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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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The first meeting after the Summer break will take place on Wednesday 17th September at 7.30pm at the Parish Office. All members are encouraged to attend.

JOIN THE JOURNEY: RCIA PROGRAMME IN THE DIOCESE OF FERNS

Are you curious about the Catholic faith? Interested in exploring what it means to be Catholic? Our Diocese hopes to offer the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those aged 18 and older who wish to learn more about the Catholic Church and discern joining our community of faith. Come to Our Initial Gathering! **Date: Wed 24th September. Time: 7.30 pm Location: Pastoral Centre, St. Peter's College, Summerhill, Wexford.** This no-obligation gathering is a chance to meet others, ask questions, and discover what the RCIA journey involves. Whether you're seeking to return to your faith, explore Catholicism, or prepare for sacraments, we welcome you. Contact: Sean O'Leary at pdw@ferns.ie to RSVP or learn more. Take the first step, join us and explore the beauty of the Catholic faith!

An upcoming Season of Creation event at Knock Shrine with the parishes in your diocese:

RAISING HOPE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

**Saturday, September 20th,
Knock House Hotel, 10:00am – 3:00pm
€15 per person**

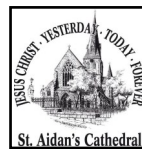
This special day will focus on caring for our environment and promoting sustainability, with inspiring talks. To book email Nicola at faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie.

ST AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

ENNISCORTHY, DIOCESE OF FERNS

NEWSLETTER

**SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**



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.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

St. Aidan's Parish

Letter from Bishop Ger

*Dear Minister of the
WORD OF GOD,*

The late Pope Francis declared 2025 a Year of Jubilee centered on the theme Pilgrims of Hope. A jubilee year is traditionally proclaimed by the whole Church every 25 years and is a time of renewal (also called a Holy Year).

The tradition goes back to Old Testament times. The book of Leviticus(Chapter25: 8-24)) tells it is to be celebrated every 50 years and is a time to renew proper relationship with God, with one another and with all of creation. Slaves were set free, debts forgiven and land rested and returned to rightful owners.

As part of the diocesan calendar for the Jubilee celebrations on Saturday, November 8th, the diocese of Ferns will come together in St. Aidan's Church in Ferns village to celebrate the WORD of GOD. Our hope is that this will not be just an occasion of celebration but an opportunity for all pastoral areas and parishes to raise awareness of the riches of the Scriptures and how they can nourish our lives. A key part of our celebration will be a talk and discussion with Dr. Jessie Rogers Chair of Scripture in Maynooth University. This is a good opportunity for readers in all parishes to gain extra insight into the Word of God and value your important ministry. **Hopefully many of you will be able to attend. DATE: Saturday November 8th 2.00pm - 5.00pm VENUE: St Aidan's Church Ferns village.**

As part of the preparation for this Jubilee I propose that the Sunday readers give a brief introduction to the readings. This can be done at the beginning of Mass or just before the readings as seems appropriate in discussion with your priest. Beginning on Sunday 28th September and for the following six weeks a preprepared script will be circulated by the organizing committee. Afterwards I hope it will continue at local level. I look forward to meeting you in Ferns on that day.

Yours sincerely

+ Ger Nash, Bishop of Ferns

JUBILEE OF VOLUNTEERS

To Celebrate the
Jubilee of Volunteers
Bishop Ger Nash
requests the pleasure of the
company of

Community Volunteers
to a Mass of Thanksgiving at
the Church of the
Immaculate
Conception, Rowe Street on **Sunday
September 21st at 12 noon**



REFLECTIONS

'The Cross is the school of love.' - St. Maximilian Kolbe teaches that suffering, when united with Christ, transforms us, deepening our capacity for love and self-giving.

'Do not seek a cross-the right one will find you. But when it comes, take it up bravely, without counting the cost.' - St. Padre Pio encourages trust in God's providence, accepting the trials He permits for our sanctification.

'The weight of the cross may press heavily on our shoulders, but it is the very thing that will keep you close to the heart of Christ.' - An anonymous reflection highlighting that struggles, rather than driving us away from God, draw us nearer to Him,

'God does not measure the cross by its size, but by our willingness to carry it.' - this insight reminds us that what matters is not the magnitude of our suffering, but the love and trust with which we accept it. Even Small, daily sacrifices—borne with patience and faith—can become powerful offerings when united to Christ's own sacrifice.

'The cross is the ladder to heaven.' St. Rose of Viterbo's words reveal that trials, rather than obstacles, are stepping stones to holiness. When we embrace our crosses instead of resenting them, we participate in Christ's redemptive work and ascent towards eternal joy.

Deepseek.com (Intercom)

THE HOOK OF FAITH

The Church rejoices because she has two new saints – St. Carlo Acutis and St. Pier Giorgio Frassati. We have videos about both their lives and find out more about them. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is celebrated this Sunday which brings us back to our participation in the mystery of suffering. We include some inspiring quotes from the saints who help us grow in faith despite the experience of the cross. An article from Word on Fire spells out the problem with liquid identity and we continue the series with 'The Desert Fathers in a Year' with episode 30 that listens to their insights on foresight and providence. We have an article for the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows and a new series called 'Digging Deeper' that explores the meaning, richness and importance of Sunday Mass. Finally, a video explores the significance of having an Augustinian pope and how much St Augustine has shaped Pope Leo XIV. Check out these at www.thehookoffaith.com



CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS

St Aidan's Cathedral and the Parish Office both have contactless payment option to make it easier for those who no longer carry cash. You can use it for **candles, Mass intentions, offerings, and donations** — including contributions from visitors who wish to support the Cathedral. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OF CREATION:

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



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.

FAMILY MASS

(THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH)

Sunday 21st September at 10am

All are welcome and encouraged to attend. If anyone would like to become involved in the Mass please contact the Parish Office.



PARISH ENVELOPE COLLECTION (WHITE)

Sunday 7th September—€1180

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

6pm— Marie O'Tiarnaigh

10am— Eddie Murphy

12pm— Siobhan Murphy

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spend an hour with Jesus!

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. **New Adorers welcome.**

CONFESSION— IN ST. AIDAN'S PASTORAL AREA

Confessions on Friday and Saturday morning after the 10am mass in the prayer room, and before the Saturday Evening mass at 5:30pm in the confession Box to the left of Altar.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR COELIACS

Holy Communion for those who are coeliac, or gluten intolerant is distributed at the beginning of communion time to the left of the altar. Please indicate to any of our Eucharistic ministers if you wish to receive a coeliac host. Please note that our coeliac hosts are not entirely gluten free and may contain traces of gluten.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to the families of;

Ikemba Declan Anthony Etta

Connie Shea Casey-Farnan

who were baptized recently in the Cathedral

Worldwide Marriage Encounter MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND REDISCOVER EACH OTHER

Venue: Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare.

Date: Friday 7th—Sunday 9th November 2025



Open to all married couples

STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE IN JUST ONE WEEKEND

Register online at
www.marriageencounter.ie



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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK MONDAY TO SUNDAY

MONDAY	10am	Biddy Connors Rem/RIP Pat McKeown Anniv
TUESDAY	10am	Deceased Benefactors and People's int'ns
WED'DAY	10am	Int's of Jordan & Lynn, Thanksgiving Int
THURS	10am	Special Intention
FRIDAY	10am	Anna McGrath RD
SAT	10am	Get Well Intention
SAT	6pm	Patrick Paddy Mythen Months Mind Jim & Michael Jordan, Dympna Redmond Annivs
SUNDAY	10am	Michael Quigley, Aoife McCarthy Annivs
SUNDAY	12pm	Eileen Maher Months Mind , Helen Mythen Anniv

Tuesday morning mass is offered for the deceased benefactors of the Cathedral and peoples Intentions. (No other intentions will be taken for this mass). Please book masses well in advance of the date your require. A minimum of one week notice is required.



RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Murphy, Old Dublin Rd
Sean Joseph Whelan, England, formerly Glenbrien
Fr. Martin Tobin, formerly Killealy, died in Phillippines
May they rest in peace

ENNISCORTHY BROWNIES

Brownies will start a new term on Wednesday
17th September from 7pm to 8.30pm. For more details contact Emily Warren on 085-2672720.



THE IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

Will visit the **RIVERSIDE PARK HOTEL, ENNISCORTHY**

On **Sunday** 14th September, From 12.00pm – 15.30pm.
Monday 15th, **Tuesday** 16th & **Wednesday** 17th September
From 15.45pm-20.00pm. www.giveblood.ie

FREE Full Time Adult Education Courses

Do you want to make a fresh start? Are you over 21 and in receipt of Social Welfare Payment? Whether it's to upskill, retrain or find a new career path, at VTOS you can return to learning in a relaxed, friendly environment. Apply now for FREE QQI Accredited L4 Office Skills course starting this Autumn at VTOS Enniscorthy contact Aislinn Brennan 053 9237224 or email enniscorthyvtos@wwetb.ie

DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO SEEK GOD IN PRAYER & CONTEMPLATION, MONASTIC WORK, AND COMMUNITY LIFE?

The Cistercian community at **St Mary's Abbey, Glencairn** invites
single women aged 19-40 to our upcoming
MONASTIC VOCATIONS WEEKEND, 24th-27th October 2025
Please contact our Vocation Director, Sr Mairéad, at
vocations@glencairnabbey.org

CREATIVE WRITING PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 29th Oct - 5th November 2025

Join author Caroline Busher and broadcaster Patricia Mc Nally on a journaling pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Each pilgrim will receive their own creative writing journal complete with prompts. Caroline will guide you to write in each of the incredible locations in Medjugorje. No experience of writing required. Places are limited. Early booking advised. E mail writefromtheheartofmary@gmail.com or contact 086-3312793

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Takes place October 1st-31st. For further information, please log onto www.breastcancerireland.com

LAST PLACES AVAILABLE FOR: FERNS PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

Led by Spiritual Directors, Fr. Denis Browne; Fr. Paddy Banville & Fr. Frank Murphy. 9th OCTOBER 2025 for 7 nights €899 per person sharing. For information, please contact: Fr Denis Browne 086-8926260 frdenisbrowne@gmail.com For bookings, please contact: Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800.

Ógchlubanna Gaeilge/Irish Language Youth Club

Tá Club in aice leat! There is a club near you!
Cláraigh anois ag / Register at www.cnb.ie
Cumann na bhFiann - Foras na Gaeilge - CNB.ie

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.