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## 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 <b>Tuesday</b>
9.30am	Castledockrell <b>Thursday</b>

### Weekend

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

## Prayer Service on the Feast of Pentecost



St. Aidan's Cathedral  
28<sup>th</sup> May 5pm – 6pm.

This will be an opportunity for students who are studying for exams to come for quiet reflection and also those who wish to pray for those who are sick. It will be for one hour with prayers and instrumental music.

**All are welcome.**

## ROSARY FOR MAY

Rosary will take place every evening at 7.30pm for the month of May at the Grotto in Moran Park. Please come along and join us. **All welcome.**



## LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary will return to its apostolate in Enniscorthy. Weekly meetings will start on **Tues 30th May at 6.30pm**, in the Legion of Mary / Parish Hall, Convent Road. It's a great way of meeting new friends and taking an active role in the life of the church. All welcome. For info contact Keith 0868899123.

## Ferns and Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine Sunday July 2nd 2023

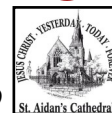
We are asking for volunteers from each parish to organise a coach to bring pilgrims to Our Lady's shrine on the day. We are also asking for singers to join our pilgrimage choir in singing simple, well known hymns during the ceremonies. For more information about the Pilgrimage, please contact the Sec on 087 2933545 as soon as possible.

# ST AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

ENNISCORTHY, DIOCESE OF FERNS

## NEWSLETTER

21st MAY 2023 – THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD



## 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.

**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 HOOK OF FAITH CELEBRATES 5 YEARS

On 18th May, 'The Hook of Faith' website celebrates its fifth birthday. It was launched on that day in 2018 by journalist Breda O'Brien and Bishop Denis Brennan in the Riverside Park Hotel, Enniscorthy. Five years on, we look back with immense gratitude to God and to all our followers, for the gift of modern technology and the opportunity to enrich the lives of so many with the Good News of the Gospel and the message of hope that is so badly needed in our time.

The traffic on the website has grown over the years. A few weeks ago, the Hook of Faith recorded its highest ever number of visitors in one week from all over the world. It is extraordinary to think of the way the content of the platform can reach people across the globe with the click of a button. It is awesome to think that something shared might reach someone thousands of miles away and make a difference. The gift of modern technology that makes this possible gives new meaning to Christ's command to 'teach the Gospel to all nations' (Matt. 28:19-20). Now, because of the internet, this is precisely what we can do, without leaving home.

'The Hook of Faith' platform is dedicated to adult faith formation – a need that was strongly identified in the synodal process in Ireland and was included in the final synthesis document. It is serviced by a small group here in the diocese of Ferns called 'Ferns CAFE' or 'Ferns Catholic Adult Faith and Education'. In the words of our mission statement on the website, our goal continues to "bring the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to bear on all sectors of society in a way that offers life and meaning to everyone. We recognise the challenge of this task at a time in the Church that needs healing and hope. The mission of 'The Hook of Faith' is to digitally proclaim the Gospel in the Diocese of Ferns and beyond. Our hope is that the light that comes from our faith will reach a wide audience through this new age of digital media and will help transform lives through the joy of the Gospel".

The 'Hook of Faith' website is a tool of evangelisation that belongs to the whole diocese of Ferns. With that in view, we would like to invite more people to contribute to the content of the website with articles, reflections, homilies and other material that is consistent with our mission statement. If you know of any websites or resources that we can link in with, then please let us know. If you would like to join our team of contributors then we would love to hear from you. If you would like to volunteer to write a series of homilies on the Sunday readings, then just drop an email to us at [thehookoffaith@gmail.com](mailto:thehookoffaith@gmail.com)

We would like to say a special word of thanks to those who follow the website regularly. Thank you. If you are a frequent visitor then please share with us what you like about it. If there is something that needs improving then please make helpful suggestions about how that can be done.

As we begin a new chapter, we again invoke the prayers and intercession of the three patron saints of 'The Hook of Faith' – St Aidan, patron saint of our diocese here in Ferns, St Patrick, patron saint of Ireland and St Therese of Lisieux, patron saint of the missions. May their prayers help 'The Hook of Faith' to keep throwing out the nets for a catch so that many will be reached with God's saving love and mercy. Thank you and please pray for our mission.

With every peace and blessing,  
Rev Billy Swan, ADM, Wexford Parish

## THIS WEEK ON THE HOOK OF FAITH

This week marks the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the vote that led to the legalisation of abortion in Ireland. The Irish Bishops have released a statement that analyses some of the developments since then and encourages people of faith to change the narrative around the tragedy of abortion. We include Pope Francis' message for 'World Communications Day' in which he invites us to speak from the heart with truth and love. We also include a recent talk by Pope Francis to farmers in which he reminds them that they are the 'first ecologists' and outlines that farming is not just a job but a vocation. We continue with the video series on the creed and explore how single Catholics can meet their future spouses. Finally, we explore the life of St Philip Neri who teaches us the value of not taking ourselves too seriously. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### PLANNED CLOSURE FOR ESSENTIAL WORKS

It is planned to close the Cathedral from 6th June to 17th June for essential work on the lighting.

(These dates are subject to change)

During this time we will have Mass at the usual times in  
St Mary's Church  
Church Street, Enniscorthy

We thank Rev. Nicola Halford and the Church of Ireland community for their kindness in allowing us to use St. Mary's Church during the closure.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your co-operation.

### 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.

### THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR MAY

*For church movements and groups*  
We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Please join us for Adoration.*

Adoration in St. Aidan's takes 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**. All are welcome.

### CONFESSIONS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

Friday and Saturday after 10am Mass and Saturday at 5.30pm

### PARISH WEEKLY ENVELOPES (White)

Minimum weekly running cost of parish is €2500: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023 = €1580

*We thank you for your very valued, generous and continued support.*

### READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

**SATURDAY Vigil 6pm - Tommy Tyrrell**  
**SUNDAY 10am - Felicja Davis**  
12noon - James McLaughlin

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The local branch of SVP are appealing for 2 chest of drawers and also a double bed without mattress. All should be in good condition. If you can help please ring 087-1413153. (do not call to the shop in Market Sq.)

### HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING

A coffee morning in aid of Wexford Hospice Homecare will take place in Oylegate Community Centre on Saturday **May 27th from 10:30am to 1pm**. There will also be a raffle and bake sale. Please come along and bring your family and friends to support this worthy cause.

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL LOCAL BRANCH -  
CONFIDENTIAL CONTACT LINE 087 1413153.

'The Ascension of Christ' means our own salvation as well; where the glorious Head has gone before, the body is called to follow in hope. Let us therefore exult, beloved, as is fitting, and let us rejoice in devout thanksgiving. For on this day not only have we been confirmed in our possession of paradise, but we have even entered heaven in the person of Christ; through his grace we have regained far more than we had lost through the devil's hatred' (St. Leo the Great, Sermon 73:4)



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

**MONDAY 10am** Breda Power RD  
**TUESDAY 10am** Deceased Benefactors of the Cathedral & the Peoples Intentions.  
**WED'DAY 10am** Larry Kehoe **Anniv**  
**THURSDAY 10am** Special Intention  
**FRIDAY 10am** Kathleen Murphy **30th Anniv**  
**SATURDAY 10am** Margo O'Neill **Anniv**  
**6pm** Christy, Alice & Catherine O'Toole, Nancy Nolan, Luke Murphy **Annivs**  
**SUNDAY 10am** Seanie Deegan **1st Anniv**  
**12 noon** Sonnie Somers **1st Anniv**  
Pat & Mary Kate Mythen & Dec'd Family, Eamonn Leacy, Mary Doyle **All Annivs**

### RECENTLY DECEASED

**Andrzej Marek Winnicki**, Forgeland  
**Philip Coughlan**, Sean Garral, Enniscorthy  
**Peggy Bolger**, Waterford, formerly Ferns  
**John McGrath**, Oulart, formerly Enniscorthy  
**Breda Power nee Sinnott**, Dungarvan, formerly Ross Road, Enniscorthy  
**Tom Butler**, Crossabeg & formerly Enniscorthy  
**James Kilcare**, Rathdowney, Co. Laois  
*May they rest in peace*



### WEDDINGS

Congratulations to  
**Danielle Connick & Anthony Dobbs**  
**Gillian Ivers & Brian McGuigan**  
Who were married recently in the Cathedral  
We wish both couples every blessing in their married lives.



### PADRE PIO NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

at Holycross Abbey, Thurles, Co. Tipperary  
(E41 PH01) **Sunday 28th May, 2023**  
Ceremonies begin at 1.30pm

1.30pm -Public recitation of the Rosary, 1.45pm Stations of the Cross, 2.30pm- Sacrament of the Sick, 3pm- Concelebrated Mass with Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly, 4pm-Conclusion and Final Blessing. **Contact:** John at Candy Tours 087-2632324 or May Kelly 087-7468724.

### LOUGH DERG 2023 PILGRIMAGE SEASON

**Three Day Pilgrimages**-1st June to 15th August  
**One Day Retreats**- May, August, September  
**Residential Retreat** -15th June & 10th August  
**Lakeshore Pilgrimages** -21st May & 30th September  
**Quiet Day** -12th May & 15th September

Contact: [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)  
[info@loughderg.ie](mailto:info@loughderg.ie) or 0719861518

### LOCAL AA MEETINGS

**Monday 8.30pm** Friends Meeting House, **Tuesday 1pm** Friends Meeting House, **Wednesday 8.30pm** Friends Meeting House, **Thursday 1pm & 8.30pm** Friends Meeting House, **Friday 8.30pm** Legion of Mary Hall, **Saturday 1pm** Friends Meeting House. **Sunday 11.30am**, Legion of Mary Hall. *Just come along.*

### Al-Anon

*Are you troubled by someone's drinking?* If so, there is help available. Al-Anon is for you. Al-Anon meet every **Monday at 8pm in the Legion of Mary Hall**, Convent Road, Enniscorthy.

### NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (Drug Addiction)

Meeting every Thursday at 8pm in the **Legion of Mary**

PLEASE TAKE A COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU FOR TO A NEIGHBOUR, RELATIVE or FRIEND.