



# ST AIDAN'S PARISH

Enniscorthy, Diocese of Ferns

## NEWSLETTER

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2017



St. Aidan's Cathedral

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

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### ENNISCORTHY RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

AGM Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February in the Bellefield GAA Complex 2.30pm. Membership renewals taken up. New members welcome [over 55 years and retired]. The Monthly Table Quiz Loreto Village Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm. ON-GOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES. MON: Line Dancing 11am, Indoor Bowls 1pm both in the Astro Active Centre. WED: Walk from the Riverside Park Hotel 11am. THURS: Ramblers Walking Club meet in Lidl car park 9.30am. Scrabble 10am, Crafts 2pm both in the Astro Active Centre.

### ENNISCORTHY LIBRARY

**Smartphone Workshop:** Finding Smartphones a challenge? Learn the basics in a workshop in Enniscorthy Library. Given by Mike Quinn, the workshop will cover how to change settings on your phone, use Wi-Fi, download apps, send emails, use sat nav. They really are easy to use! **Thursday, February 9th at 7pm** Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. **STORY TIME FOR KIDS:** under 8 will be held every Tuesday in February at 3.30pm. A Saturday story time will take place on February 18th at 12 pm. **Every Tuesday at 3.30 pm & Saturday, February 18th at 12pm. Admission is free.** If you require additional support to fully participate please contact the librarian on 0539236055

### CO. WEXFORD COMMUNITY

**WORKSHOP (ENNISCORTHY) LTD. Community Employment (CE) Scheme** Participant Vacancies for a care assistant in its Training Unit working with young adults and a Sports & Leisure Attendant in the Astro Active Centre. Application forms can be collected from reception at CWCW (E) in Bellefield and Kilcannon Garden Centre on the Old Dublin Road or by registering your interest with The Dept. of Social Protection, Bridge Point, Enniscorthy. Closing date for applications is 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Informal enquiries may be made to Rita Walsh, CE Scheme Supervisor on 053 9235514. Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to those who are 25 years of age (21 for Healthcare & Childcare) or over and in receipt of an Irish social welfare payment for 1 year or more.

### WEXFORD MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Church Gate collection this weekend 4th and 5th February. Please support as generously as you can.

### ST. ANTHONY'S WHIST DRIVE

Friday 10th February (2nd Friday) at 8pm in CWCW Bellefield. Adm. €5, Top Score €40, Tea served. All are welcome.

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA OCTOBER 2017

After the success of our previous pilgrimages to San Giovanni Rotondo, Rome/Assisi and Krakow, we are delighted to announce that the parish pilgrimage this year will depart for Fatima, Portugal on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October returning on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>. This will be a special year for all pilgrims travelling to Fatima as it is the centenary year of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima from 13<sup>th</sup> May to 13<sup>th</sup> October 1917. The pilgrimage will also include a visit to Lisbon and the birthplace of St Anthony of Padua. The pilgrimage is run with the help of O'Leary Travel. Group Leader is Patricia McNally and Spiritual Director is Fr. Billy. To book your place, contact O'Leary Travel, Market Square, Enniscorthy on 053-9233178. Early booking advisable as places are limited.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

Here are the main points from the last Parish Pastoral Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January. **1.** Pupils of St. Aidan's primary school celebrated the Feast-day of St. Aidan on 30th Jan with a 'No Homework' Day and postcards of St Aidan were distributed to pupils for them to post off to family members. **2.** New Guidelines regarding the use of the Cathedral for non-liturgical purposes have been put in place and will soon appear on the parish website. **3.** Plans for Catholic Schools Week were discussed and put in place. This will take place from 29<sup>th</sup> Jan-4<sup>th</sup> Feb. The theme this year will be 'Learning with Pope Francis to care for our common home'. **4.** A Sub-Committee was formed to plan the upcoming Lenten talks. Details will be announced shortly. **5.** Please place any suggestions/comments you make wish to make into the suggestion box at the back of church. All replies to suggestions will now appear in Newsletter. **6.** Recent suggestions received included: 'Having hymn sheets or hymn books available to allow everyone to join in singing at liturgies'. This point will be raised at the annual meeting of parish choirs in September. Second, 'Regarding the distribution of Holy Communion, that an alternative system be put in place to avoid people coming up and going down meeting at the same time in the side aisles'. The Council recalled that alternative arrangements have been tried in the past to avoid this but with the creation of further problems. The patience and courtesy of all is requested in dealing with congestion at the side aisles during communion at Mass.

### PARISH SOCIAL EVENING

There will be a parish social evening at the Riverside Park Hotel **on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.** This will be an opportunity to gather as a parish community and celebrate all the good being done in our parish week in week out. All are welcome.

### PARISH SILVER CIRCLE

The first Draw of the Annual Parish Silver Circle will take place on **Sunday 5th March.** Promoters will receive their cards this week. We invite you to support the silver circle if possible, when approached by a promoter. There are **6 weekly draws for €10 with €500 in prizes each week.** We invite you to consider becoming a New Promoters, you would be most welcome.

### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Meeting on Wednesday 8th February in the Manse at 7.30pm. All members encouraged to attend.

### BOOK LAUNCH

**RECORDS and REVOLUTION**  
**Christopher Power : Available from February 9th : Launching Gorey Library Thursday February 9 at 7.30 ALL ARE WELCOME**

According to some authorities there is no such definition as 'local history' as all actions have a knock-on affect far beyond their points of origin. Nothing demonstrates this truisim better than in Wexford historian Christopher Power's new publication *Records and Revolution* launching in Gorey Library on Thursday February 9th. In a beautiful full colour publication Christopher Power examines the often quirky aspects of local historical events involving soldiers, clerics and civilian personalities. From Wexford to Santiago de Compostello in Spain, from Ferns to Nantes in France, significant events are unravelled and explored. These include Fr Ned Redmond the Wexford priest who saved Napoleon's life, and mention Fr John Murphy of '98 fame who was a student priest in Spain as well as the strange career of Bishop Nicholas French.

### GAELSCOIL INIS CÓRTHAIDH

AND NAÍONRA RÉALTAÍ GEALA  
(IRISH-MEDIUM PLAYSCHOOL)

**Oíche Oscailte (Open Night) Thursday February 9th from 7pm-8.30pm**

The school is in Drumgoold, Enniscorthy. Parents/guardians interested in sending their children to the school are welcome to attend. A limited number of places are still available for Sept. '17. Closing date for enrolment forms is Friday April 7th. Enquiries can be made to the school secretary by phone 053-9237422 or e-mail [gaelscoilinis@gmail.com](mailto:gaelscoilinis@gmail.com). **BíGí Linn!**

### The People's College Courses Spring 2017

These are our proposed courses beginning 13<sup>th</sup> February. Creative Writing, Sign Language Level 1&2, Art Watercolour/Acrylic, Computers Level 1&2, Conversational Irish, Basic Spanish, Genealogy & Family History, Introduction to Psychology, Stained Glass (Beginners), Flower Arranging, Stained Glass Design (Intermediate), Yoga. Final date for enrolment Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. For further information & brochure, please contact Wexford Council of Trade Unions, O'Leary Road, Coolcotts, Wexford, Telephone 053 9146774 email [wexcountu@gmail.com](mailto:wexcountu@gmail.com)

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The local branch are appealing for a double bed and small wardrobe in good condition. If you can help please ring 053-9233746 or 087 1413153



## FAMILY HISTORY COURSES

Starting Tuesday 7th February at 7pm in Bellefield GAA Complex. Contact John Nangle 086-3958655.

## WEEKEND RETREAT

### AT BALLYVALOO RETREAT CENTRE

Facilitated by Seamus Whitney - this Self Awareness Retreat offers you the chance to take some time out from the frantic world we are living in today. Saturday/Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> 2017 9.30am-5pm. Cost - €120, Bookings/further details please contact Brid on 087 6763731. Places Limited so early booking advisable.

## CREATIVE WRITING MORNING

### IN ENNISCORTHY

Are you interested in developing your creative potential in a relaxed, supportive writing workshop? This introductory taster morning will allow you to explore writing in a convivial, encouraging environment with like-minded fellow travellers. No formal writing experience is assumed. Find out how to build up ideas through observation and memory, how to access your own stories and recollections and write about them in an engaging and vivid way. Discover how an advertisement in a shop window, for example, can become a darkly humorous piece of writing or how a recipe became a poem. The morning is facilitated by Wexford writer, Margaret Galvin, MA at The Little Way Wellness Centre, 54 Weaver Street, Enniscorthy on Saturday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 1pm. Numbers are limited, pre-booking is essential. Cost: €25. Further information and booking with Mgt. Galvin at 053 9121924 or galvinmargaret88@gmail.com.

## HILLBROOK LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Table quiz in the IFA Centre Enniscorthy on Friday the 10th February at 8pm. Teams of 4 cost €40 and there will be lots of spot prizes on the night. Please support.

## GROW:

Meeting: **Monday @ 7.30pm, The Presentation Centre, Nunery Rd, Enniscorthy.** GROW is a Mental Health Organization which helps people who have suffered, or are suffering, from mental health problems. Weekly meetings last about two hours, they are small group which provide mutual support to each other and undertake certain tasks to encourage a healthy pattern of thinking and behavior. No introductions are needed, just come along. No referrals necessary. All meetings are anonymous, confidential and free of charge.



## Recently Deceased

Dick McCann  
May they rest in peace

**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)



Turn off  
mobile phones

## 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

## SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

Ms Una Murphy & Ms Dervla Tierney  
Tel: 087 3162395

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WITH YOU OR TO A NEIGHBOUR/  
RELATIVE

## MASSES THIS WEEK

### ANNIVERSARIES/REMEMBRANCE/INTENTIONS FROM MONDAY 6TH TO SUNDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>10am—</b>	Mag O'Shea <b>RD</b> , Gerald Morrin <b>Anniv</b> , Codd Family Deceased <b>Rem</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>10am—</b>	The Peoples Intentions & Dec'd Benefactors of the Cathedral, Get Well Frank Foley Noel Mathews, Oliver Kavanagh <b>Anniv</b> P.J Mahon <b>RD</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10am—</b>	Paddy Nolan <b>Anniv</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>10am—</b>	Maurice Boyle <b>RD</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>10am—</b>	Anthony O'Rourke, Mary Doyle, Paddy Redmond, Bill Wildes <b>All Anniv</b> , Elizabeth Wildes & Aidan Kenny <b>Both Birthday Rem</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>10am— 7pm—</b>	Mary Walsh <b>Months Mind</b> Sharon Philipin <b>RD</b>
<b>SUNDAY—</b>	<b>9.30am—  11am—  12.30pm—</b>	Watty Kelly <b>Months Mind</b> , Sandy Mitchell, Dai Tobin, Annie & Michael Bolger, Anna Freeman, Olive Levingstone, Kathleen Murphy, Frances Byrne <b>All Anniv</b> John Moorehouse, John & Art Murphy, Sarah Sinnott <b>All Anniv</b>

We will refrain from offering the Sign of Peace (shaking hands) at Masses until the Flu outbreak is over. Thank you for your co-operation.

## READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND FIRST WEEKEND IN FEBRUARY

7pm - Liam O'Leary  
11am— Maria Clifford  
12.30pm - Theresa Casey

## PARISH OFFICE/SHOP

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

## WE ARE LIVE!

Watch Mass & Services Live on your computer, tablet or phone  
by going to

<http://www.churchservices.tv/enniscorthycathedral>

## WEEKLY ENVELOPE

### (White)

Minimum weekly running cost  
of parish is €2500:

29th January 2017= €2318

Thank you for your contribution

## ST. MARY'S CEMETERY

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

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

## 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**

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Network

[www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)



## WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

<http://www.bothlivesmatter.org>

**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.

## 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.

## 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.