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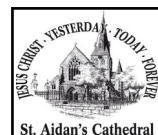
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ST AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

ENNISCORTHY, DIOCESE OF FERNS

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 11TH APRIL 2021
SECOND 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.

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

Universal intention-Fundamental rights



We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

THE HOOK OF FAITH

'STOP DUMBING DOWN THE FAITH!' The words shouted often by Bishop Robert Barron from 'Word on Fire'. We should, he insists, spend more time and energy offering reasons why we believe instead of apologizing for what we believe. In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus respects the doubts of Thomas and responds to them directly. An article explores how this should also be the Church's approach to a sceptical world. On Divine Mercy Sunday we explore the powerful gift of mercy and its impact on our lives. We have the usual newsletter insert and a video on C.S. Lewis' understanding on the effectiveness of prayer. Finally we feature the spiritual poetry of a Wexford author, Deirdre McGarry. **check out these and other resources available at**

www.thehookoffaith.com

TRÓCAIRE BOX RETURN 2021.

If you haven't already done so, please Return your Trócaire Box/contribution 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.



Thank you for your very generous and valued contributions

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The local branch are seeking a kitchen table & 4 chairs and a small suite of furniture in good Condition. If you can help call 087 1413153. Thank you.



OUR LADY OF KNOCK CD SINGLE AVAILABLE

By P J O'Connor

'Our Lady of Knock'

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.



Divine Mercy Sunday

My Lord and My God: In today's Gospel, the disciples have locked themselves in a room out of fear. Jesus comes and stands among them and says "Peace be with you". The disciples are filled with joy when they see him! Last Sunday the tomb was found empty. And now the resurrected Jesus is alive and with His disciples once again. He gives them the Holy Spirit and the power to be able to forgive sins. Thomas doesn't believe that it really is Jesus

so Jesus shows him the wounds on his hands from the nails and the hole in his side. Then Thomas believes and he says "My Lord and my God!" We too can be sure that Jesus really did rise from the dead and that Jesus is indeed God.

Feast of the Week: St. Faustina was a Polish nun who was asked by Jesus to remind the world of his Divine Mercy. God's mercy is greater than any sin. This was proclaimed in a special way by St. Pope John Paul II. He announced that the second Sunday of Easter would become Divine Mercy Sunday. St. John Paul died on April 2nd 2005, on the Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday

REFLECTION

'I wish to address every living person on the Planet'

Pope Francis.

Along with the importance of little everyday gestures, social love moves us to devise larger strategies to halt environmental degradation and to encourage a "culture of care" which permeates all of society. When we feel that God is calling us to intervene with others in these social dynamics, we should realize that this too is part of our spirituality, which is an exercise of charity and, as such, matures and sanctifies us.

Pope Francis

We are all invited to a change of heart towards our environment and with each other and how we undertake religion, prayer and liturgy so that we have a *Season of Creation* as part of our religious calendar. We are all learning what it means to be a human being on the earth.

Ms. Jacqui Redmond Catholic Earthcare's Executive Director

In the Pope's document *Laudato Si* he talks about how all creatures have meaning and value in themselves. Why? Because God is present in them and God loves each of them and each has a future in God. Each of them has a word that God speaks to us so creation is a manifestation of God - a book of nature filled with words of love.

Rev. Professor Denis Edwards, Australia Catholic University

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/stfaustina>

POPE FRANCIS ON DIVINE MERCY

The Church is not a museum of saints, but a hospital for sinners. I see clearly that the thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds. And you have to start from the ground up.

The Church sometimes has locked itself up in small things, in small-minded rules. The most important thing is the first proclamation: Jesus Christ has saved you. And the ministers of the Church must be ministers of mercy above all. The confessor, for example, is always in danger of being either too much of a rigorist or too lax. Neither is merciful, because neither of them really takes responsibility for the person. The rigorist washes his hands so that he leaves it to the commandment. The loose minister washes his hands by simply saying, "This is not a sin" or something like that. In pastoral ministry we must accompany people, and we must heal their wounds'. (Pope Francis, 2013 interview with *La Civita Cattolica*)

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/enniscorthy.cathedral
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.

TAX REBATE SCHEME

A reminder to those who received letters regarding the above, to consider partaking in the scheme. If you have paid €250 or over in the year 2020, the parish is eligible to receive a tax rebate on your donation with absolutely no effect to you. If you have any questions regarding this please ring the parish office and we will be happy to explain it.

PARISH WEEKLY ENVELOPES (White)

Minimum weekly running cost of parish is €2500

4th April 2021= €2582.50

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**

MAGNIFICAT (Monthly Book)

April edition is now available. Please contact the parish office 053 9235777 (10am-1pm)

Subscribers are encouraged to collect their 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	Betty Leacy Rem/RIP Rose Brennan Anniv
TUESDAY	10am	Deceased Benefactors of the Cathedral and the Peoples Intentions, Joe Doyle Anniv & deceased members of the Doyle Family, Angela Johnston and Michael Morgan Annivs
WEDNESDAY	10am	Laurence & Bridget Dunne Gertie Sheehan Annivs Eileen & Margaret Weadick Rem
THURSDAY	10am	Breda Doran RD
FRIDAY	10am	Brendan Cosgrave B'day & Anniv
SATURDAY	10am	Philip Reck Months Mind Molly Franklin Dan & Bridget Nolan Annivs The Murphy Family deceased
Vigil	6pm	Nancy Wall Months Mind Rita Foran Anniv & remember her daughters Maura & Bernadette & deceased family members
SUNDAY	10am (12 noon Intentions) included	Birthday Intention for Ann Eileen Doyle B'day Rem/RIP Anniv Rem for Martina Tom Kelly Marie Ryan Annivs

READERS FOR 18th APRIL

Saturday 6pm – Michael Connolly
Sunday 10am – Joe Deering

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

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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