



ST AIDAN'S PARISH

Enniscorthy, Diocese of Ferns

NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4TH DECEMBER 2016



St. Aidan's Cathedral

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PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

On Sale at the Parish Office and after all Masses the Sacristy. Pack of 12 for €5. Proceeds will go to the Organ Fund. Your support is welcome.

VISITATION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fr Odhrán will visit his area on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December.

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

Sunday Missal for 2017 (year A) available at 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 December 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 **Rebel Poetry** - Helen Ashdown is compiling a book of unpublished poems by Irish Volunteers, members of Cumann na mBan and County Wexford people in general between 1916 and 1923.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.

The Perfect Christmas Gift..

The Three Tenors

With Guests: CBS Primary School Choir & Enniscorthy Choral Society **Re-scheduled to: Friday 3rd March @ 8pm, Rowe Street Church**

Tickets €25 from The Book Centre (9123543) & The Parish Office (9122055)

YOUTH 2000 PRAYER GROUP

We meet every Friday evening from 7.30pm-8.30pm in the Friary, Wexford. All people aged 16-35 welcome. www.youth2000.ie or [facebook Youth2000Ireland](https://www.facebook.com/Youth2000Ireland)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

3rd & 4th December

Please support generously

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday 8th December is the feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass time are: Vigil Wednesday 7pm. Thursday 10am and 1.05pm.

PARISH ACCOUNTS FOR 2015

This weekend we present our Income and Expenditure accounts for 2015. We invite you to take a copy (from the porch) with you for your perusal.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Gaelscoil, Drumgoold, Enniscorthy

The 4th annual bazaar will be held this Sunday 4th December from 12noon to 4.30pm at the Gaelscoil Enniscorthy, Drumgoold. Stalls selling arts and crafts, a bake sale, bottle stall, raffle and auction on the day. Santa Claus will be there along with Mrs. Claus, bouncy castles, face painting, games and a photo booth! Blossom Bakes along with 'The Cookshop' are offering a Cupcake Workshop on the day. This will be a fun class where kids will be taught how to decorate a Christmas themed cupcake. They will learn how to pipe buttercream, make their own decoration with sugar paste and be as creative as they wish. The cost of the workshop is €3 and they will take home their own cupcake in a pod decorated by themselves. There's something for all the family at our Christmas Bazaar and you can even buy your Christmas tree on the day! **Admission is free and only €3 to visit Santa Claus including a gift for every child!**

BENEATH MY ANGELS WINGS

Thanks to all who made our annual Service of Remembrance held in St. Aidan's Cathedral recently, for families who have lost children, such a memorable occasion. Our ceremony was offered by Fr. Odhrán Furlong, Rev. Nicola Halford and Fr. Paddy Banville. Guest speaker on the night was Jakes Legacy of Kilkenny. Music was by St. Senan's Choir and Ms. Maureen Walsh. A candle light ceremony was held and our Christmas tree decorated with butterflies and angels was designed by Judy Heffernan and students of Gaelscoil, Drumgoold which was entered in the Christmas Tree festival in St. Mary's Church. Special thanks to all volunteers who made the ceremony a great success with readings prayers and gifts. A special thanks to the people of Enniscorthy who continue to support all our efforts and make the dream a reality. Looking forward to planning our ceremony in 2017.

The 44th Annual Eucharistic All-Night Vigil at Knock will take place on Wednesday 7th December. Contact 094 93 88100 for details on buses etc.

"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"

Reducing water consumption

Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter, *Laudato Si'*, addresses "every person living on this planet" to *Care for Our Common Home, Earth*. "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience. We must examine our lives and acknowledge the ways in which we have harmed God's creation through our actions and failure to act." Pope Francis calls on us to reduce our water consumption through "little daily actions." Fresh water is indispensable for life, yet the poor in many parts of the world lack access to drinking water and those in wealthier countries are in the habit of wasting it. A lot of the tips below are well known but remember when you act on any of them you are following Pope Francis' call to an "ecological conversion" whereby the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our relationship with the world around us. What will your actions be? (1) Turn off the tap when soaping your hands, brushing your teeth or shaving. (2) Wash vegetables in a basin or plugged sink rather than under a running tap. (3) Harvest rain water and use it for watering plants instead of drinking water. (4) Winter-proof tanks and water pipes to prevent cracking in freezing weather. (5) Fix leaks and dripping taps. (6) Only flush the toilet when you have to and don't use the toilet as a litter bin. See www.livegreen.ie for more water conservation tips.

Enniscorthy Monart Union CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

In the Church Institute, Church Street, Enniscorthy
**SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER
11AM TO 3PM**

Bottle Stall, Country Produce, Bric-a-Brac, Books & Toys, Cake Stall, Lucky Dip Envelope, Raffle for Christmas Cake and Christmas Hamper. Butter making demonstration and display.

**Refreshments served
Lots of fun for all the family**

CHRISTMAS YOUTH RETREAT

Youth 2000 invites all young adults between 16-35 to a Catholic weekend retreat taking place from 16th-18th December at Newbridge College, Co Kildare. This will be an exciting weekend attracting over 600 young people from all over Ireland. Expect good fun, excellent speakers, inspiring talks and workshops, prayer, live music, activities, Mass, Adoration, Healing Service, games, Chill out time and meet new people. **Parental consent for under 18s. Meals & accommodation provided. Bring a donation and a sleeping bag. Newcomers welcome. Free busses. BOOKING ESSENTIAL.** www.youth2000.ie or [facebook Youth2000Ireland](https://www.facebook.com/Youth2000Ireland), tel: 016753690

MEANSKOIL GHARMAN, BROWNSWOOD will hold a Church Gate collection next weekend 10/11 December in aid of the Street Children of Bucharest. All support welcome.

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.

St. PATRICK'S Penny Bank

Pay out night is **Thursday 8th of December** at the I.F.A. Centre 7.30- 9pm. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our customers for their support during the year and wish them a Happy Christmas and New Year. **Date for your Diary:** St. Patrick's Penny Bank will re-open on Friday 6th Of January 2017 at I.F.A. Centre between 7.30-9pm.

COMHALTAS CEOLTOIRÍ ÉIREANN-AGM

Enniscorthy Branch are holding their AGM in Bellefield GAA Complex on **Thursday 8th December** at 9pm. All are welcome. Enquiries to 087-2840259.

CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE

Whist in aid of St. Anthony's Unit, Enniscorthy Community Workshop on **Sunday 11th December** at 2.30pm, in Salt n' Pepper Restaurant, Enniscorthy Community Workshop. Various Prizes. Admission €5 (inc Tea). All Welcome.

ENNISCORTHY RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

Monthly meeting **Tuesday 6th December** in the Riverside Park Hotel at 2.30 pm. The Christmas Lunch and Dance is on **Monday 12th December** in The Riverside Park Hotel at 1pm, tickets are available at the meeting. The Monthly Table Quiz is in Loreto Village on **Wednesday 9th December**. ON-GOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES. MONDAY. Line Dancing at 11am and Indoor Bowls at 1pm. Both in the Astro Active Centre. WEDNESDAY Walk from The Riverside Park Hotel at 11am. THURSDAY. Ramblers Walking Club meet in Lidl car park at 9.30am. Scrabble at 10am, also Crafts at 2pm.both in the Astro Active Centre. Wishing all our members a very Happy Christmas.

APPRECIATION NOTE

The Delightful Dollies women's community group would like to thank all those who kindly contributed, supported, and were involved with their craft event held on Wednesday November 23rd. Special thanks to Rapparees/Starglights G.A.A. Club, local media, newspapers, parish newsletters and general public. Thank you all for supporting our local event.

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

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

MASSSES THIS WEEK - ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCE FROM MONDAY 5TH TO SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER

MONDAY 10am— Brid & Michael Martin (**Anniv**), Special Intention, Intention for person having surgery.

TUESDAY 10am— The Peoples Intentions.

WED'DAY 10am— Mary Miller (**Anniv**)
7pm Vigil— Donal Minnock (**RD**)

THURSDAY 10am— Martin Dwyer (**RD**)
1.05pm— Mai Murray (**Anniv**)

FRIDAY 10am— Bridgie & Jimmy Quigley (**Anniv**), Edward, Margaret & Mary Warren (**Anniv & Rem**)

SATURDAY 10am— Kitty Somers (**1st Anniv**)

7pm— Marjorie Kinsella **Months Mind**, Johanna, William & Cathy Dagg (**All Anniv**), Paddy & Tom Dagg (**Rem**), John Daly, Sean McCrea, John & Kathleen Byrne, Lorraine Hunt & Pat Murphy, Ann Carroll, Lila Tobin (**All Anniv**), Michael & Bridie Doyle & Dec'd Family, Larry & Matthew Butler & Deceased Family (**Rem**)

SUNDAY 9.30am— Martin Vaughan **Anniv**

11am— James, Margo, Jim & Tim Cullen, John & Josephine Carty & Deceased Family (**All Rem**), Josie & Michael Bolger, Maura Emptage & Lil Kenny, George Sonnie Mulally (**All Anniv**)

12.30pm— Amanda McGrath, Teddy O'Connor, Joe & Nellie Donohoe, Dannie & Thomas Murphy, Elizabeth, Philip, Ger & John O'Connor, Betty Ennis, Mai Doyle & her husband Aidan Doyle (rem) **All Anniv**

RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael Mick O'Grady

Donal Minnock

Joan Shanks

May they Rest in Peace

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

7pm - Liam O'Leary

11am - Maria Clifford

12.30pm- Theresa Casey

WE ARE LIVE!

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

WEEKLY ENVELOPE (White)

Minimum weekly running cost of
parish is €2500:

27th November= €1980 *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.**

PARISH SHOP:

Located in the Presbytery

OPEN DURING OFFICE HOURS

10am-1pm/2pm-6pm

Christmas Gifts

You are welcome to come and browse.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

HOLY HOUR

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

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.