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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>
	<b>Weekend</b>
<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

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

ANNUAL COLLECTION

**THIS WEEKEND**

PLEASE SUPPORT

GENEROUSLY

Bishop Ger Nash, following a meeting with local representatives from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, has called for a generous response to the Annual Church Gate Collection which will take place after all masses this weekend in the Enniscorthy district and in the rest of our diocese on the weekend of 16th/17th December.

With nationwide calls for help already at almost 200,000 to date this year the Society expects calls at the end of this year to well exceed last year's record number of 230,000.

These figures were announced by National President Rose McGowan at the launch of the SVP Annual Appeal. This year's Annual Appeal is focused on providing help to struggling parents who wonder how they will provide a Happy Christmas for their families. The campaign is entitled "*The Wonder of Christmas*" and subtitled "*Will we have Christmas at all?*" Ms. McGowan also added that according to the latest CSO Survey of Income and Living Conditions there are over 670,000 people at risk of poverty in Ireland, almost 875,000 people were experiencing enforced deprivation and going without essentials and over 265,000 live in consistent poverty.

Bishop Ger commended the work of so many volunteers who give so selflessly of their time to assist with the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul throughout the Diocese and beyond and has asked mass goes to respond as generously as they can to the upcoming collection.

## CONFESSIONS (PASTORAL AREA)

*In St. Aidan's Cathedral*

Fridays and Saturdays (15th/16th & 22nd & 23rd Dec) after 10am Mass (Prayer Room) and Saturday at 5.30pm in Confession Box to the left of the Altar.

**No Confession on Sunday 24th Christmas Eve.**

**Reconciliation Service—St Senan's Church**

Thursday 21st at 7.30pm **All welcome**

# ST AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

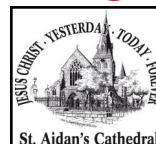


ENNISCORTHY, DIOCESE OF FERNS

## NEWSLETTER

10th DECEMBER 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## 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.

## ADVENT PRAYERS IN ST. AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL

*All are welcome*

Advent is a time of preparation and waiting. The following are some prayer services you might consider attending this Advent as you prepare for Christmas.

**A:** Prepare for each Sunday's Gospel with a mix of silence, reflection and prayer in the Prayer room in St. Aidan's Cathedral after 10am Mass on Mondays.

**B:** Guided prayer and Scripture Reflections in the Manse at 7.30pm Monday 11th December.

**C:** 3rd Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday: It has been the day when the children of Rome bring the Baby Jesus from their family cribs to be blessed by the Pope. **The day is known as Bambinelli Sunday. Children are invited to bring the Baby Jesus from their family cribs to be blessed at all masses next weekend 16th & 17th December.** Children could then wrap the blessed figurines in Christmas wrapping paper and place them under the tree to be opened as the first gift of Christmas.

**D:** Candlelight Family Advent **Taize service** by the Crib. Readings, hymns, music and prayers in St. Aidan's Cathedral 7.30pm Friday 22nd of December.

## SCHOOL CAROL SERVICES

*Gaelscoil Inis Cortaigh*

Monday 18th December at 7pm  
in St. Aidan's Cathedral

*St. Aidan's Primary School*

Tuesday 19th December at 7pm  
in St. Aidan's Cathedral

*Castledockrell National School*

Tuesday 19th Dec at 6.30pm  
In Castledockrell Church

## CAROL SERVICE

PASTORAL AREA

*St. Senan's Church*

Wednesday 20th Dec at 7pm  
All are welcome



## CHRISTMAS

2023

ENNISCORTHY  
PASTORAL AREA

St. Aidan's,  
St. Senan's  
Marshalstown/  
Castledockrell

**Saturday, 23rd December**

St. Aidans Cathedral - 6pm St.  
Senans Church - 7pm  
Marshalstown - 7.30pm

**Sunday, 24th December**

Castledockrell - 9.30am St.  
Aidans Cathedral - 10am  
*No 12noon Mass*  
St. Senans Church - 11am

**Christmas Eve**

Marshalstown - 3pm  
Castledockrell - 6pm  
St. Aidans 6pm (Children's  
Mass) & 9pm  
St. Senans - 7pm

**Christmas Day**

Castledockrell - 9.30am  
St. Aidans - 10am and 12noon  
St. Senans - 11am  
Marshalstown - 11am

**St. Stephen's Day**

St. Aidans - 10am  
St. Senans - 7pm



VISITING CHOIR  
**SILVER  
TONES**

We welcome the  
wonderful

*Silver Tones* to sing at 12  
noon Mass on Sunday 17th  
December. All are welcome.

**Darish Christmas  
Mass Bouquet**

Give a special gift of a  
**Mass Bouquet this  
Christmas**

Available at the Parish Office  
€10

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER**  
*For persons with disabilities*



We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

God our Father, We trust in your loving kindness. Bless our Diocese of Ferns with many priestly religious and lay 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.

**READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY Vigil** 6pm Michael Connelly  
**SUNDAY** 10am Joe Deering  
12noon Ronan Tierney

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
*Please join us for Adoration in*  
**ST. AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL**



**Thursday** 10.30am to 11.30am **on the main Altar** (for Vocations)  
**Friday** 10.30am to 11.30am **on the Altar**, and from 11.30am to 5pm, **in the Prayer Room**  
**Saturday** 10.30am to 11.30am **on the Altar.**  
All are welcome.

**FIRST FRIDAY CALLS**

*Fr Billy* will visit his Thursday and Friday First Friday calls for December during the week of Tuesday 19th of December for Christmas.

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

**MONDAY 10am** Maureen Panell RD, Theresa Murphy RD, 2 Get Well Intentions  
**TUESDAY 10am** Deceased Benefactors of the Cathedral & the Peoples Intentions.  
**WED'DAY 10am** Lizzie O'Rourke RD, Special Intention  
**THURSDAY 10am** Hennessy Family dec'd, N. P. Kurian **Anniv**  
**FRIDAY 10am** Special Intention  
**SATURDAY 10am** Joseph & Patricia Dennis, Eileen Kenyon **Annivs, Bryte Rem**  
**SATURDAY 6pm** Catherine Regan, Patsy & Ogie Nolan, Billy, Joanne, Kathy, Paddy & Tom Dagg, Nancy Grannell, Peter Barron Jr, Mary Murphy, Nancy Doyle & husband Jimmy, Tommy, Mary & Dora Murphy, Billy & Cathy Dagg, Mary Kate Jordan  
**All Annivs, John Molloy Anniv/B'day Rem**  
**SUNDAY 10am** Thomas Foley, Jimmy & Kitty Connolly, Tommy O'Rourke, John Duggan, May Larkin, Michael Galligan, Breda Farrell **All Annivs**  
**12pm** Simon Kehoe, Teddy O'Connor, Joe & Nellie Donohoe, Ollie O'Sullivan, Davy Murphy, Billy Kiernan, Marie Maguire, Martin Butler & his wife Mary (Rem) **All Annivs**, Michael & Mary Doyle, Larry Kehoe, Breda Doran, William & Margaret Phelan, Baby Rose Carter **All Rem**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Mary Farndon**, Blackstoops  
**Elizabeth Flynn**, St. Molings Terrace  
**Patsy Murphy**, Ballindaggin  
*May they rest in peace*



**PARISH WEEKLY ENVELOPES**

**White Envelope 3rd December = €1245**  
(inc. direct & bank payments this week)  
*We thank you for your very valued, generous and continued support.*  
**You are invited to sign up to our envelope list for 2024 to support our parish.**

**THE HOOK OF FAITH**

What is the position of the Catholic Church on assisted suicide? Read the official submission to the current Oireachtas hearing. Although he was unable to deliver it in person, we feature Pope Francis' speech on climate change at COP28 last week. The homily for the Second Sunday of Advent reflects on our call to repent, to change and to prepare spiritually for the celebration of Christmas. As parishes hold Reconciliation Services in these days, we include quotes on the gift and power of God's forgiveness through the sacrament of forgiveness. We highlight the plight of Bishop Alvarez in Nicaragua and ask the question of what it means to discern 'The Signs of the Times'. We have an article on St John of the Cross for his feast day and more feedback from the recent 'Synod on Synodality' in Rome.  
**Check out [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)**



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LOCAL BRANCH**

Seeking a double bed and bunk beds for a family locally. If you can help please ring 087-1413153.  
(Please don't call to the shop)

**SEAN NÓS DANCING**  
**IRENE CUNNINGHAM**

Advance notice of a taster class of Sean Nós Dance on **Saturday 20th January** from 2-3pm in the Presentation Centre. Classes will start on 21st February from 7-8pm. Come along and try it out.

**LIVE NATIVITY AND PLAY**  
**The Friary, Wexford**

The Friary in Wexford and other groups are presenting a live nativity and performing a play called **"St Francis and The First Live Nativity"** on December 16th in The friary, Wexford to prepare for the Christmas season.

*A Christmas Prayer*

**Loving Father**, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas Morning make us happy to be your children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. **AMEN.**



**Deadline for items for the newsletter including Anniversary Masses is Wednesday at 5pm**

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

Parish Shop located in the Manse. Open during office hours 10am-1pm/2pm-5.30pm Monday to Friday. All are welcome.

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