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PASTORAL AREA

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

MASS TIMES

Monday to Saturday

10am	St. Aidan's
7pm	St. Senan's
9.30am	Marshalstown
9.30am	Castledockrell

followed by adoration until 11am

Weekend

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



SILVERTONES

Annual CONCERT

St Aidan's Cathedral,
Enniscorthy

Thursday 28th May 2026

Silvertones Choral Director

EITHNE CORRIGAN

Guests: Eamon Mulhall—Tenor

Clare Kavanagh—Soprano

MC: Maria Nolan

Proceed will go to

HOPE CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE

Tickets €15 (available at door)

This Concert is part of the Bealtaine Festival

Celebrating 'Creativity as we Age'

Sponsored by Azets

ROSARY AT THE GROTTTO

The Rosary will be recited at the Grotto in Moran Park each evening for the month of May at 7pm. Please come along and join us.

LOURDES MASS

A Mass of Gathering for the Pilgrimage to Lourdes, will take place in St. Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy on **Thursday May 14th at 8.00pm**. All are Welcome.

WEXFORD VOLUNTEER CENTRE

We are hosting a Volunteer and Community Services Expo in Talbot Hotel on Thursday 21st May 2026 from 1pm until 8pm. This event will be FREE and open to the general public and schools to attend. Come learn about community organisations, local charity groups and activities. Sign up to open volunteer positions and get involved with all across county Wexford, or simply just see what is happening in your local area. Limited (FREE) stands are available at this event where you can showcase your charity, community organisation or services. Contact 053 900 6639 to apply or email info@volunteerwexford.ie

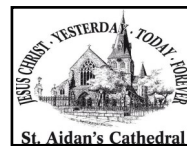
ST AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

ENNISCORTHY, DIOCESE OF FERNS

NEWSLETTER

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10TH MAY 2026 (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.

RETREAT



Flames of Hope invite you to a day of retreat
SATURDAY MAY 23rd VIGIL OF PENTECOST

VENUE: Parable Garden, Ballinesker, Co Wexford

TIME: 10.30am - 4.00pm, PRESENTER: TOM GUNNING

COST: €20 (Subsidised by Flames of Hope)

Tea and Coffee available and we bring our own lunch

To book: ring 0874475434 before April 30th - (Fifteen places available)

PLANNED MAINTENANCE ON ST. AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL

Believe it or not, it is now over thirty years since the last major refurbishment of the Cathedral. As is expected in a building of it's age the need for maintenance is ongoing. Parishioners will have noticed, for example, the need to collect the rainwater at the altar during the recent rainy weather. Responsibility for managing this problem lies with the Parish Finance Committee and we are aware of the many issues involved. During 2025 our architects, Mahon & Fox, have been surveying the Cathedral and their findings have made it clear that we need a planned program of maintenance to prepare the Cathedral for the decades ahead. Indeed it was largely the need for this work that prompted the sale of the Manse last year.

We are now embarking on the next stage of this project. A number of teams have been engaged to do the detailed surveys and planning necessary to begin work on a building of the Cathedral's age and importance. This will cover the Roof and Rainwater fixtures, Mechanical and Electrical, integrity of structural elements and the stained glass windows. Parishioners will see these teams working on site in the coming weeks. This work will also include machinery to access the roof and steeple and detailed camera surveys in the grounds. We plan to make the findings of this work available to everyone once it is to hand.

We hope this preparatory work will not inconvenience parishioners as they come and go, but in any event the duration will be quite short. We ask for your co-operation and assistance as we start this important project.

Yours faithfully

Michael Ormonde

Chairman,

St. Aidan's Parish Finance Committee



ROSARY RALLY

Ireland Needs

Fatima

Please join us in
praying for our country on
Saturday 16th May at 4pm
Market Square,
Enniscorthy

Our country is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save Ireland through the Rosary of His Most Blessed Mother. This is one of over 600 Public Square Rallies taking place on 16th May. **Please come along and bring a friend**

THE HOOK OF FAITH

For this month of May dedicated to Our Lady, we offer a talk from the Catholic Truth Society on 'Mary, Feminism and the Dignity of Woman'. Bishop Kevin Doran appeals for greater support for women in crisis pregnancies - an appeal echoed by the late Moya Brennan who spoke openly about her abortion regret. The homily for the Sixth Sunday of Easter dwells on Jesus' promise to send us the Spirit of truth to help us stay with what it real and not drift into illusions. 'How to Know if God is Real' is a fascinating talk that is of interest to all who have faith and those who don't. The latest in the 'Saints in a Year' series focuses on St Damien of Molokai whose feast falls on 10th May. Finally, ten takeaways from a recent Alpha Leadership Tour on how to build parishes that are vibrant with life and hope. Essential reading for the future of parish life. Check out

www.thehookoffaith.com



Available now
at the
Parish Shop

No 1 Irish Street

Tel: 053 9235777

St. Carol Acutus book

Price €10. Written by Fr. Michael Collins. Get your copy now while they are still available. Also Pope Leo XIV book **Builder of Bridges** by Fr. Michael Collins €17. Other items available - candles, medals prayer cards, book marks.

Call in and have a look. Mon to Sat
10am to 1pm daily.



POPE'S INTENTION FOR MAY

That everyone might have food:

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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 3rd May —€1395

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.

CONFESSIONS IN THE PASTORAL AREA

St. Aidan's Cathedral 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. Coeliac hosts not entirely gluten free and may contain traces of gluten.

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

6pm— Marie O'Tiarnaigh **10am**— Eddie Murphy
12noon— Siobhan Murphy

VISITATION TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Billy will visit the sick and housebound of his area on Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th of May.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK MONDAY TO SUNDAY

- MON 10am** Ann Browne, Margaret McCormack **RD**
TUES 10am Deceased Benefactors and People's intentions
WED 10am Mike Devlin **3rd Anniv**
THURS 10am Angela Jones, Margaret & Jim Kavanagh **Annivs**
Francis Kenny **B'day Rem**
FRI 10am Nancy Connolly, Helen Kehoe **Annivs**,
Michael John Walsh **RD Burial today in London**
SAT 10am Willie & Lyla Foley **Anniv**
SAT 6pm Pat & Mary Kate Mythen, Breda & Matty Power,
Josephine, William, Gerard, Anthony & Dolores Winters, James
Larkin, Anna Eivers, Mamie & Larry Healy, Paddy & Caroline
Murphy **All Annivs**, Ella Wildes **Anniv** & husband Michael **Rem**
SUN 10am First Communion, Tom O'Connor **Anniv**
Jack Doran **Anniv**
SUN 12pm First Communion, Hayden Kelly **1st Anniv**, Mai
Fenlon **RD**, Tim & Breda Walsh, Joe & Eileen Kenny **Annivs**
- * Every Tuesday morning mass is offered for the deceased benefactors of the Cathedral and peoples Intentions only.
* Please book mass intentions well in advance. * Mass bookings will be for the weeks following time of booking. * No masses will be taken for the current week. * All masses are shared.



BAPTISMS

Congratulations to the families of:

Zoe Amelia Foley
Tommy Kyle Mahon
Rhea O'Rourke

who were baptised recently in the Cathedral recently

PUBLIC MEETING ON COMMUNITY SAFETY

What makes our community a safer place? From road safety issues, improved services, safe spaces, community initiatives, tackling anti-social behaviour and drugs. Come and join us from **7pm to 8:30pm on 12th May** at The Riverside Hotel, Enniscorthy. Spaces are limited so please confirm your attendance to communitysafety@wexfordcoco.ie or 053 919 6182. Workshop and open discussion | Organised and facilitated by Wex LCSP Coordinator | Refreshments will be available.

ENNISCORTHY TIDY TOWNS

During National Biodiversity Week 2026 there will be Balsam Bashing events in Enniscorthy on **Friday 15 May at 2-4pm** (meet at the Playground on the Promenade) & **Saturday 16 May at 10am-12noon** (meet at Island Road car park. Please help us tackle this invasive species. Wear sturdy shoes, long sleeves and pants. No booking. Equipment provided.

WEXFORD CHAMBER CHOIR

presents *Songs for Springtime*

Fri 15 May 7.30pm

An uplifting concert of early, traditional, sacred and contemporary music at St Senan's Church, Enniscorthy and also 3.00pm at St Peter's College Chapel, Wexford. Tickets €20.00 on the door or from www.wexfordchamberchoir.ie

PRESENTATION SISTERS CELEBRATION

To mark the 250th foundation of the Presentation Sisters Order and 200 years since the Order first arrived in Enniscorthy, there will be a special Mass in the Cathedral on **Friday 19th June at 6pm**. All are welcome. Further details to follow.

RESIDENTIAL RETREATS

3-Day and 5-Day Residential Retreats July 2026:

Led by Fr. Prince Clarence SJ. **3-Day Retreats:** Faith Formation based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and Inner Healing Adoration. Dates: **July 7th – 9th** and **July 14th – 16th** **5-Day Ignatian Retreat:** This is an opportunity to reflect on life in light of God's boundless love and to develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of Jesus. Dates: **July 20th – 24th** **Venue:** De La Salle Retreat Centre, Castletown, Co. Laois, R32 N6D8. These retreats are strictly residential. Visit our website for more details: www.ruachcatholicministry.org. **Contact:** Oonagh 086 1736181 or Phyllis 085 7733037.

FATIMA 8th OCTOBER 2026

Led by Spiritual Directors : Fr. Denis Browne, Fr. Frank Murphy & Fr. Paddy Browne. 7 nights Cost €925 pps. For information, please contact: Fr Denis Browne at frdenisbrowne@gmail.com & 086-8926260. For bookings, please contact: Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800.



FAMILY MASS

(THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH)

The next family Mass is on **17th May at 10am** All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Billy Wilson, Ballyhogue
Ann (Nancy) Doyle, nee Quirke, Pearse Road
Margaret McCormack, Kilcotty
May they rest in peace



Enniscorthy Al-Anon Group

Al-anon meetings take place in St. John's Daycare Centre every Monday evening at 8pm. Al-anon helps people to cope with the effects of a loved one's drinking. If you are affected, please come along. For queries please contact Mary on 087-6803525.

CHANGING GEARS

Age & Opportunity are delighted to offer Changing Gears in Wexford this **May and June 2026**. Changing Gears is a course designed to boost wellbeing and resilience for those aged 50+ years. It supports people to manage transitions/change in mid to later life. The change may be to do with: retirement, having more free time, bereavement, job-loss, ill health, becoming a carer or relationship breakdown. Its aim is to: help participants to identify what has served them well to date in life, the successes and challenges they have experienced, what supports they have in their lives and what they may need to put in place, and/or discard, for the next stage of life. It aims to lay the foundations for a positive and fulfilling approach to mid/late life. For information and to book your place please contact Fiona on engage@ageandopportunity.ie or call on 01 9133922

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.