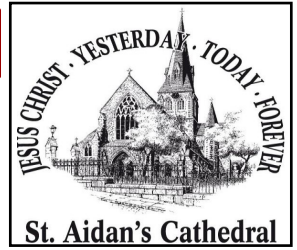




# ST AIDAN'S PARISH



ENNISCORTHY, DIOCESE OF FERNS  
**NEWSLETTER**  
Sunday 17th January 2021  
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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


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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.

**FRATELLI TUTI : CHAPTER 6**  
**(Pope Francis, Dialogue and Friendship in Society)**  
In this chapter, Pope Francis turns to dialogue and its essential role in creating a new culture of fraternity. Dialogue is a middle path between "selfish indifference" and "violent protest" (198). Society is built on authentic dialogue, which involves respecting the other's viewpoint, but not in a relativistic fashion. Rather, "it must respect the truth of our human dignity and submit to that truth" (207). In envisioning how this might look in a pluralistic society, the pope draws on a favourite image, that of the polyhedron, "whose different sides form a variegated unity, in which 'the whole is greater than the part'" (215). This is lived out in the hard, but joyful, work of encountering those who are different than ourselves. For this we can call on the Holy Spirit for the gift of kindness.  
**Great Christian Thinkers – Who was John Bunyan?** By Colin Blakely  
He wrote *The Pilgrim's Progress* while he was in prison and it's a book that caught the imagination of the rest of the world. **Why was he in prison?** He served in the English Civil War, on the side of the parliamentary army. When Charles II returned to the throne times got hard for those who had not been faithful to the Church of England. As a Puritan, Bunyan was not and was imprisoned because he refused to stop preaching. **Was there no public outcry?** Charles II once asked John Owen, who was one of the leading intellectuals of the time, why he listened to this 'uneducated tinker'? Bunyan's father was a brazier (tinker). Owen replied: 'Could I possess the tinker's abilities for preaching, please your majesty, I would gladly relinquish all my learning'. **How did Bunyan come to such prominence?** It was his wife who set John on the straight and narrow. He married in 1649 and his wife was from a godly family and introduced him to solid Christian books, but it wasn't until he joined an independent congregation in Bedford that he felt confident in his faith. So he soon began preaching and his writing career – hence his imprisonment. His first book was *Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners* which was published in 1666 and it's an account of his own spiritual pilgrimage. His most famous work didn't appear until 1678 just 10 years before he died and just as the persecution of dissenters was coming to an end. **Why did he write in allegorical style?** He believed that the world was the setting for a battle of spiritual warfare, and the only thing that mattered was finding salvation. So he wrote about the experiences of Pilgrim as he encountered the trials and temptations of life. This reflected his own experience, and it worked. His masterpiece has appealed to Christians from all backgrounds. **Brought to you by the Diocesan Pastoral Council**

**MASS IN ST. AIDANS**  
Mass is an on-line service only which is celebrated privately each morning at 10am with a Vigil Mass on Saturday evening at 6pm. Masses can be viewed online at  
[www.churchservices.tv/enniscorthycathedral](http://www.churchservices.tv/enniscorthycathedral)  
**All mass intentions/anniversaries etc., booked will be offered.** If you wish to book an intention for any of the masses please call the parish office. **The Church will be open each day from 10.30am to 6pm for private prayer.**  
**PARISH OFFICE & SHOP**  
During these level 5 restrictions the parish office and shop is closed to the public. **The telephone is attended each day Monday to Saturday from 10am until 1pm.** Outside these times you may leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.  
**MASS CARD SERVICE**  
We are happy to continue to offer a phone service for those of you who would like to arrange a Mass card to be sent on your behalf or directly to you. Simply contact the Parish Office on 053 9235777 and your call will be answered or you may have the opportunity to leave a message and your call will be returned. We will then fill out the card on your behalf and put it in the post. you may pay the mass donation using your Debit/Credit card.  
**ENVELOPES 2021**  
**If you have not received your envelope boxes** please contact the Parish Office by telephone 053 9235777 to rectify this.  
**FUNERALS**  
Will take place and we adhere strictly to the advised restriction of **10 persons only**  
**PARISH CALENDAR**  
A limited number of our calendars are available at the parish office. Please ring to obtain one. 053 9235777.  
**MAGNIFICAT (Monthly Book)**  
The February edition is now available. Please contact the parish office regarding collection or postage. 053 9235777 (10am-1pm)  
**Two Books written by FR BILLY SWAN**  
**'Love has a Source' €10**  
**'Faith and Mental Health' €5**  
Both are available through the Parish Office. Ring 053 9235777 to order.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**  
**18th to 25th January**  
This week we celebrate the week of prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for 2021 is **'Abide in My Love... You Shall Bear Much Fruit'**.  
It is provided by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland and finds its origins in the Gospel of John (cf. Jn 15:5-9) It is the Gospel desire of the Lord: **THAT ALL MAY BE ONE** (John 17:21). We pray for the fruits of a closer communion with all Christians, a living witness to our common baptism and a deeper solidarity with all creation.  
**THE HOOK OF FAITH**  
On 8<sup>th</sup> December last, Pope Francis declared 2021 to be a 'Year of St Joseph'. He announced this in a pastoral letter *'Patris corde...With a Father's heart'*. We feature this letter from the pope and explore how he is asking us to mark the 'Year of St Joseph'. The homily for the Second Sunday of Ordinary time is offered by Fr Denis Browne where Jesus calls both Andrew and Peter to follow him and to 'Come and See' the new life and hope he offers. In connection to this message, we have a video on the meaning of a Christian vocation. We feature an article on the gift of friendship and news of a 'Time for Priests' - a series of nine conferences on priestly identity and mission. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)  
**EXPLORING A VOCATION IN THE HOME**  
  
In the first reading at Mass this weekend, we have the calling of the young Samuel by God who responded to the Lord's call with the words: 'Speak Lord your servant is listening'. The following extracts from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* encourage parents to speak to the children in the home about the concept of vocation that God has given to them from their baptism.' It is in the bosom of the family that parents are by word and example . . . the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children. They should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each child, fostering with special care any religious vocation.....Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God.35 The parish is the Eucharistic community and the heart of the liturgical life of Christian families; it is a privileged place for the catechesis of children and parents' (CCC 1656, 2226).

### ENVELOPES AND DONATIONS

We thank you for your continued and very valued generosity, support and patience during these extraordinary times. Despite the many challenges, the mission of the parish goes on and your material support in making that happen is very much appreciated. With that in view and in the absence of Sunday and weekday Masses, you can leave your envelopes (both pink and white) into the parish office at any time during the coming weeks or you may ring the office to update your payments by Debit/Credit Card. Our email address is [saintaidancathedral@gmail.com](mailto:saintaidancathedral@gmail.com)

### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Aphonsus de Liguori)

### THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY

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.



### SOUTH EAST RADIO -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)

### WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

<https://www.irishchurches.org/news-blog/5449/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity>

*"Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit"*

### 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 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**, and will remain open over the Christmas period.

### PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Odhrán Furlong, Adm.  
Fr. Billy Swan C.C.  
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### SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. Dervla Tierney/Ms. Stephanie McKenna  
Tel: 085-1969205

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

### PARISH OFFICE / SHOP OPENING HOURS:

Currently closed to the public.  
Phones attended 10am-1pm Mon to Sat  
Please ring 0539235777 for all your queries and bookings.

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

<b>MONDAY 10am</b>	Tom Forrestal, Annette Connolly Maria Cronin <b>All RD</b>
<b>TUESDAY 10am</b>	Deceased Benefactors of the Cathedral and the Peoples Intentions, Joe Doyle, Nick Cosgrave <b>Both RD</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 10am</b>	Mag O'Shea <b>Anniv</b> , Maureen Boyle <b>RD</b> Margaret Larkin <b>RD</b>
<b>THURSDAY 10am</b>	John O'Toole, Michael Jordan, Joe Doyle <b>All RD</b>
<b>FRIDAY 10am</b>	Peter Carroll <b>Rem/RIP</b> , Essie Lee <b>Anniv</b> , Marguerite Therese Mahon <b>50th Anniv</b> , John O'Dwyer <b>Birthday</b> <b>Rem/RIP</b>
<b>SATURDAY 10am</b>	Katherine Dunne (nee) Murphy <b>Birthday Rem/RIP</b> , Joe Doyle <b>RD</b>
<b>SATURDAY 6pm</b>	Sean Fitzpatrick <b>1st Anniv</b> Bill Maguire, Breda O'Leary <b>Annivs</b>
<b>SUNDAY 10am</b> <b>(&amp; 12 noon</b> <b>Intentions)</b>	John Molloy <b>Months Mind</b> Bridie Courtney <b>1st Anniv</b> Ted & Josie Dunbar, Tommy Fenlon <b>Annivs</b>

Please note: If you would like to book an intention please call the parish office between 10am and 1pm daily (Mon-Fri) outside of those times you may leave a message and we will return your call.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Joe Doyle, Duffry Hill,  
Joan McDonald, Nolan's Lawn  
Annette Connolly, Patrick Street  
Billy Franklin, The Moyne  
Nick Cosgrave, Clonhaston  
John O'Toole, Drumgould Villas  
Michael Carey, Graiguenamagh  
Nancy O'Connor, Mallow  
Thomas A. Leen, Philadelphia, Tralee (Enniscorthy)  
*May they rest in peace*



### VOCATIONS

#### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JANUARY 17

We pray that all Catholics will recognize their responsibility to discover their vocation in Christ and follow Him, especially those chosen for the special calling to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**"Behold the Lamb of God."**

Could it be that you are being called to be a shepherd for the Lord as a priest, a deacon or in the consecrated life? Speak to your local priest or your Diocesan Vocations' Director, or email the National Vocations Office on [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie)



### PARISH WEEKLY ENVELOPES (White)

Minimum weekly running cost of parish is €2500  
10th January 2021= €1380  
Thank you for your valued Contributions

### READERS

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 24th January  
Saturday 6pm - Tommy Tyrrell  
Sunday 10am - Mairead Fanning

Ministers of the Word for Sundays may collect their Missal from the Parish Office -Ring 9235777

### CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

WEEKENDS: Vigil Saturday 6pm  
Sunday - 10am & 12noon  
WEEKDAYS: 10am daily  
(including Bank Holidays)

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



**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.**