts as well. If we get used to keeping them locked it takes more time to open them, which means that love moves more slowly. We lock our hearts for the same reason we lock our doors—we're afraid of bad people getting in.

But God wants us to open our hearts to him. He asks us to welcome the stranger, the difficult neighbour, the new child, the handicapped child, someone else's child.....the presence of a person we didn't expect. They are his way of bringing his mysterious new life into the world, just as in Nazareth more than 2,000 years ago.

*. This is brought to you by the Diocesan Pastoral Council.*

#### **PETITION BOX**

The parish's petition box is placed at the back of the church. You may write a petition for your family and place it in the box. They will be prayed for by religious communities across Ireland and brought to the final Mass of World Meeting of Families in August 2018.



### *New Year's Message 2018*

Many people can remember vividly the great excitement that existed in our country prior to the visit of Pope John Paul II in 1979. No doubt many of you travelled to Dublin, Limerick or Galway to be present at some of the masses and gatherings. I'm sure that you still remember the great feeling of joy and of closeness to The Holy Father during that visit. It was a time of great happiness and blessing and it enriched the lives of so many people.

Ireland as a nation has changed greatly since then. We are now preparing to welcome Pope Francis on his official visit later this year for The World Meeting of Families. Many feel that this visit will be very different. It may well be. It may be different because of the attitudes of many towards the church and its message. It may be different because of the fewer numbers of people who practice their faith regularly. It may be different simply because the face of society has changed so much.

However, what will not be different is the excitement that will be felt by those to whom this visit is important and significant. What will not be different is the joy that will be experienced by many and the closeness we will feel to The Holy Father. It can and will be a time of great happiness and blessing for many of us and our lives will be enriched once again. Let us look forward to this Papal visit with renewed enthusiasm and fervor. Let us remember over the coming months to pray regularly the Official Family Prayer for this event:

#### **God, our Father,**

We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,  
One family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind,  
gentle and generous,  
welcoming to those in need.

Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,

Especially those for whom we now pray:

[We pause and remember family members and others by name].

Increase our faith,

Strengthen our hope,

Keep us safe in your love,

Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen

*Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.*

*Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.*

*Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.*

*Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.*

Together with Fr Billy and our entire parish team I wish you a blessed and peaceful New Year.

Fr Odhrán



### **THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY**

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

### **ST. PATRICK'S PENNY BANK**

THE PENNY BANK RETURNS ON FRIDAY

5TH JANUARY AT 7.30PM

(TO 9PM) IN THE I.F.A. CENTRE.

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME.

### **CHURCH GATE COLLECTION**

CWCW will hold a Church Gate Collection on Sat 30th & Sun 31st December in aid of St Anthony's Pre-School for children with special needs. Your generosity would be welcome.

### **FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Saturday 6th January**

Mass on Friday at 7pm. Saturday at 10am & 1.05pm.

### **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

St. Aidan's Parish will make a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from **17th to 25th October 2018.**

Places still available.

Contact O'Leary Travel,

Main Street,

Enniscorthy.

Telephone 0539233178

**COFFEE MORNING FOR FR. LEO STAPLES  
WORK IN KENYA—IN ST. AIDAN'S**

Coffee Morning hosted by the parishioners of St. Aidan's Parish on **Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> January after 10am Mass in the Manse.** The fundraiser is to help build two additional classrooms in the BobLeo Disabled Children's School in Kenya established over ten years ago by Fr Leo Staples, brother of the late Fr. Bob Staples and Fr Frank Staples both of whom served in Enniscorthy. Fr Leo is over 90 years of age and has served as a Kiltegan Father for over 60 years. Eugene Doyle will visit Fr Leo and see the work on the school first hand in the New Year. The entire proceeds of the coffee morning will go directly to the school via St. Patricks Mission Society and will make a big difference to the children who attend the school. Please support.

**BIG PARTY ROCKABILLY BAND LAUNCH  
FUNDRAISER FOR MRI SCANNER**

Stephen Murphy will launch his new band 'Big Party Rockabilly Band' at a Fundraiser in the IFA Centre, Mill Park Road on **Thursday 4th January 2018 at 9pm.** Proceeds will go to towards an MRI Scanner at Wexford General Hospital.

**CODING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS  
IN ENNISCORTHY LIBRARY  
Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Parents often feel at a disadvantage when it comes to the modern technologies their children are using on a daily basis. Enniscorthy library will provide an information workshop in this area. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Phone (053)9236055.

**MABS CONTACT DETAILS**

The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through times of financial hardship and providing the support when needed. **MABS office** in County Wexford are at 98/100 South Main Street, Stonebridge, Wexford. Tel: 0761 072780. Fax: 053 9121 537, Text for callback: 086 4535484 (leave name and number for call back), Email: [wexford@mabs.ie](mailto:wexford@mabs.ie). Opening Hours: Monday - Friday, 9am-12.45pm and 1.45pm-5pm, Wheelchair Accessible.

**CARD PAYMENTS**

The parish office is now accepting Debit & Credit Card payments for all transactions.

**VOLUNTEER IN YOUR PARISH**

The parish needs volunteers!!! we are seeking committed people in the following areas: **CHURCH CLEANERS:** Able-bodied women/men who are willing to give 1 hour, once a month to help maintain the high standard in the Cathedral. Volunteers are needed for Friday 6pm to 7pm, and Saturday morning after 10am Mass. **BASKET COLLECTOR:** A basket collector is required for the 9.30am & 11am Sunday Mass (Every week). **EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:** Ministers of the Eucharist are needed at several Masses. **If you can help with any of the above, please contact the Parish Office. To volunteer for any of the above please contact the Parish Office . Call in/telephone 053 9235777.**

**DRIVERS—PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CHURCH GATEWAY AT ANY TIME. EMERGENCY/DELIVERY ACCESS ALWAYS REQUIRED.**

**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.  
**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** 053 9235777.  
**FAX NO:** 053 9237700.  
**PRIEST ON DUTY Emergency Mobile Number:**  
087 2710478 **EMAIL:** [saintaidans@eircom.net](mailto:saintaidans@eircom.net)

**SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES**

Ms. Dervla Tierney/Ms. Stephanie McKenna  
Tel: 087 365 1109

**PLEASE TAKE THE NEWSLETTER HOME  
WITH YOU OR TO A NEIGHBOUR/  
RELATIVE**

**MASSES INTENTIONS THE COMING WEEK**

(MONDAY 1ST JANUARY TO SUNDAY)

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>10am-</b>	Rosie & Andy O'Leary & Caroline Blackburn <b>All Anniv</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>10am-</b>	The People's Intentions & Deceased Benefactors of the Cathedral, Johnnie McQuillan <b>RD, Patrick Mahon Anniv</b>
<b>WED'DAY</b>	<b>10am-</b>	Ger Morrissey <b>RD, Sean Chapman RD</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>10am-</b>	Mary Duggan <b>Anniv</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>10am-</b>	Ger Morrissey <b>RD</b>
<b>Vigil to Holy Day</b>	<b>7pm</b>	John Martin, Joseph Browne, Joseph & Bridget Bergin <b>All Anniv</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>10am— 1.05pm</b>	Liam Browne, Jack McKeown <b>Both Anniv</b> Nicholas Roche <b>RD</b>
<b>VIGIL</b>	<b>7pm-</b>	Ger Morrissey <b>Months Mind</b> , Elizabeth Booth, Charlie Kearney, Edward Dagg, James Kirwan <b>All Anniv</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30am— 11am- 12.30pm—</b>	Michael Cowens, Anna Flynn-Murphy, Michael Larkin <b>All Anniv</b> Vincent Heffernan, Marie Barry & Her daughter Mary Barry, Ellis & John Ryan, Jim Quirke <b>All Anniv</b> , Sam Walsh, Andy Murphy, Ann Norbury <b>Rem</b> Christopher Butler <b>Months Mind</b> Sean Franklin, Philip Moorehouse, Johanna Peare <b>All Anniv</b>

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Aidan Ogie Nolan  
Lily Murphy  
Sean Chapman

*May they rest in peace*

**WEEKLY ENVELOPE**

(White)

Minimum weekly running cost of parish is €2500:

24th December 2017= €1755  
Thank you for your contribution

**PARISH READERS**

You may collect your Missal for 2018 (Year B) at the parish office.

**READERS FOR NEXT  
WEEKEND—JANUARY**

7pm— Tommy Millar  
11am— Catherine Hurley  
12.30pm— Tommy Millar

**PARISH OFFICE & SHOP**

Open during office hours  
Mon-Fri 10am /1pm 2pm-6pm  
All welcome

**EUCARISTIC ADORATION**

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

**HOLY HOUR** Every Thursday 10.30am-11.30am on the main Altar, to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.

**All welcome.**

**ST. MARY'S CEMETERY**

CARETAKING QUERIES TO ANDREW THORPE, ASS'T CARETAKER ON 085-7886693.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

LOCAL CONFIDENTIAL CONTACT LINE 087 1413153.

**THE HOLY ROSARY**

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

Global Catholic Network  
[www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)



**WEBSITE OF THE WEEK**

[www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie)

**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)

**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.

**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.

**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.