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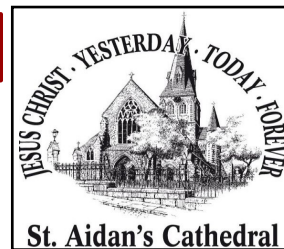
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# ST AIDAN'S PARISH



ENNISCORTHY, DIOCESE OF FERNS  
**NEWSLETTER**  
6th December 2020  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



St. Aidan's Cathedral

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ST. AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL HAS A LIVE WEBCAM STREAMING 24 HOURS A DAY. THE CAMERA IS FOCUSED ON THE ALTAR, SANCTUARY, FRONT STEPS AND FIRST TWO SEATS IN THE CENTRE AISLE. 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.

## MASS IN ST. AIDANS

(50 persons allowed)

We return to Mass on **Saturday evening** at 6pm and 7.30pm. **Sunday Mass** at 8am, 10am and 12noon. (temporary adjustment to our Mass schedule). **Please wear a mask. Please use Hand Sanitizer provided as you enter the Cathedral. Please sit alone or with members of your household. Please maintain proper social distancing. Thank you for your co-operation.**

### PLEASE NOTE:

Plans for Christmas Mass & Services are currently under discussion and details will be published in our next newsletter.

### PARISH OFFICE & SHOP

We are now fully open. 10am to 5.30pm (closed for lunch 1-2pm) Come and browse our Christmas gifts.

**Please wear a mask.**

### OUR CHRISTMAS SHOP IS NOW OPEN

**Come and browse**

### PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUET

Available at the Parish office. Donation €10. **Advent Calendars also available. Tel:053 9235777.**

### WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Will take place and we adhere strictly to the advised restriction of 25 persons.

### BAPTISM

Baptisms may be booked for the first and third Sunday of the month. However, during phase 3, only Parents and Godparents may attend. Ring or call into the Parish Office to book.

### PHONE SERVICE FOR MASS CARDS AND DONATIONS

We continue to offer a phone service for Mass bookings, donations, Mass Cards or any other requirements, please ring the office 053 9235777. You may pay by card.

**Christmas Dues Envelopes are in the Church this weekend**  
**Please return next weekend 13th or weekend of 20th December**  
**Thank you for your support**



## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
**Tuesday 8th December**

Mass times:  
Monday 7th Vigil at 6pm  
Tuesday 8th 10am & 1.05pm



**THE ANNUAL ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL**  
**THIS WEEKEND YOUR SUPPORT IS MUCH APPRECIATED**

## CHRISTIAN MEDIA TRUST PROGRAMMES

*Saturday 5th - Tuesday 12th December 2020*

**Saturday - Simply Divine 10.04am**  
Maria Colfer speaks with Fr. John Carroll about an Advent & Christmas parish Launch initiative in Glynn/Barntown.

**Sunday - Sounds For Sunday 9.04am**  
presented by Patricia McNally, with reflection from Reverend Canon Ian Cruickshank, and includes requests, hymns and sacred songs.

**Sunday Celebration 10.00am**  
**Sunday Reflection 8.30pm** College Graduates (Teach Bhride) living in Community in Clonard share reflection and music for the second Sunday of Advent.

**Monday Music Box - 8.04pm**  
Betty Stafford shares a selection of seasonal musical favourites.

**Monday - Faith Matters - 8.30pm** Sr. Stephanie O'Brien invites you to a prayer experience for Advent with scripture and music.

**Tuesday - 8th December, Martin Colfer and Betty Breen speak to a Diocesan Diary Medugorje guide who gives an update from there and to Bernadette O'Leary who shares good news on a new garden of Remembrance opened in Wexford town.**

## WEXFORD MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

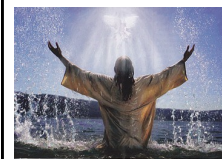
Please support by purchasing our Christmas cards on sale at Joe Byrne, Delaney's Newsagents and Stationery, Rafter Street. Swaine's Bus Stop Shop and Btwenty7 Cafe and Bakery, The Quay. The Cotton Tree Gourmet Cafe and Take Away. All money is used by Wexford Mental Health Association to promote positive mental health for the people of Co Wexford and to support those experiencing mental health difficulties.

## BOOKS LAUNCH

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm there will be a launch on Zoom of two books written by Billy Swan. The first is titled **'LOVE HAS A SOURCE'** published by St. Paul's and the second is **'FAITH AND MENTAL HEALTH'** published by the Catholic Truth Society in London. The books will be launched by Bishop Denis Brennan and Breda O'Brien, columnist with the Irish Catholic and Irish Times. To attend the launch, just send an email to [thehookoffaith@gmail.com](mailto:thehookoffaith@gmail.com). The books will be on sale at St. Aidan's Cathedral parish office, Easons, Enniscorthy and the Book Centre, Wexford. All are welcome.

## THE HOOK OF FAITH

On this Second Sunday of Advent, the Gospel features John the Baptist who reminds us that our baptism is not just a once off but a daily baptism in the Holy Spirit. Fr Jim Butler offers the homily and another on the feast day of Mary's Immaculate Conception on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. We also include a reflection of the meaning of this feast today. We highlight the disturbing findings of another report on abortion in Ireland and a challenging interview with Ryan Bomberger - an American citizen who questions whether we are really all equal. There is the weekly newsletter insert and an article that marks the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Famine in Ireland. Finally we explore Advent liturgies and customs from our faith Tradition. **Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)**



## BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

In this Sunday's Gospel for the Second Sunday of Advent, John the Baptist teaches us that our baptism is a baptism or an immersion in the Holy Spirit. But what does mean? The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is an action of God, invited by an individual through prayer, which brings about a deeper conversion to Christ, and which gives the Holy Spirit permission to work in that individual's life in a more powerful way. This powerful action of the Holy Spirit is often accompanied by the 'charisms' or 'gifts' of the Holy Spirit mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles and the letters of St Paul. The Baptism in the Spirit is not a Sacrament, but it does revitalize and stir up the graces received in the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. The Baptism in the Spirit doesn't only re-ignite the graces already given to Christians through the Sacraments - it's also a new, fresh experience of the Holy Spirit which equips and inspires the individual for service, for mission, for discipleship and for life.



## VOCATIONS

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
(6th December 2020)

**"He will feed his flock like a shepherd." Allow our Lord to enrich your life through service to Him.**  
**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
(December 8, 2020)

**"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."**  
**Do you hear our Lord calling you to a more fulfilling life following the example of His mother?**

Speak to your local priest or your Diocesan Vocation's Director, or email the National Vocations Office on [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie)

## SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> December 2020

The Diocese of Ferns celebrates Safeguarding Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Safeguarding Sunday is a reminder to each one of us of our role in the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults so that the abuse that happened in the past should not be allowed to happen again.

In our parish, we value and encourage the participation of children, young people and vulnerable adults in all parish activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, and social development. We recognise their dignity and rights and are committed to ensuring their protection and support.

In keeping with this, we will work to do all in our power to create safe environments for children, young people and vulnerable adults to secure their protection and enable their full participation in the life of our parish and church. If you, or anyone you know, has a Safeguarding concern please contact:

**Dervla Tierney, Stephanie McKenna**  
Telephone 0851969205

If you wish to report an allegation directly to the Church Authorities, the contact details for the following personnel are on posters in the Church or on the Diocesan Web Site.

**Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:**

**Marian Stack**

**Assistant Designated Liaison Person:**

**Fr. Brian Broaders**

**Safeguarding Coordinator: Mick Kavanagh**

If you wish to report an allegation directly to the relevant State Agencies, the contact details are: **TUSLA:** Child and Family Agency -Wexford 053-9123522

**Wexford Gardaí** 053-9123522 (Ext 201)

**Garda Child Abuse** Free Phone 1800 555 222

**Reporting Elder Abuse or Abuse of a Vulnerable Adult** HSE Kilkenny – 056-7784325

Safeguarding.cho5@hse.ie

### COVID-19 SUPPORTS FOR THE OLDER PERSON

**ALONE** manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.

**SENIORLINE** If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning SeniorLine. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you. Freefone 1800 80 45 91

### THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR

**DECEMBER-** Prayer Intention for Evangelisation:

For a life of Prayer: We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer



### PARISH WEEKLY ENVELOPES (White)

Thank you for your valued Contributions

**Minimum weekly running cost of parish is €2500**

29th November 2020= €820.00

### PARISH CLERGY

**Fr. Odhrán Furlong, Adm.**

**Fr. Billy Swan C.C.**

**Deacon Rev. Dermot Davis**

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK -MONDAY TO SUNDAY

**MONDAY** 10am Get Well Intention, Special Intention, John Power, Eileen Bolger **RD**, Mary Miller **50th Anniv**, Lily O'Sullivan, Molly McCauley **Annivs**

**6pm** Bridie Kelly **Anniv**

**Vigil to Holy Day TUESDAY** 10am Deceased Benefactors of the Cathedral and the Peoples Intentions, Special Intention, Richard Power, Pat Leacy **Both Rem/RIP**,

**1.05pm** Brigid Galligan **Anniv**  
George Dixon & his wife May **Annivs** also their children Alice, Moya, Cissie & Tom & their families **all RIP**

Dec'd members of the Vaughan family (Castle St/Killagoley)

**WEDNESDAY** 10am Special Intention, Theresa Foley **RD**, Bridgie & Jimmy Quigley, Matty Leacy **Annivs**, Emma Conroy **Birthday Remembrance**

**10am** Special Intention, Maura Coady **RD**,

**THURSDAY** Kitty Somers **Anniv**, John (Johnners) Walsh **Anniv & Birthday Rem**

**FRIDAY** 10am Special Intention, May Doyle **Anniv** & remember her husband Aidan.

**SATURDAY** 10am Betty Shanahan, Francis Kenny **Both RD**

**SATURDAY** 6pm Catherine Regan, Mary Murphy, John Daly, **Annivs**, John (Johnners) Walsh **Anniv/B'day Rem**, William &

Margaret Phelan **Rem/RIP**

**SUNDAY** 10am Marie Maguire **1st Anniv**, Special Intention

Sean Stafford, Bridget O'Neill **Both RD**, **12 noon** Kathleen Casey,

Denny & Thomas Murphy, Tom Leacy, Sean & Marie McCrea **Annivs**

### THE SAINTS THIS WEEK

**Monday St. Ambrose**, bishop and doctor of the Church 330-397, became governor of the Roman province whose seat was Milan. In 374, the laity insisted on his becoming bishop though he was still not baptised. He defended orthodoxy in brilliant preaching and through his writing. Patron of Milan, bee-keepers, and domestic animals.

**Tuesday The immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** We celebrate Mary who, from the first instant of her existence in the womb of her mother Anne, was 'by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved free for all stain of original sin'.

**Wednesday St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**, 1474-1548, saw the vision of Our Lady of Guadalupe in December 1531.

**Thursday Our Lady of Loreto.** This celebration helps all people, especially families, youth and religious to imitate the virtues of that perfect disciple of the Gospel, the Virgin Mary, who, in conceiving the Head of the Church also accepted us as her own. Loreto is a hill town near the Adriatic Sea port of Ancona, Italy.

**Friday St. Damasus I**, born around 304 and died on this day 384, elected pope in 366. He insisted on the apostolic foundations of the Roman See and was active in opposing fourth-century heresies.

**Saturday Our Lady of Guadalupe** patron of the Americas. **St. Finnian—Irish.**

### RECENTLY DECEASED

**Francis Kenny**, Madeira Grove  
**Michael McGannon**,  
formerly Irish Street & Moran Park  
**Mary D'arcy** Ross Road



May  
they rest  
in  
peace

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER

**Saturday Vigil 6pm:** Jackie & Catherine O'Connor, Fiona Keegan, Kay O'Regan, Aine Harris.

**Sunday 10am:** Aine Doyle, Bridget Murphy, Tara Manning, Sheila Martin, Aji C. Alex.

**Sunday 12noon:** Arleta Wolak, Richard & Mary Gannon, Andrea Conroy, Bridget Ann O'Leary

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### READERS

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WEEKEND 13th DECEMBER**

**Saturday** 6pm – Liam O'Leary

**Sunday** 10am – Maria Clifford

12noon— Shelly O'Reilly

### WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

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

**MABS:** Wexford office is 98/100 South Main Street Wexford. Tel 0761072780 or text for callback 0864535484 or email [wexfordmabs.ie](http://wexfordmabs.ie) Open Monday to Friday 9 to 12.45pm/1.45 to—5pm.

### CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

**WEEKENDS:** Vigil Saturday 6pm

Sunday – 10am & 12noon

**WEEKDAYS:** 10am daily  
(including Bank Holidays)

### CMT Radio: SOUNDS FOR SUNDAY

**PROGRAMME** On air every Sunday morning at 9.04 am and would welcome requests from listeners and news items or upcoming events in your parish. Email: [sforsundaycmt@gmail.com](mailto:sforsundaycmt@gmail.com)



**Global Catholic Network**

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

### LIGHTING CANDLES

People are asked to only use the candles provided on the shrines as all other candles will be removed. Please use caution when lighting candles.

**TO CONSERVE HEAT: Please close doors entering/leaving Cathedral.**

### DRIVERS

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CHURCH GATEWAY AT ANY TIME AS EMERGENCY AND DELIVERY ACCESS ALWAYS REQUIRED. THANK YOU.**

**DON'T FORGET TO TAKE A COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU OR TO A NEIGHBOUR/RELATIVE or FRIEND.**