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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



CHURCH CLEANERS REQUIRED

Here in St. Aidan's, we are blessed to have teams of diligent church cleaners who maintain the Cathedral as a safe and pleasant space for worship. We are especially appealing for young able-bodied **men and women** who are willing to give **1 hour once a month** to help maintain the high standard of cleanliness in the Cathedral. Volunteers are needed for Friday 6.00pm - 7.00pm and Thursday 3.00pm - 4.00pm. For any further information or to volunteer, please contact the parish office: 053-9235777 or leave a contact number with the sacristan after mass. Thank you.

PARISH COFFEE MORNING

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We return to our coffee Mornings on the 1st Tuesday - 2nd September after the 10am Mass in the Presentation Centre. All are welcome to come along and join friends and enjoy tea/ coffee and a raffle.

**Poor Clares
Galway Monastic
Experience Day**
for women 18-35



An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality. The event will take place from **10am to 5pm on Saturday the 6th September.**

To register contact:

events@poorclares.ie

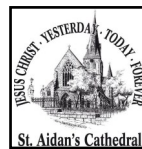
For more information: poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days

ST AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

ENNISCORTHY, DIOCESE OF FERNS

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST 2025
TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.

ENNISCORTHY PASTORAL AREA PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY'S ISLAND -Monday afternoon 25th August PLEASE NOTE Bus departure time 1.00pm SHARP from the Presentation Centre car park.

Starting with **Rosary at 2.00pm** around the Island and **Mass at 3pm** in the Church. **Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.** You can drive yourself and bring a friend/s. The Bus will leave at 1.00pm sharp from the Presentation Centre. Please **book your seat in advance by contacting the Parish Office 053 9235777 - Fare €10 each payable in advance.** Tea/Coffee facilities also available at the centre if you wish. We look forward to seeing you there.



HOLY HOUR DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR GAZA

This Sunday 24th of August in St. Aidan's Cathedral, at 3pm we will hold a Holy Hour with prayers for peace and for the people of Gaza concluding at 4pm with Benediction. All are welcome.

GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

The summer holidays for the children of the pastoral area comes to an end in the coming Days.

We wish all pupils the very best in the upcoming school year and the very best of luck to all who are beginning school for the first time, those going to secondary school and to college as you begin a new stage in your lives. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

SEPTEMBER PRAYER

We thank you Lord, for all that was good during the summer.

For the love of family and friends, and for the sunshine and warm days. As we begin a new school year we ask for your help and pray for your blessing on everybody in this school.

Show us how to work together for the good of all.

May we share our talents and abilities to the full and grow in knowledge, wisdom and happiness.

Give us the grace to become more like Jesus in the ways we think and behave. During this school year let us become builders of your ways and instruments of your peace.

We ask this school year blessing through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
Amen

EXAM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all our young people who received their exam results last Friday and wish you all the very best in the future.

Solemnity The jubilee for Marian Spirituality

The spirituality of Marian devotions has deep roots in the history of the Church. This devotion to the Blessed Mother has transcended time and place to become a central spiritual pillar for the faithful. From the moment Christ spoke the words "Behold your mother" (John 19:26) the Virgin Mary has been a pivotal figure in Christian devotion. The creation of hymns and prayers in honour of Mary can be found amongst the earliest writings of the Church. Marian devotion has developed and taken on many enriching forms that capture the heart of Christians everywhere.

On Sunday the 31st August, Our Lady's Island will host the Jubilee celebration for Marian spirituality.

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Nash at 3pm. Guest speaker, Alice Doyle, Deputy President of the IFA.

Creation Walk at 5pm: Beginning in the church, the walk will make its way around the island stopping at various points along the way, pilgrims will be invited to ponder on the gift of creation. As we ponder the gift of life we will give thanks for all that we have received. To end our day, we will conclude with **adoration of the blessed sacrament at 6pm.**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Faith is not a crutch. It is a lifesaver! It does not help us to fall asleep at night; it helps us to get through the day when our days are dark. Life is not easy for anyone.

Try. What? Try. Do something? Yes the Lord invites us to try to pass through the narrow gate. We are supposed to work for it. We are supposed to do something. How can we do it if we are not strong enough? Through Him, with Him and in Him. What is the narrow gate? It is a person. Jesus Christ. Strive to live your life through Him, with Him and in Him. And you will find yourself.....on His side.

Fr. Alfonso
fralfonse.blogspot.com (Intercom)

NEW -CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS



St Aidan's Cathedral now has a **contactless payment option** to make it easier for those who no longer carry cash. You can now 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.

Please note: the parish office also receives payment by card. (in person or by phone)

POPE'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST

For mutual Co-existence: Let us pray that societies where co-existence seems most difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

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

Our Parish **Family Mass** is on **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 17th August—€1425**

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

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.**

PASTORAL AREA CONFESSION— IN ST. AIDAN'S

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.

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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



ENNISCORTHY PANTO

Enniscorthy Panto will stage **Sleeping Beauty** in Astro Active Centre, Bellefield Thursday 4th - Saturday 6th December 2025 at 7.30pm, with matinees on Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th. If you'd like to take part in panto register for auditions. Check out our social media @enniscorthypanto or our website <https://enniscorthypanto.wordpress.com/>. Auditions will be taking place on Wednesday 3rd September and Thursday 4th September. Audition Pieces and information will be provided before the auditions.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK **MONDAY TO SUNDAY**

MONDAY 10am Paddy Connors **Months Mind**, Des Furlong **RD**,
TUESDAY 10am Deceased Benefactors and People's intns
WED'DAY 10am Matt Bolger **Anniv**, Maureen Tobin **REM**
THURS 10am Joan O'Rourke, Anthony & Martin O'Rourke **Annivs** Fintan Moorehouse **B'day REM**
10am Dec'd members of the Hennessy Family, Molly Duff **REM**
FRIDAY 10am
SAT 6pm Tom Foley, Jane Corrigan & dec'd members of the Goodall Family, dec'd members of the Donnelly Family, Maureen Duhig, Jim Lawton, Josephine (Dolly) Furlong, Nancy Walsh
All Annivs
SUNDAY 10am Jim Foley **Anniv**
SUNDAY 12pm Billy Plummer, James O'Sullivan **Months Mind**, Elizabeth Kehoe, Helen Doyle, Mary Kate & Garrett Carty, Tom & Josie Clifford, Ned Doyle
All Annivs

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

James Mythen, Salville
Bridget O'Connor, Carleys Bridge

Eileen Maher, John Street
Betty O'Leary, Summerhill
Michael Weafer, Kiltlealy
May they rest in peace



BAPTISMS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAMILIES OF

Calvin & Cali Bailey
Coby Ken Doyle
Artorius 'Arthur' Joseph McGannon
Who were baptised recently in the Cathedral

THE HOOK OF FAITH

'Moving our Parishes to Mission' is a talk given by Fr. James Mallon at the recent 'Hearts on Fire' conference in Belfast. We have the video of the talk in full. Sean O'Leary reflects on being at the 'Tent of Meeting' at the Fleadh Cheoil in Wexford and Rev. Trevor Sargent urges Christians to make decisions on our use of plastics. To mark the first 100 days of his pontificate, we include a video of Michael Kelly's recent talk on 'Introducing Pope Leo XIV' that gives a context to better understand who and what shaped the faith and mind of the Holy Father. As we reach the half way point of 'The Desert Fathers in a Year', there is a Q and A with Bishop Erik Varden on 'Chastity, Temptation and Redemption'. A homily for the Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time urges us to avoid complacency regarding the most important matter of all – our eternal salvation. For the feast of St Augustine on 28th August, we explore why his searing honesty about himself is the key to his relevancy and appeal. Finally, a reminder of this Sunday's day of prayer for Gaza and a lasting settlement for peace in the Middle -East.

YOUNG ADULT CATHOLIC CONFERENCE **30 AUGUST 2025 - LEGION OF MARY**

'On Mission With Mary' is a conference on faith and culture for young adults (18-40) with talks, prayer, Mass, confession, workshops, food and social in the historic Legion of Mary headquarters at De Montfort House, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7. It will be a chance to build faith in friendship with young adults from across the country. The one-day conference takes place on Saturday 30 August from 9.30am to 5.30am with a social afterward. Tickets cost €20 and can be booked on the eventbrite website by looking up 'On Mission With Mary'. Any queries can be directed towards deusetpatria@gmail.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY **PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE**

Saturday 13th September, Cost including Bus & 2 meals is Adults €70.00, Children: €40.00, TO BOOK YOUR PLACE CONTACT: SEAN KINSELLA (053) 9123819 OR NEIL FOLEY (087) 9740120. All are welcome.



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.