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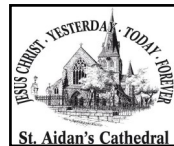
DAY OF
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FOR
VOCATIONS

ENNISCORTHY, DIOCESE OF FERNS

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 8th MAY 2022

FOURTH 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.

Weekend Masses in

St. Aidan's Cathedral

Saturday 6pm, Sunday 10am & 12noon

Please book Anniversary Masses well in advance



HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

A Holy Hour for Vocations will take place in the Cathedral on Sunday 8th May at 3pm. All are welcome.



ST. AIDAN'S PARISH GOLF CLASSIC Friday 20th May Enniscorthy Golf Club

Calling all Golfers! Come and join us for a fun day of golfing!

Entry Fee: Teams of 4 -€140

Prizes for G.U.I. / I.L.G.U. and non G.U.I. / I.L.G.U.

Tee Box Sponsorship €25

TO BOOK YOUR TEAM & TIME:

Contact the Parish Office on 053 92 35777

or email your team details to

saintaidanscathedral@gmail.com

Pay by Cheque to St. Aidan's Parish or
ring the office and pay by card

The subscription of €140 entitles you to enter a team of four players to compete for valuable prizes. (Meal not included). Full restaurant facilities will be available in the Clubhouse for anyone wishing to partake.



THE HOOK OF FAITH

On this 'Vocations Sunday', we speak with Bishop Ger Nash on the importance of priestly and religious vocations for the future of our diocese. We also include resources for parishes for the celebration of Vocations Sunday. We congratulate Fr. Chris Hayden from our diocese who launches his new book 'A Better Vision' this Sunday 8th May at St Patrick's College, Maynooth. It is a book that unpacks the wisdom and prophetic teaching of the Gospel and Church on human sexuality. Our video this week is from Fr Mike Schmitz on how joy is the gigantic secret of Christians. As we approach the centenary of his birth, we republish an article on the late Nicky Rackard. Finally, a meditation for the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima on 13th May.

www.thehookoffaith.com

Enniscorthy Community Services Council VOLUNTEER DRIVERS URGENTLY NEEDED!!!! ONE WEEK PER YEAR

We have been operating a Meals on Wheels Service in Enniscorthy Town for a very long time. We **URGENTLY** need People to Volunteer to drive for us; the driver will be required approximately one hour a day for six days once a year. We deliver these meals to our Clients in their home. They receive a hot dinner and a dessert which are provided by St. John's Hospital from Monday to Friday. We sponsor a CE Scheme in co-operation with Department of Social Protection and the participant takes the meal to the Client. We operate three rounds, twenty on each round. This way everyone gets their dinners hot. **If you think that you can help by becoming a driver please ring 053-9233746 and leave your name and contact details and someone will be in touch or if you prefer to email enniscorthycommunity@hotmail.com**

A note from the Administrator

Thank you for the welcome you have given me on my return back to St Aidan's. For those of you who don't know me I was born in Arthurstown in my parents bed on 23rd Jan 1970, I arrived early and the bed went on fire but that's a story for another day! My parents Tommy and Frances still live there. My Dad was a fisherman and a steel erector now retired, my Mam was and still is a "home maker". I have one older brother John and one older sister Joan-they have five boys between them who are now young men. I attended the local parish primary school in Ballyhack and also Ramsgrange Community School. My Seminary training took place in St. Peter's College Seminary, Wexford. I was Ordained a Deacon June 1992 and started my first placement in St Aidan's a few weeks later. I woke up the morning after my diac-nate thinking I have made the biggest mistake of my entire life and I felt like that for the four or five weeks until I started in St Aidan's. It was here that everything fell into place and everything began to make sense. I will be forever grateful to the people of Enniscorthy for that experience. Having completed my BTh. I completed another parish placement in Indiana USA and spent a year working at Mount St. Anne's Retreat House in Portarlinton. I was Ordained a priest on 5th June 1994 and appointed to Bride St, Wexford where I remained for 8 years. During that time the Bishop asked me to spend some time at St. Benedict's Monastery, Colorado. I've always been drawn to contemplative prayer and now I was given the opportunity to learn more about it from the Trappists. I was trained as a teacher of the Method of Centering Prayer as taught by Fr. Thomas Keating and I continue to teach it today as a member of Contemplative Outreach Ireland. I was also appointed as Chaplain to CURA Wexford and through that first met Bishop Ger-Fr Ger as he was then, little did we know then how our paths would cross again. In 2002 I was moved as Curate to Galbally and it was there that I was appointed Chaplain to the Intellectual Disability Services (Including CWCW, Bellefield, WIRDS Munster Hill and Kilcannon) I remain in that post today. It was also from Galbally that I trained as a Spiritual director/companion with the Jesuits. I am an external member of their retreat team at the Manresa Centre of Spirituality, Dublin. Through my work there I am also on the panel of Spiritual Companions for Towards Peace. It was also during that time that I was appointed Diocesan Master of Ceremonies. In 2006 I was appointed the Parish Priest of Rathangan/ Clearistown, in 2012 as Parish Priest to River-chapel (where I joined the Courtown RNLI Lifeboat crew) and just before Easter appointed Adm, Pastor and team leader here to St. Aidan's. My hobbies include hillwalking, an interest in plants and photography. I have been very fortunate that anywhere I have been posted I have been very happy and I am looking forward to being the same here. I'd like to thank Bishop Ger for entrusting me with the Pastoral Care of the Parish and I look forward to walking with you on our Pilgrim way-wherever that may take us. Let's pray for each other as we begin our journey together. I look forward to getting to know you in the days and years ahead. I will be visiting the sick and household of my area on Monday and Tuesday this week. God bless,
Fr Tom.

DIOCESAN PLANNING MEETING

At the request of Bishop Ger, Fr. Tom and two Parish Committee members will attend this meeting on Monday evening 9th May in Coláiste Bride.

Statement of Purpose

A need to create a sustainable system that will provide a ministerial service to all the people of the diocese which is faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ, and which empowers the gifts of the laity of the diocese and which takes appropriate consideration of a declining and aging clergy.

ROSARY FOR MAY

At Our Lady's Grotto

Moran Park, Enniscorthy

Everyone is welcome to come along every evening in May at 7.30pm or the Holy Rosary



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration will take place *on the Main Altar* on Thursday 10.30am to 11.30am, Friday 10.30 to 5pm, Saturday 10.30am to 11.30am

CONFESSIONS:

Friday and Saturday after 10am Mass
Saturday at 5.30pm

READERS FOR 15th May

Saturday Vigil 6pm— Marie O'Tiarnaigh
Sunday 10am – Eddie Murphy
12noon— Neil O'Sullivan

PARISH WEEKLY ENVELOPES (White)

Minimum weekly running cost
of parish is €2500

1st May 2022 = €1375

Thank you for your valued Contributions



BAPTISM

Congratulations to the family of
Sarah Clare Corrigan
Who was baptised in the Cathedral



FIRST COMMUNION

Pupils from 2nd class in St. Aidan's Parish School will receive their First Communion next Saturday. We invite you to remember them in your prayers. We thank their parents/guardians and teachers who helped them to prepare for this special day in their lives.

ENNISCORTHY FÁILTE

Enniscorthy Fáilte is looking for your assistance to identify Ukrainians located in our parish so we can link them into the support hub. If you become aware of a refugee family housed near you please contact Enniscorthyfailte@gmail.com or message on the facebook page @enniscorthyfailte.

If you would like to volunteer with the Ukrainian refugees, Enniscorthy Fáilte is looking for help with 'Befriending' and for teachers or retired teachers who would give some time to assist with language courses. Full training and support will be given to all who volunteer. For further details please email Enniscorthyfailte@gmail.com or text your interest to 087 3369967.



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RELATIVE or FRIEND.**

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, We trust in your loving kindness.
Bless our Diocese of Ferns with many priestly and 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 www.fernsvocations.ie

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK MONDAY TO SUNDAY

MONDAY 10am Special Intention for Sonnie Mary Doolan, Ellen Miller **Annivs**
TUESDAY 10am Deceased Benefactors of the Cathedral & the Peoples Intentions, Joseph Doyle **RD**, Noel Weafer **Anniv**
WED'DAY 10am Mary Kate (Kit) Sheehan Husband J.J. & daughter Eileen, William & Ellen Crotty, Eileen Carney **All Rem**
THURSDAY 10am Birthday Int for Bridget McDonald, Dolores Redmond **Rem/RIP**
FRIDAY 10am Norma Platts **Anniv**, Robert Sparks **RD**
SATURDAY 10am Bríd Uí Laoghaire **RD**
VIGIL 6pm Josephine, William & Gerard Winters, Frank Ennis **Annivs**
SUNDAY 10am Tom O'Connor, Denis Millar **Anniv**, Seamus Dempsey **Rem/RIP**
12 Noon Special Intention for Fergus Moloney Kathleen Breen, Pat & Mary Kate Mythen & Family, Helen Kehoe her father Tom Barry, Nancy Connelly & Helen Kehoe, Sam O'Shea, Anna Eivers, Liz Dempsey, Thomas & France Byrne **Annivs**

RECENTLY DECEASED

Brid Uí Laoghaire, Shingaun,
Thomas Morris, Friary Hill
Tom Windsor, formerly Bree,
Theresa O'Brien, Bellefield Rd



*May
they rest
in peace*

Diocese of Ferns

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

**20th June to 24th June 2022- Led by the Bishop
of Ferns, Most Rev Ger Nash**

4 Nights Accommodation in Lourdes -Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner each day. Hotels Padoue, Solitude & Agena. Transfer & assistance between Lourdes airport & your hotel. **Booking details; JWT 01 2410800 / info@ioewalstours.ie**



ENNISCORTHY LIONS CLUB

CONCERT

IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINIAN AID

With the situation in Ukraine deteriorating on an almost daily basis and with the number of refugees arriving in Enniscorthy having already exceeded 200, Enniscorthy Lions Club is organising a concert in St. Mary's Church on Saturday night, May 28th, in an effort to raise badly needed funds for Ukrainian Aid purposes. The concert will feature the best of Wexford talent, all of whom are giving their services free of charge, and already booked to appear are Lorna Mahon, Mezzo Soprano, Grace Murphy, Soprano, George Lawlor and Tony Carty of Wexford Light Opera Society and Mark Redmond, the internationally renowned Uilleann Pipe player from North Wexford who studied under the renowned Leo Rowsome. The Presentation School Senior Choir will also be on stage as will a host of other well known artists who have volunteered their services. Making a special guest appearance will be Marina O' Dolska, one of Ukraine's best known entertainers who, along with her family, fled to Ireland at the outbreak of war. **Tickets** at €20.00 each for what promises to be a sell out concert will go on sale this week and can be purchased from the following: The Riverside Park Hotel, Telephone 053 9237800, Chamber of Commerce, Telephone 053 9232006, St. Aidan's Parish Office, Call in (10-1/2-5pm daily) or Telephone 053 9235777, St. Senan's Parish Office, Telephone 053 9261729, St. Mary's Parish Office (2-5 p.m. Daily) Telephone 053 9239009, Enniscorthy Cleaners, Abbey Square, Telephone 053 9236466 and Enniscorthy Lions Club members. The public's support for this very worthy event is earnestly requested.