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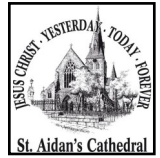
ST AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

ENNISCORTHY, DIOCESE OF FERNS

NEWSLETTER

22nd JANUARY 2023

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of St. Aidan's Parish, a caring community rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ and united around the table of the Eucharist, strive to reflect the love and mercy of God. We are committed to making our parish a place where each person feels welcomed accepted and valued.

PASTORAL AREA St. Aidan's/St. Senan's Marshalstown/Castledockrell MASS TIMES

Monday to Saturday

10am	St. Aidan's
7pm	St. Senan's
9.30am	Marshalstown Tuesday
9.30am	Castledockrell Thursday

Weekend

Saturday	6pm	St. Aidan's
	7pm	St. Senan's
	7.30pm	Marshalstown
Sunday	9.30am	Castledockrell
	10am	St. Aidan's
	11am	St. Senan's
	12 noon	St. Aidan's

ST. AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL HAS A LIVE WEBCAM STREAMING 24 HOURS A DAY. THE CAMERA IS FOCUSED ON THE ALTAR, SANCTUARY AND FRONT STEPS OF THE ALTAR. 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 Saint Killian Candle Burning System is being trialed in our Church



We have decided to trial the Saint Killian Candle burning system here in our church giving our parishioners the opportunity to experience the **safest, cleanest and most eco friendly** way of burning candles in the churches. The feedback is all very positive and because of its uniqueness, **parishioners can now light candles with confidence and without fear of being burnt.**

Mass for Primary Schools

Bishop Ger Nash will celebrate a special mass for the Primary School children of our Diocese on **Friday, January 27th at 10am.** This will once again take place in St. Aidan's Cathedral and you are very welcome to attend with some of your pupils. Alternatively you may like to join us online using the following link: <https://www.churchservices.tv/enniscorthycathedral>

CHARITY HURLING MATCH

The recently held Robert Tex Byrne Memorial Charity Hurling Match realised €6000, half of which was donated to St. Mary's Cemetery. We thank the Byrne family for their generosity and also those who supported the Charity Match.

This money will help to enhance the resting place of our loved ones.

Thank You



- STEP 1. Place your candle into the glass holder**
STEP 2. Use gas lighter provided to light your candle

- ◆ In addition to the safety features the **St. Killian Candles are smokeless** and so cause no damage to walls and statues. The St Killian Candles are manufactured in Ireland.
- ◆ Each candle is secured in its own individual cup and thus the wax from the candle drops into a holding tray underneath the unit and avoids the risk of wax spilling onto the floor.
- ◆ St. Killian's fully trained service team will call to our church on a regular basis to clean and maintain the candelabras. This ensures that our candelabras are pristine looking at all times
- ◆ Our suggested donation is marked on each candelabra.
- ◆ The St. Killian Candle Stands are manufactured by a local company in Waterford.
- ◆ St. Killians are proud to support Irish Jobs.
- ◆ **The new shrines are arriving on Tuesday 24th January and candles will be 50c each or 3 for €1.**
- ◆ Thank you once again for all your valued support, it is greatly appreciated.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 25th January at 7.30pm in St. Aidan's Presbytery.

All members are encouraged to attend

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week 2023, themed as 'Walking Together in Faith & Love', begins this **Sunday 22 January until Sunday 29 January next.**

For this year's annual celebration of Catholic education, CSW will draw on three features of the Synodal Pathway: 'Communion, Participation and Mission'. The theme for CSW 2023 is dedicated to celebrating the gift of Catholic education and recognizing the love and generosity of the entire school community: student, staff and home.

During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools reflecting on their contribution to the common good of society. During this week, we aim to celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic schools, both primary and post-primary, make to supporting each other and living out Jesus' message of the Gospel. **Monday:** Walking Together in Faith. **Tuesday:** Walking Together in Love (In our school community, themes of inclusion) **Wednesday:** Walking Together to Celebrate Grandparents' Day (Celebrating those who help us on the journey of faith, themes of inclusion of the elderly in society Pope Francis' Message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2022). **Thursday:** Walking Together to Transform our World (Themes of environment - Laudato Si' - and Mission). **Friday:** Walking Together in Hope.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD-22nd January

Saint Luke tells us that, just before his Ascension, the Risen Lord appeared to the apostles, and broke bread with them. 'He then opened their minds to understand the Scriptures' (24:45). This is how Pope Francis begins his apostolic letter, *Aperuit illis*, issued 30 September 2019, the feast of St. Jerome, instating the Sunday of the Word of God.

NOVENA TO SAINT AIDAN OF FERNS

(Patron Saint of the Diocese of Ferns.)

Repeat the following Novena prayers every day for 9 consecutive days. Novena begins on 21st of January and ends on his Feast Day Sunday in January 30th Feast of St Aidan.

Almighty God, our Creator and Guide, You chose St. Aidan to establish a church at Ferns and to preach the Good News of your son, Jesus Christ.

As we celebrate his feast, we give thanks for his witness and teaching. Through his intercession, we pray that we remain true to the faith which he brought to Ferns: that we listen to the word of God; following the teaching of our Holy Father; and remain loyal to the tradition of our faith. All powerful Father, through the intercession of St Aidan, I ask you to listen to and grant my prayer and request... [Mention your intention here...]

I ask these prayers through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen.
Saint Aidans of Ferns, Pray for us.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK MONDAY TO SUNDAY

MONDAY	10am	Phil Harris RD , Michael & May Mitten, Anniv , Catherine Dunne (nee Murphy) B'day Rem/RIP
TUESDAY	10am	Deceased Benefactors of the Cathedral & the Peoples Intentions.
WED'DAY	10am	Intention For Andy, Josie & Family Anne O'Reilly Months Mind
THURSDAY	10am	Rita Moriarty RD
FRIDAY	10am	Primary Schools Mass—Bishop Ger Jose Anniv
SATURDAY	10am 6pm	Paddy O'Sullivan (St Aidan's Villas) 1st Anniv & B'day John & Mary Murphy, Patrick Mernagh, P. J. Doyle, Maurice & Mary Doran, Kay Hogan, Madge Murphy Annivs Dec'd members of the Leacy Family Frank McNamee Months Mind Joe Cash, Paddy Gordan, Essie & Paddy Lee, Annivs , Frank Murphy Rem/RIP , Mary Doyle B'day Rem
Sunday	10am 12 noon	

RECENTLY DECEASED

Rita Moriarty, Summerhill
Phil Harris, Friary Hill
Frank Harpur, Browneswood
Kathleen Mahon, St. Aidan's villas
Angela Ryan, Limerick, formerly Enniscorthy
May they rest in peace



ECUMENICAL GATHERING

After a three year gap owing to the Covid-19 pandemic we will have an Ecumenical Gathering in the St. John of God Retreat Centre, Ballyvaloo, on **Wednesday 1 February 2023** under the guidance of St. Brigid. We have chosen the theme, **New opportunities for the Churches to work together**. Rev. Trevor Morrow former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland will lead us. The day will begin at **11.15a.m.** with registration and coffee. It will conclude at 4.00p.m. The contribution, *payable on the day please* is €25 (including lunch, and coffee on arrival). All are most welcome to join us. Please contact Fr. James Murphy on 087 8152637 (phone or text) by Monday 30 January if you wish to attend.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to the family of:
Lana-Eve Redmond
Who was baptised recently in the Cathedral



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



FERNS DIOCESAN ADORATION APOSTOLATE

Coming soon.....change to original plan...A Presentation on Adoration by Ferns Diocesan Adoration Group during all Masses in St. Aidan's and Castledockrell of the 11th and 12th February and in St. Senan's and Marshalstown, possibly on the same date. All are welcome.

CONFESSIONS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

Friday and Saturday after 10am Mass
Saturday at 5.30pm

PARISH WEEKLY ENVELOPES (White)

Minimum weekly running cost of parish is €2500:
15th January 2023 = €1510
We thank you for your very valued, generous and continued support. If you have not received your boxes, please contact the Secretary at the parish office 053 9235777.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began on Wednesday 18 January and continues until 25 January 2023. The theme this year is **'Do good seek justice'**. Resources can be found on the ICC website Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023-Irish Council of Churches and Irish Inter Church Meeting. (irishchurches.org) The Ferns Diocesan Ecumenical Service

Church of the Holy Trinity Bunclody this Sunday 22nd January 2023 at 7pm.

The Preacher is Rev. Michael Anderson
Arklow Presbyterian Church. All are Welcome.

THE HOOK OF FAITH

'Walking Together in Faith and Love' is the theme of Catholic Schools Week that begins this Sunday. We have resources and reflections including a great talk on the education of the whole person. This Third Sunday of Ordinary Time is also known as 'Word of God Sunday' when we highlight the centrality of Scripture in the lives of all Christians. We have an article on the meaning of this Sunday. We look forward to the feast of St. Frances de Sales on Tues. 24th Jan. and include a letter from Pope Francis that marks the 400th anniversary of the saint's death. We also include an article on St. Thomas Aquinas whose feast falls on 28th Jan. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

WEXFORD MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Church Gate Collection for Enniscorthy to take place on **Saturday 28th January and Sunday 29th January 2023** (Garda Permit No: WE 04/23). Please support as generously as you can.

ENNISCORTHY RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

We wish all our members a very Happy New Year. The next monthly meeting is on **Tuesday 7th February 2023** in the Riverside Park Hotel at 2-30pm and the AGM will be held on Tuesday 7th March 2023. We are looking forward to an active and fun filled year. All are welcome



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