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PASTORAL AREA

St. Aidan's/St. Senan's  
Marshallstown/Castledockrell

## MASS TIMES

### Monday to Saturday

10am St. Aidan's  
7pm St. Senan's  
9.30am Marshallstown  
9.30am Castledockrell  
followed by adoration until 11am

### Weekend

Saturday 6pm St. Aidan's  
7pm St. Senan's  
7.30pm Marshallstown  
Sunday 9.30am Castledockrell  
10am St. Aidan's  
11am St. Senan's  
12 noon St. Aidan's

## FIRST FRIDAY CALLS

Fr. Billy will visit the sick of his area on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th of February.

## FAMILY MASS

(THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH)

The next family Mass is on

15th March at 10am

All are welcome and encouraged to attend

## ANNUAL TRÓCAIRE

### LECTURE

You are invited to attend the lecture at St. Patrick's College Maynooth "Care for Creation Amidst the Cries of War - Working for Peace in the Earth Community" Keynote speaker: Dr. Hugo Slim, Director of the Las Casas Institute for Social Justice at Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford. The event will take place in Renehan Hall at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, on Tuesday, the 3rd of March 2026, at 7 p.m. It will also be live-streamed for those who cannot attend in person. **Registration for this free event is required.**

Please register:

(i) to attend in person at this link: <https://forms.gle/Qch3ftZGz5728RDq7>

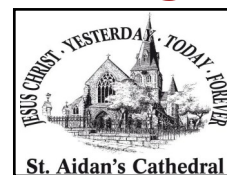
(ii) to attend online at this link: [https://trocaire-org.zoom.us/join/register/WN\\_5DMakWoeRNgBw4J3KC6iUQ](https://trocaire-org.zoom.us/join/register/WN_5DMakWoeRNgBw4J3KC6iUQ) For further enquiries please contact [maria.murphy@trocaire.org](mailto:maria.murphy@trocaire.org)

# ST AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

ENNISCORTHY, DIOCESE OF FERNS

## NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2026  
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
(CYCLE A)



## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of St. Aidan's Parish, a caring community rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ and united around the table of the Eucharist, strive to reflect the love and mercy of God. We are committed to making our parish a place where each person feels welcomed accepted and valued.

ST. AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL HAS A LIVE WEBCAM STREAMING 24 HOURS A DAY. THE CAMERA IS FOCUSED ON THE ALTAR, SANCTUARY AND FRONT STEPS OF THE ALTAR. SUNDAY MASSES ARE RECORDED AND RETAINED ON CHURCH SERVICES TV WEBSITE FOR ONE MONTH. YOU CAN WATCH MASS & SERVICES LIVE FROM ST. AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL BY GOING TO <http://www.churchservices.tv/enniscorthycathedral>. Compliant with all GDPR requirements.

## THE SEASON OF LENT

### BEGINNING WITH

### ASH WEDNESDAY February 18th

The season of Lent is a Catholic liturgical season consisting of 40 days of fasting, prayer and penance beginning on Ash Wednesday. The official liturgical colour is violet. It is a sacred time in the Church to prepare our hearts for Easter. It is a season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and spiritual renewal, helping us reflect on Christ's sacrifice and grow closer to God. For Lent 2026, Pope Leo XIV focuses on prayer, penance, and reflection, with key intentions for February dedicated to children with incurable diseases.

### Mass times for the pastoral Area

### Ash Wednesday 18th February

Castledockrell 9:30am, St. Aidan's  
10am, St. Senan's 7pm  
Marshallstown 7:30pm.

Ashes will be distributed at all masses. Masses during Lent will be at normal Mass times.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT

Every Friday during Lent after the 10am Mass in the Cathedral. All are welcome.

## PLEDGE FOR LENT

Parishioners who wish to take a short-term pledge for Lent are invited to visit [www.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie) or to speak to a Pioneer in the parish.

## TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN

The overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. Trócaire boxes are available in the Church. We encourage everyone to take a box home with them and support the less fortunate during Lent. There is a special green envelope in your envelope boxes also if you wish to donate that way. You may also make a donation at the Parish Office at 1 Irish Street. Your support is needed now more than ever. Thank you.

Visit [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

## IN REMEMBRANCE

We are all saddened to hear of the passing of Fr. Odhrán, former Administrator of the Cathedral. We think of his beloved Parents & Sisters, and his large extended family and his many friends at this very sad time. *May he rest in eternal peace.*



## TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

### DAY OF PRAYER 15TH FEBRUARY

A day which offers us an opportunity to reflect on our relationship with alcohol and a day on which we can take time to pray for those who suffer from addiction. The Apostle of Temperance Father Mathew (1790-1856) was a Capuchin friar from Tipperary whose 19th Century crusade against the abuse of alcohol gained him the title of "Apostle of Temperance". Father Mathew's call to sobriety has relevance to modern Ireland. The cost to the nation by way of, human suffering, abstinence from work, criminality and social upheaval is inestimable.

**Prayer:** Compassionate Lord and Saviour, you inspired the Capuchin Friar Theobald Mathew to show your compassionate face to those addicted and burdened by the abuse of alcohol or addicted behaviour, and to promote temperance. May we today, continue to serve our brothers and sisters with love and joy, and to foster balance, and moderation in our life styles with the help of God. So, we pray, "here goes in the name of God." Amen

## THE HOOK OF FAITH

The Sunday before Lent is known as 'Temperance Sunday'. In the light of God's Word for this Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, we explore the meaning of temperance, its value and the dangers of excess. The First Friday of Lent is dedicated annually as a 'Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse'. We have resources and reflections to mark this important day of atonement and healing. We have the last episode of the series 'The Desert Fathers in a Year' and a look back on 'World Day of the Sick' with Bishop Michael Ruter. At a time when the topic of mental health is discussed, a video interview clarifies a Catholic understanding of how we can become and stay mentally healthy. Another video reflects on the enduring value of Catholic Education and new research into the plight of loneliness in the UK. Finally, a new resource is now available from the Irish Bishops based on the document 'Baptised and Sent' which invites all of us to live our baptismal call more deeply this Lent and as we prepare for Easter.

## Annual Fundraiser -St. Aidan's Parish

### SILVER CIRCLE

SIX WEEKLY DRAWS - once off payment of €10 covers all 6 draws)

FIRST DRAW—Next Sunday 22nd February (after 10am Mass in the

Sacristy— please come along) €500 in prize money each week.

First Prize €150 ..... Two prizes of €75 ..... Ten Prizes of €20

A huge thank you to all our Promoters and supporters. Lines are on sale again this weekend after the masses and from the Sacristy and from the Parish office at 1 Irish Street. If you're not in you can't win!



## POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For children with incurable diseases: Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

## DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, We trust in your loving kindness. Bless our Diocese of Ferns with many priestly religious vocations. Give the men and women You call the light to understand Your gift and the love to follow always in the footsteps of Your son. Amen.

## PARISH ENVELOPE COLLECTION (WHITE)

**Sunday 8th February –€1472**

We thank all our parishioners and donors for your continued and generous contributions during the past year.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Spend an hour with Jesus! New Adorers welcome**

Takes place every week on Thursday after mass for vocations until 11:30am. Friday after mass until 5pm and Saturday after mass until 11:30am.



## CONCERN COLLECTIONS & COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning on Friday 20th of February at The Presentation Centre from 10am to 1pm. All donations and support you can offer will be greatly appreciated. The Concern Street collection is taking place on Saturday 21st of February from 10am-12, 12-2pm and 2pm-4pm. Church Gate collections are Sat and Sun the 21st and 22nd February. Please support where you can.

## BLESSING OF OUR NEW ORGAN ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, GOREY

The Blessing of our new organ will take place on Sunday **15th February at 5pm**. It will be a special service of blessing and "Awakening" of the pipe organ. It will be the first time in 125 years that the pipe organ has been blessed in St. Michael's Church, Gorey. So we invite you to this unique service. The Organist for the service is Dr. David Adams.

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

With Fr. Mark Byrne SOLT, **FRANCISCAN FRIARY, WEXFORD TOWN, Sunday 22nd February—10am to 4pm—€20**. Day includes - Adoration/Confession/Talks/Holy Mass/Lunch **All Women Welcome!**

To book contact Keith 089-8899123

## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

Knock, Co. Mayo, 20 -22 March 2026. Supporting marriages at all stages. Online: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

## Please support 40 DAYS FOR LIFE Wed. 18th Feb. - Sun. 29th Mar.

A. With your prayers, adoration and fasting (fasting or some form of self-denial - one day per week for six weeks).  
B. By public witness by a peaceful prayer vigil with other supporters. Will you give one hour per week for six weeks and be a voice for the unborn? "40 Days for Life is a peaceful, prayerful campaign of compassion - uniting people of faith and goodwill to pray for an end to abortion and to offer hope and help to women in need." **BE PART OF THIS LIFE SAVING MOVEMENT CHANGING HEARTS - SAVING LIVES** Contact: [contactwexfordforlife@gmail.com](mailto:contactwexfordforlife@gmail.com) Organised by [wexfordforlife.ie](http://wexfordforlife.ie)

## Ecumenica Quiet Day

**Ballyvaloo Centre on Thursday 26 February, 11.15a.m. -4.00p.m.** Led by Michael Dillon, Centre's director. Theme "Embracing new beginnings and growth with ease in challenging times. Contribution payable on the day is €35 includes lunch & coffee on arrival. Text or ring Fr. James Murphy on 087 8152637 if you wish to attend.

## PURPLE DAY (OR EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY)

Takes place on Thursday 26th March. In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy. For further information, please visit [www.epilepsy.ie](http://www.epilepsy.ie). Please support the day.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK MONDAY TO SUNDAY

- MON 10am** Special Int, Ann Hickey **RD**
  - TUES 10am** Deceased Benefactors and People's intentions
  - WED 10am** Holy Souls
  - THURS 10am** Bernard Galligan **Anniv**
  - FRI 10am** John Tyrrell **RD**
  - SAT 10am** Patsy Carthy **Anniv**, Annie Dempsey, Noel Byrne **Both REM**, Joan Chapman **B'day Rem**, Special Int
  - SAT 6pm** Elsie Gordon **Months Mind**, Mary Kelly, Breda Windsor, Nora & Johnny Treacy, Donny Carroll, Aidan Og O'Leary, Kathleen & Willam Fitzgerald, David (Dot's) Redmond **All Annivs**
  - SUN 10am** Helen Hawkins **Months Mind**, John & Molly Britton, Patrick, Mary Rose & Parker Byrne, Mary O'Neill, Bill Nolan **All Annivs**
  - SUN 12pm** Ann Hickey **Months Mind**, Joe Kelly, Fiona Wallace Foley, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Ellen Walsh **All Anniv**
- Every Tuesday morning mass is offered for the deceased benefactors of the Cathedral and peoples Intentions only.
  - Please book well in advance. Mass bookings will be for the weeks following time of booking.
  - All masses are shared.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

**Fr Odhrán Furlong**, Co-PP, New Ross  
**Mary Walsh**, Askamore  
**John Tyrrell**, St. Aidan's Villas  
**Debbie Dodd, nee Millar** formerly 66 St. Aidan's Villas, died in Hereford, England  
**May they rest in peace**



## READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 22nd FEBRUARY



6pm — Annette Wall  
10am — Marjorie Mulligan  
12pm — Gloria Ennis

## WORLDPRIEST VIRTUAL ROSARY

An invitation to everyone to pray with Father Billy Swan on **26 February 2026 at 06:00 PM Rome**. Join Zoom Meeting [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85482725357?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85482725357?pwd=61vBil7F5pVHUsmITCzQOC9bU8G7GC.1)  
**pwd=61vBil7F5pVHUsmITCzQOC9bU8G7GC.1**  
**Meeting ID: 854 8272 5357 Passcode: 295599**  
This virtual Rosary Thursday will make use of Zoom technology. Zoom Room will open at 17.45 hours; the prayers begin at 18.00 hours concluding at 18.30 hours.

## FREE Climate Action Course for Over 55s.

**Delivered by:** Jacinta Barrins, a retired UN Diplomat and former University of Galway staff member with a lifelong career focused on the Environment and Climate Change. **Venue:** Enniscorthy Library. **Duration:** Six two-hour (10.30am - 12.30pm) weekly sessions commencing Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 and finishing **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.** (Note: there is a break of six weeks between Session 5 and Session 6 (the final session)). **lots of content included** in your One Action, and talk to family & friends about Climate Action. **Registration required:** please email [climateaction@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:climateaction@wexfordcoco.ie) **Light refreshments** (tea/coffee & biscuits) will be available.

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 16th-21st May 2026.

We are inviting applications for Assisted Pilgrims and Helpers to join us on this wonderful pilgrimage. Assisted pilgrims forms can be got from your parish priest. Please contact Will Neville, President of the Hospitalité on 086 889 1899 or Tricia Murphy, Pilgrimage Secretary on 086 323 4551 for more details for helpers or assisted pilgrims. (Booking link for general pilgrims. [Pilgrimages to Lourdes | Marian Pilgrimages | Ireland](http://Pilgrimages to Lourdes | Marian Pilgrimages | Ireland))

## MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2026

**20th to 27th May 2026—Dublin to Dobrovnic**  
**Spiritual Director Fr. Jim Finn—€875**

Fully Guided daily programme by Marian Pilgrimage Guides. Single room Supplement €170. Prices are P.P.S. Flights, Bus transfers, B&B & Dinner included. **Not Included** are Travel Insurance €35 up 79 years €70 for those over 80 For more information contact:  
Contact Ann Murphy 087 2254206.

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

**PARISH OFFICE AND SHOP** located in 1 Irish Street.  
**Open 10am-1pm—Monday to Friday. All are welcome.**

**Deadline for items for the newsletter including Anniversary Masses is Wednesday at 5pm**

**PLEASE TAKE A COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU OR ONE FOR A NEIGHBOUR, RELATIVE or FRIEND.**