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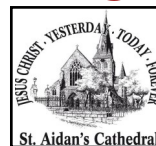
# ST AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

ENNISCORTHY, DIOCESE OF FERNS

## NEWSLETTER

11th FEBRUARY 2024

SIXTH 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.

**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.

**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

**FEAST DAY OF**  
**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

This **Sunday the 11th of February**, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and the World Day of the Sick, the 12pm mass in St. Aidan's Cathedral will be a **Mass for the Sick**. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick will be available after Mass. All parishioners **from the Pastoral aera** are welcome to attend but we particularly invite all senior citizens of the pastoral area and anyone who is sick or who has a medical condition to come along. We will remember in our prayers on this day, all who are sick in our families, in our parish, at home, in hospital and in nursing homes and all who are still sick with COVID 19, flu and other infections.

*The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for all who face a serious illness or surgery or who are impaired by old age. One may celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for strength and healing in mind, body, and spirit. In this sacrament of anointing, Christ strengthens our faith and bestows God's grace in a time of anxiety and pain.*

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS**

**POPE FRANCIS**

**ON THE 32ND WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Brothers and sisters, the first form of care needed in any illness is compassionate and loving closeness. Let us remember this central truth in life: we came into the world because someone welcomed us; we were made for love; and we are called to communion and fraternity. This aspect of our lives is what sustains us, above all at times of illness and vulnerability.

**POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR LENT 2024**

Lent, however, is a "season of grace, a time of conversion," where the desert can become "a place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery," where "we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken." "To the extent that this Lent becomes a time of conversion, an anxious humanity will notice a burst of creativity, a flash of new hope."

**FERNS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

**16 to 21 MAY 2024 €865PPS**

Contact Marian Pilgrimages  
01-8788159 [www.marian.ie](http://www.marian.ie)

Led by Bishop Ger Nash

**See notice board for details**

**The Season of Lent**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
**14th February**

The season of Lent is a Catholic liturgical season consisting of forty days of fasting, prayer, and penitence beginning at Ash Wednesday and concluding at sundown on Holy Thursday. The official liturgical colour for the season of Lent is violet. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, begin new life in Christ.

**Mass times for the pastoral Aera are as follows.**

**Ash Wednesday 14th February**

Castledockrell 9:30am  
St. Aidan's 10am  
St. Senan's 7pm  
Marshalstown 7:30pm

Ashes will be distributed at all masses. **Please note** there is **NO** Mass in Marshalstown on Tuesday and **NO** Mass in Castledockrell on Thursday.

Mass during Lent will be as normal Mass times.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR THE FRIDAYS OF LENT**

The Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday during Lent after the 10am Mass with Eucharistic Adoration afterwards

**TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN**

*The overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland* Trócaire boxes are available in the Church. We encourage everyone to take a box home with them and support the less fortunate during Lent. There is a special green envelope in your envelope boxes also if you wish to donate that way. Your support is needed now more than ever. Thank you.  
**Visit [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)**

**ST. AIDAN'S PARISH**  
**SILVER CIRCLE**  
**SIX WEEKLY DRAWS**

**one off payment—€10**

**covers all draws**

**FIRST DRAW—NEXT SUNDAY**

**18th FEBRUARY 2023**

**After 10am Mass in the Sacristy**

**First Prize .....€150**

**Two prizes of .....€75**

**Ten Prizes of .....€20**

We thank our Promoters for their continued Support over many years. Lines can be purchased in the Parish Office and Sacristy

**YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED**

**Promoters names**

Tom Brennan, Ann Browne, Joan Byrne, Stephanie Byrne, Theresa Casey, Eliza Chapman, Pepi Coady, Martina Cooper, Dermot Davis, Ivy Dillane, Dobbs Family, Mary Donnelly, Anne Doyle, Aine Doyle, Caroline Doyle, Eithne Doyle, Maeve Doyle, Marie Duggan, Mary Gannon, Francis Hendrick, Gabriel Hendrick, Anne Hickey, Chrissie Ivers, Mark Jowett, Carmel Kehoe, Breda Kennedy, Lily Leacy, Michael Mahon, Dierdre Miller, Bridie Morrissey, Breda Murphy, Joan Murphy, Philomena Murphy, Breda Nolan, Michael & Marion O'Brien, Frank O'Connor, Mary O'Connor, John O'Connor, Sally O'Connor, Garrett O'Gorman, Liam O'Leary, Aidan O'Leary, Michael Ormonde, Mary Pierce, Maureen Peare, Margaret Walker, Michael White, B Oates, Anne Nolan, Mary Murphy. Also available from the Office & Sacristy.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH**

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

Led by Bishop Adrian Wilkinson and Bishop Ger Nash in St. Mary's Church of Ireland, ENNISCORTHY on Sunday

**18 February at 7.00pm**

All most welcome.



### POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

*For the Terminally Ill:* We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

### 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.



### Seeking new Adorers! Can you help?

We are appealing for more people to join in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral, every Friday for one hour, especially during the following hours: 12-1pm, 1-2pm, 2-3pm, 2-4pm. If you can help please contact Mary Gannon on 087-6088671

### PARISH WEEKLY ENVELOPES

**White Envelope only 4th February = € 1517**  
*We thank you for your very valued, generous and continued support.*

### ENNISCORTHY ALZHEIMER'S CAFÉ EVENING

**Saturday 2nd March 2024, 3pm to 7pm**  
Enniscorthy FDYS, Entrance via back of premises on Irish Street, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford

**This is a warm and welcoming place for people to come free of charge, and meet others also living with Alzheimers/Dementia. Carers, family and friends are also welcome.**

To find out more: contact martin-cooney54@gmail.com. No booking required.

### THE HOOK OF FAITH

Through the desert God leads us to freedom' is the title of Pope Francis' message for Lent this year that begins this Wednesday. To mark 'World Day of the Sick' we have a newsletter insert on people living with illness. Last Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February was 'World Day for Consecrated Life' and to mark it, we caught up with Sr Geraldine Fitzpatrick, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St John of God, for an interview. We have news of a Vocations webinar that probes a Church response to the recent RTE programme 'The Last Priest in Ireland'. We include a poem on war and peace by Philip Quirke and a YouTube video by Sr. Mary Grace - an inspirational woman of faith and hope. Finally, some prayers and resources for the 'Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse' which takes place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)

### ACTS OF LOVE FOR LENT

Give someone the gift of your presence, Ask how they're doing and then Really listen instead of just waiting to talk. Take a small step and together we can change the world. **(Bonnybrook Parish)**

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK MONDAY 5TH TO SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

**MONDAY 10am** Michael Brennan **Anniv**, Get Well Int'n  
**TUESDAY 10am** Deceased Benefactors of the Cathedral & the Peoples Intentions.  
**WED'DAY 10am** Marie Winders **RD**  
**THURSDAY 10am** Special Intention  
**FRIDAY 10am** May Murphy (Oulart) **RD**  
**SATURDAY 10am** Annie Dempsey **Rem/RIP**  
**SATURDAY 6pm** Brenda Windsor, Nora & Johnny Treacy, Elizabeth (Bessy) Murphy, Eddie Murphy, Olive Levingstone, Eddie Murphy Jnr, Lily Guy, Breda McDonald **All Anniv**  
**SUNDAY 10am** Molly & John Britton, Patsy Carthy Bill Nolan **All Annivs**  
**12pm** Kathleen & Tommy O'Brien, David (Macha) Walsh, Johnathan Walsh Annie & Patsy Dempsey **All Anniv**

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Bridie Kelly,  
*May they rest in peace*



### FERNS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Invalid Pilgrim Section

**16th-21st May 2024**

Application forms are available at the parish office for anyone who wishes to apply to be in the Invalid Section of the Pilgrimage. Applications must be submitted by 1st March 2024 to Aine Roche, Hospitalite Secretary, Knockskimolin, Raheenduff, Oulart, Gorey, Co. Wexford. Telephone 087-9767623 [hospitalitesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hospitalitesecretary@gmail.com)

### DAY TRIP TO ST. BRIGID'S IN KILDARE Sat 17th of February

Visiting St Brigid's Church and The Holy Well  
Breakfast and Dinner included. Leaving Enniscorthy at 9am.  
To book contact John 087 2632324 or May 0877468724

### DIVING MERCY CONFERENCE

**Saturday 24th February in the RDS, Dublin**

Bus from Clonard Church Wexford at 7.15pm, Enniscorthy, Ferns and Gorey.  
To book a seat ring 086-26028454

### DAY OF PRAYER FOR TEMPERANCE

**Sunday 19th February** is a Day of Prayer for Temperance, a day which offers us an opportunity to reflect on our relationship with alcohol and a day on which we can take time to pray for those who suffer from addiction.

### Fr. Theobald Mathew (1790-1856)

Fr. Mathew was a Capuchin friar from Tipperary whose 19th century crusade against the abuse of alcohol gained him the title of "Apostle of Temperance". Fr Mathew's call to sobriety has relevance to modern Ireland. The cost to the nation by way of, human suffering, abstention from work, criminality and social upheaval is inestimable. The alarming rise in teenage and underage drinking attracts growing concern and there have been calls for well-prepared alcohol awareness programmes for schools.

### Fr. Mathew's Prayer:

Compassionate Lord and Saviour, you inspired the Capuchin Friar Theobald Mathew to show your compassionate face to those addicted and burdened by the abuse of alcohol or addicted behaviour, and to promote temperance. May we today, continue to serve our brothers and sisters with love and joy, And to foster balance, and moderation in our life styles with the help of God. So, we pray, "here goes in the name of God. 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.**