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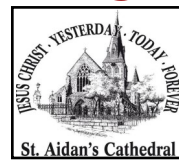
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ST AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

ENNISCORTHY, DIOCESE OF FERNS

NEWSLETTER

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26TH 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

'VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DAY'

In an ordination homily during the summer, Archbishop Francis Duffy said that 'There has never been a better time to be a diocesan priest in Ireland'. We could ask the question 'why?' This question and more will be explored in a 'Vocations Discernment Day' taking place on **Saturday 12th October** at University College Dublin, from 11am to 5pm. It is a chance for people who are discerning their futures to know more about what the life of a priest entails. It is a chance to meet with priests and seminarians who will be present to talk about this question together. The venue of UCD is significant for it is a place where thousands of young people discern their futures in the fields of employment and education. To know more, please see the poster in the Church and go directly to www.vocations.ie/exploring to book a place. Alternatively, you can make contact with Fr Billy Swan at billyswan68@hotmail.com

THE HOOK OF FAITH

As twenty-one students begin their studies for the priesthood at St Patrick's College Maynooth, a reminder again of a 'Come and See' day taking place in UCD on 12th October. We offer a homily for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time. This Sunday also marks the 110th 'World Day of Migrants and Refugees'. We include Pope Francis' message with the theme 'God walks with his people'. 'For a Shared Mission' is the pope's prayer intention for October - that the Church might embrace 'in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people'. Since October is the month of mission, we have a video talk by Sr. Mary Grace on 'the Meaning of Mission'. Finally, we have articles on two of the most popular saints of the Church - St Therese of Lisieux and St Francis of Assisi whose feast days we celebrate on 1st and 4th October respectively. See at www.thehookoffaith.com

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

This day was established in 1914, and is an occasion of prayer and expression of concern for the people who have to flee conflict and persecution, remembering in a special way migrants and refugees who have come to Ireland.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

No one leaves home unless home is the mouth of a shark
you only run for the border
when you see the whole city running
as well
your neighbours running faster
than you,
you have to understand,
that no one puts their children in a
boat unless the water is safer
than the land
no one burns their palms under trains
beneath carriages
no one spends days and nights in the
stomach of a truck
feeding on newspaper unless the miles
travelled means something
more than the journey.
No one crawls under fences
No one wants to be beaten pitied
I don't know what I've become
But I know that anywhere is
safer than here.

An excerpt from 'Home' by Warsan Shire. See full poem at www.facinghistory.org (Intercom)

Parish Coffee Morning

in aid of Parish Development

We hope you can join us on
Tuesday 1st of October
after 10am Mass
in the Manse

for our monthly Coffee Morning.
All are welcome

Come along to meet friends for a
catch up, chat, tea & coffee, and
the usual draw

Please note:

The Rosary will be recited before
Mass at 9.40am on
that morning.



We thank the ladies
Social Committee for
running the coffee
mornings

THANK YOU

Thanks again to all who helped or participated in any way during the visit of the Relics of St. Bernadette. It was truly a momentous two days in the life of our parish and diocese.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-43, 47-48

1. John objected when a person, who was not in their group, cast out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus himself had no problem with this. Jealousy can poison our outlook even when what is done by another is good. 'She/he is invading my patch.' Perhaps you have seen, in yourself or in others, the negative effect of jealousy and the contrasting positive effect of being able to rejoice that good is being done, irrespective of the person doing it.

2. In strong terms Jesus condemns those who are destructive of the life of others, particularly the 'little ones'. Just as Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full, we likewise are here to make a positive difference to others. What was it like for you when you were able to do something that was helpful to another? One of the ways in which we can do much harm is by adopting a superior, dismissive and judgemental attitude towards people whose lifestyle, spirituality or devotional practices differ from ours. Rather than setting ourselves up to judge others, would it not be better to see what we can learn from them?

3. Rather dramatically Jesus tells us to cut off a hand, or tear out an eye, rather than harm another. It is not to be taken literally but it does mean that we should not be casual about our efforts to live a good life that is respectful of others. When have you experienced the benefits of an element of seriousness in your approach to life?

John Byrne OSA (Intercom)

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER
FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH**

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

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 - Lily Leacy
Sunday 10am - Bridie Morrissey
Sunday 12pm - Imelda Murphy

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 5pm on the Altar. **Saturday** 10.30am to 11.30am on the Altar. All are welcome.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

St. Aidan's Cathedral have Confession on Friday morning and Saturday morning after the 10am Mass in the Prayer Room, and before the Saturday Evening Mass at 5:30pm in the Confession Box to the left of the Altar.

PARISH WEEKLY ENVELOPES

White Envelope 22nd September =€1215
Thank you for your very generous support.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Takes place in Davidstown Church, **Friday 4th October** with Confession, Rosary, Adoration commencing at 8 pm.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The local branch of SVP are appealing for a small wardrobe and a chest of drawers, in good condition. If you can help ring 087-1413153. (don't call to the shop- ring number only- thank you)

**FCJ SECONDARY SCHOOL, BUNCLODY
OPEN DAY SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER**

2pm to 4.30pm. Enrolment starts on **29th Sept** until 29th October. All are welcome. We look forward to meeting you.

**THE ENNISCORTHY RETIREMENT
ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING**

Tuesday 1 October at 2.30pm at the Riverside Park Hotel, Enniscorthy. Our speaker will be Michael Devereux, from the Enniscorthy Community Allotments. Future trips (Heritage Park and others) to be discussed and planned. New members are welcomed.

DELIGHTFUL DOLLIES—A.G.M.

2nd OCTOBER—BELLEFIELD GAA COMPLEX
10.30am to 12.30pm. ALL ARE WELCOME

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK
MONDAY 30th SEPT TO SUNDAY 6th OCT**

MONDAY 10am Sean Buckley, Máire Ruth **Both RD**
TUESDAY 10am Deceased Benefactors of the Cathedral & the Peoples Intentions.
WED'DAY 10am Michael Browne, Margaret Doran **RD**, Leacy Family **Rem**
THURSDAY 10am Peggy Howlan **RD**
FRIDAY 10am Thanksgiving Intention
SATURDAY 10am Eddie Roche **RD**
SATURDAY 6pm Kathleen Kennedy, John Byrne **Both 1st Anniv**, Markie Kirwan, Larry & Margaret Meyler, John O'Leary, Jim Sheehan, Michael, Annie & Catherine Rossiter, Martin Smith **All Annivs** Ger Newe **Anniv** & his wife Dora **Rem**
SUNDAY 10am Mary Earle & her son Ned **Annivs**
12pm Paddy Connolly **1st Anniv**, Frank Arrigan **Anniv**, O'Leary Family **Rem**

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maura Ruth, Bellefield Road
Terence John Carty, Barcelona, formerly 2 Market Square
Donal Mahon, St. Aidan's Villas
May they rest in peace



**FEAST OF ST. THÉRÈSE
OF CHILD JESUS— 1ST OF OCTOBER
A Prayer to St. Thérèse of Lisieux**

O little St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, who during your short life on earth became a mirror of angelic purity, of love strong as death, and of wholehearted abandonment to God, now that you rejoice in the reward of your virtues, cast a glance of pity on me as I leave all things in your hands. Make my troubles your own - speak a word for me to our Lady Immaculate, whose flower of special love you were - to that Queen of heaven 'who smiled on you at the dawn of life.' Beg her as the Queen of the heart of Jesus to obtain for me by her powerful intercession, the grace I yearn for so ardently at this moment, and that she join with it a blessing that may strengthen me during life. Defend me at the hour of death and lead me straight on to a happy eternity. Amen

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI -4TH OCTOBER

1181-1226, Abandoned all things for the love of Christ. Founded the Friars Minor, and with St. Clare, the Poor Clares. For the last two years of his life he suffered the stigmata. Patron of Ecologists. What does St. Francis's witness tell us today? What does he have to say to us, not merely with words- that is easy enough- but by his life? His first and most essential witness is this: that being Christian means having a living relationship with the person of Jesus; it means putting on Christ, being conformed to him. Where did Francis's journey to Christ begin? It begun with the gaze of the crucified Jesus. With letting Jesus look at us at the very moment that he gives his life for us and draws us to himself. Francis experienced this in a special way in the Church of San Damiano, as he prayed before the cross. On that cross, Jesus is depicted not as dead, but alive! Blood is flowing from his wounded hands, feet and side, but that blood speaks of life. Jesus' eyes are not closed but open, wide open: he looks at us in a way that touches our hearts.



Workshop 1
9.30am to 11am in Temple-shannon Community & Childcare Centre

CONUNDRUM

HAVE YOUR SAY! Community Feedback Workshops
Tuesday 8th October We are a team of researchers who have been working with people in Enniscorthy to better understand mobility and transportation problems in the town. We will launch the **Enniscorthy Community Mobility Strategy** this year, but before we do, we want to hear what you think about our findings. Your local knowledge and experience is very important to us and we want to know if we've got it right! **Please consider attending one (or both) of the sessions. Queries to dean.phelan@ucd.ie**



Workshop 2
1pm to 2.30pm in Temple-shannon Community & Childcare Centre

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.