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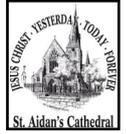
ST AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

ENNISCORTHY, DIOCESE OF FERNS

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 2nd MAY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO OUR LADY during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, health of the sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from very danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen



REFLECTION

And so long as you haven't experienced this:
To die and so to grow,
you are only a troubled guest on the dark earth.

Holy Longing—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Defeat is at the heart of the Easter Story. Not to accept this, is to deny the joy promised us at Easter. The Emmaus account (Luke 24:13-35) is a movement which allowed defeat to usher in a new Life: from being 'downcast' v17 to, 'did not our hearts burn within us' v32. This marks an inevitable personal and collective journey for us all. Furthermore the Emmaus story shows us three steps in that journey from defeat to joy. Firstly, Jesus *listened* to the signs of the death of the old way ('our own hope has been' v21) Secondly, Jesus *challenged* them ('You foolish people. So slow to believe the full message of the prophets!) Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into glory?' (vv25-26). Thirdly, Jesus *fed* them vv 30-31. Having accepted the reality of death, they experienced the joy which comes from being fed.

Fr. Sean Cummins OP, Dominican Retreat House, Ennismore, Co. Cork. Intercom, May Edition.

GOLF CLASSIC CANCELLED

We have been greatly blessed over many years with tremendous support for our Annual Cathedral Golf Classic. We are also extremely fortunate to have a wonderful committee who put so much time and effort into organising the event. Sadly, as with last year, we have made the decision that we will not be holding our Golf Classic in 2021. While it might have been possible to hold the event later in the year we feel that it would be unfair to look for sponsorship from businesses who have had such a difficult time. We hope that all golfers are enjoying their return to the fairways and we look forward to having a successful classic in 2022!



The Diocese of Ferns Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes

9th to 13th May 2021

The Masses and ceremonies will be on-line only and will come from St. Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy. Join us at www.churchservices.tv/enniscorthycathedral.

Mass intentions can be posted/emailed to St. Aidan's Cathedral and will be placed on the Altar for the duration of the Pilgrimage.
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Lourdes: a place of grace, peace and resilience

Sunday 9th May @ 10am: Bishop Brennan will celebrate Mass launching the virtual pilgrimage and light the Lourdes Candle.

7pm: Fr. Jim Doyle will guide us through a time of gentle prayer and adoration, recalling our quiet times at the grotto.

Monday 10th May @ 10am: Fr. Odhrán Furlong will celebrate Mass and short reflection

7pm: Fr. Matt Boggan guides us through the mysteries of the Rosary

Tuesday 11th May @ 10am: Fr. Ricky O'Connor will celebrate Mass and share a short reflection

7pm: Fr. Billy Swan will pray us around the Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 12th May @ 10am: Msgr. Joe McGrath will celebrate Mass and share a short reflection

7pm: Fr. Billy Caulfield will lead our evening prayer on God's healing grace

Thursday 13th May @ 10am: Fr. Brian Broaders celebrates Mass and share a short reflection

7pm: Fr. Aodhán Marken will bring the Virtual Pilgrimage to a close with a ceremony of Light

THE HOOK OF FAITH

The homily for this Fifth Sunday of Easter is by Fr. Michael O'Shea who reflects on Jesus' beautiful parable of the vine. Ibar Quirke offers a few thoughts on the life and witness of Blessed Edmund Rice in advance of his feast day on 5th May. We have the usual newsletter insert and a feature on the writings of St Catherine of Siena and their relevance today. Our video this week highlights the work of Fr. Shay Cullen, an Irish priest working in the Philippines and founder of the Preda Foundation - a body that helps recovery of teenagers who were rescued from human traffickers and the horrors of sexual abuse and exploitation. Finally, we include writing from a new contributor to the Hook of Faith - Brother Solanus from the Franciscan Friary in Wexford. **check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com**

Mass in St. Aidan's

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
All mass intentions/anniversaries that are booked will be offered. Intentions booked for 12noon on Sundays will be celebrated at the 10m Mass. 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 **are 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. If at all possible please conduct all business over the phone (053 9235777). Thank you.

MASS CARD SERVICE

We 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. **Easter Mass Bouquets now available.**

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 (053 9235777) to update your payments by Debit/Credit Card.

PARISH WEEKLY ENVELOPES (White)

Minimum weekly running cost of parish is €2500

25th April 2021 = €1112.50

Thank you for your valued Contributions during these difficult times and for your continued support of the parish and priests

FUNERALS

Will take place and we adhere strictly to the advised restriction of **10 persons only**

READERS FOR 9th May

Saturday 6pm - Maureen Walsh

Sunday 10am - Pat McGorrin

All readers are encouraged to come along and read at their allotted time if they can. Thank you.

TRÓCAIRE BOX RETURN 2021.

We encourage you to please return any outstanding Trócaire Box/contributions as soon as possible. Post through the letterbox at the Manse or ring the parish office 053 9235777 (10am-1pm). You can also contribute online if you wish through www.trocaire.org or with your card over the phone at the Parish Office. Thank you for your Generosity.

MAGNIFICAT BOOK for **May** now available at the parish office. Ring 0539235777 to organise getting your copy.

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)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK - MONDAY TO SUNDAY

MONDAY	10am	Paul Rossiter, Ita Carton Both RD , Get Well Intention, Special Intention
TUESDAY	10am	Deceased Benefactors of the Cathedral and the Peoples Intentions. Get Well Intention, Special Intention Paddy O'Donoghue, Stephen O'Leary Both RD
WEDNESDAY	10am	Betty Leacy Rem/RIP Larry Kelly RD , Special Intention
THURSDAY	10am	Tom Hastings, Julia Dobbyn Rem/RIP Jim Finn 1st Anniv , Stephen O'Leary RD
FRIDAY	10am	Sr. Bella Carroll, Paddy O'Donoghue Both RD , Edward Warren Anniv
SATURDAY	10am	Sean Forrestal Anniv , Michael Foley RD , Pat Leacy Rem/RIP Catherine Nangle 1st Anniv John Deely, Sarah Murphy, Liam Walsh, Margaret Howell & dec'd family members All Anniv
Vigil	6pm	Start of Virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage Peter Coady, Noel Weafer Annivs , Doreen Stewart RD Deborah O'Neill RD Sheila, Jim & Myra Kinsella Rem/RIP
SUNDAY	10am	
	(12 noon Intentions included)	

RECENTLY DECEASED

Deborah O'Neill, Pearse Road

Sadie Phelan nee Dunbar, Wicklow, formerly Vinegar Hill Villas
May they rest in peace



ONLINE QUIZ

Mary's Meals, feeds almost 2 million hungry children every school day in a place of education. An Online Quiz, to support their efforts, takes place on the **last Friday of EVERY month at 8pm**. To join/donate go to www.bit.ly/QuizforMM or contact Martin Colfer on 087 2596159. Thank you.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The local branch are seek a sofa bed in good condition. If you can help call 087 1413153. Thank you.

OUR LADY OF KNOCK—CD SINGLE AVAILABLE

By P J O'Connor

The CD is available from the parish office (€5), by post €6. Contact the parish office 053 9235777 for your copy.

All profits are in aid of St. Aidan's Parish. Thank you for your support.

COVID-19 SUPPORT FOR THE OLDER PERSON

ALONE: 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.

SENIORLINE: National Confidential Listening Service for Older people. Open everyday from 10am to 10pm. **FREE-PHONE** 1800 80 4591. fully trained staff there for you with understanding, guidance, informing, reassuring and listening.

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



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