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PASTORAL AREA

St. Aidan's/St. Senan's
Marshallstown/Castledockrell

MASS TIMES

Monday to Saturday

10am	St. Aidan's
7pm	St. Senan's
9.30am	Marshallstown
9.30am	Castledockrell

Tuesday followed by adoration until 11am

Weekend

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spend an hour with Jesus!

Adoration takes place every week on Thursday after mass for vocations until 11:30am. Friday after mass until 5pm and Saturday after mass until 11:30am.

NEW ADORERS ALWAYS WELCOME

We invite you to join the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour in the Cathedral during any of the above times. Please contact Mary Gannon or the Parish Office with your details.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR COELTACS

Holy Communion for those who are coeliac, or gluten intolerant is distributed at the beginning of communion time to the left of the altar. Please indicate to any of our Eucharistic ministers if your wish to receive a coeliac host. Please note that our coeliac hosts are not entirely gluten free and may contain traces of gluten

PASTORAL AREA CONFESSION

St Aidan's Cathedral have confessions on Friday 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.

FAMILY MASS

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

The next family mass takes place at the 10am mass on Sunday 16th of February.



ST AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

ENNISCORTHY, DIOCESE OF FERNS

NEWSLETTER

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2025



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.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday 3rd February is a Bank Holiday. The Parish Office will be closed and will re-open on Tuesday 4th from 10am -1pm.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

Monday 3rd of February is the Feast of St. Blaise Bishop and Martyr Patron of Sore Throats. Throats will be blessed after mass in St. Aidan's at 10am and St. Senan's at 7pm.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

The Diocese of Ferns marks Safeguarding Sunday on 9th February 2025. Safeguarding Sunday is a reminder to each of us to promote a culture of safeguarding the young and the vulnerable in our parish and across the Diocese of Ferns.

In our parish, we value and encourage the participation of children, young people and adults in all parish activities and to this end we work together to create safe environments so that everyone feels welcome and safe. Our Local Parish Safeguarding Rep is located in the left column.

If you wish to report a concern to the Diocese please contact Lisa Delaney on 087 7185541. A copy of the latest Safeguarding Newsletter with more information is available in the church or on the Ferns Diocesan Website www.ferns.ie

OUR DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Takes place this year for five nights in May (20th May 25th). Ferns Hospitalité who have responsibility for our assisted pilgrims are looking for nurses and Health Care Assistants who would be willing to travel and assist this year. If you are interested please contact Margaret on 087 2297530 or Nicola on 086 1015045.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 'A CALL TO ACTION!'

The celebration of Jubilee 2025 has now begun throughout the universal Catholic Church on the theme: 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Everyone is invited to participate in this special year of faith. Specifically, Pope Francis is encouraging each of us to be messengers of hope in our very troubled world during this holy year. In our Christian tradition, the Jubilee has a strong focus on reconciliation and renewal, including reaching out to people on the margins. It is normally celebrated every 25 years, so that more people can experience it at least once in a lifetime. In dioceses and parishes around Ireland people are celebrating specific jubilee occasions both locally and in Rome. Reflecting the Jubilee Year in the Universal Church, the Irish Synodal Pathway will also focus on hope ahead of the national pre-synodal assembly in Kilkenny on 18 October next. For further information on Jubilee 2025 Year of Hope, see the dedicated page on CatholicBishops.ie for all Jubilee-related updates, including a live calendar featuring events happening across the island. To keep the Jubilee page vibrant, we invite you to contribute by sharing videos and photos from events in your diocese to the Catholic Communications Office in Maynooth on info@catholicbishops.ie. Your contributions will help showcase and amplify the Jubilee celebrations across Ireland. Scan QR code here (see attached) to see the dedicated Jubilee 2025 page. Thank you!



CONCERN CHRISTMAS COLLECTON

The Christmas collection was cancelled due to bad weather. We are now collecting on Thursday **6th February** and with Coláiste Bride TY students on **Saturday 8th February** in Market Square and at masses on 8th and 9th February. To boost the collection we are having a

Coffee Morning

in the Presentation Centre from 10am to 12.30pm on Friday 7th February to help Concern with their work for the children of Gaza. Please come along and support if you can.

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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

POPE'S INTENTION FOR

For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

2025 PARISH ENVELOPES

Envelope boxes can be collected from the Parish Office at 1 Irish Street.

If you haven't received your envelope boxes please contact or call to the parish office.

If you would like to register as a Friend of St. Aidan's and support the Parish Envelope, or if you would like to set up a standing order please ring the Parish Secretary on 053-9235777

PARISH ENVELOPE COLLECTION (WHITE)

Sunday 26th January—€1085

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

6pm— Liam O'Leary

10am— Maria Clifford

12noon— Shelly O'Reilly

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS FOR FEBRUARY

Fr. Billy will visit his Thursday and Friday First Friday calls in February on Wednesday 12th and Friday 14th of February.

Pilgrimage to Italy

Spiritual Director Fr. James Cullen.

San Giovanni Rotondo, Loreto, Eucharistic Miracle of Lancian, Assisi and Rome and many of the Holy Sites of Italy from 13th to 20th of October 2025 during the Holy Year of 2025. For more details or to book your place contact Marion Pilgrimages (01) 8788159, email info@marion.ie. Early booking is advised as limited spaces available.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The local branch are appealing for a double Mattress. If you can help please ring 087-1413153. (Not the shop)

THE HOOK OF FAITH

The Feast of the Presentation falls on Sunday this year which gives us the opportunity to reflect on the reason we come to Church for worship - to 'present' ourselves to God as a living offering of thanksgiving and to express our faith that our lives belong to Him. The day is also a chance to thank God for the gift of religious and consecrated lives and the union with God they point to. We have Pope Francis's prayer intention for February which is for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. An article reflects on the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and the lessons we still need to learn from the horrors of war. The 8th February marks the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita and is also the 'International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking'. Finally, more light and hope from the pen of Lorcan Brennan. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

LISTENING TO THE VOICES OF WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

This Conference will be on 14th February in Ballyvaloo Retreat & Conference Centre, Blackwater, Co. Wexford. The speaker: **Dr. Gráinne Doherty**, Time: **10.00a.m. - 4.30 p.m.** Cost: €30 (includes lunch) pay on the door. **Booking essential:** Contact Sara or Catherina @ 056 7722870 9.00 am - 4.30 pm Monday to Friday or e-mail region-alooffice@ssjq.ie before **February 11th 2025.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK MONDAY TO SUNDAY

MONDAY	10am	John O'Connell RD , Ciaran Lawlor Anniv , Intention for Michael & Mary.
TUESDAY	10am	Deceased Benefactors and People's Intentions
WED'DAY	10am	80th Birthday intention for Kathleen Special Intention
THURSDAY	10am	Philomena Coffey B'day Rem Cecelia & Elizabeth Kelly Anniv , Special Intention for Anne O'Rourke
FRIDAY	10am	Get Well Intention, Special Intention for Michelle Jordan, Patrick Hennessy, Ellen & Patrick Keegan, Peter & Jimmy Redmond Annivs
SATURDAY	10am	Pat Leacy, Paddy Tobin Annivs Val & Bridget Connolly Rem 6pm Andy Carton Months Mind , Noel Matthews, Pat Leacy, Annie & Michael Bolger, Nellie Kinsella, Nancy & Michael Wall All Annivs , Thomas Lacey RD who died in Kent on 2nd Jan formerly of Shannon Hill
SUNDAY	10am	Kathleen Murphy, Angela Ryan, Nuala Dempsey, Seamus Dempsey, Ned Earle All Annivs 12 pm Marion O'Rourke Months Mind , Fiona Wallace Foley 1st Anniv , Sandy Mitchell, Eileen Furlong, Mary Doyle, John & Joe Moorehouse, Thomas & Frances Byrne All Annivs Elizabeth & Bill Wildes Anniv & B'day Remembrance

Please note:

- ♦ The Tuesday Morning 10am Mass is for 'The Deceased Benefactors of the Cathedral and peoples Intentions. (No other intentions will be taken)
- ♦ Please book masses well in advance of the date you require. At least one week notice is required. Rotas are done a week in advance.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Tuesday the 11th of February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. We will remember all who are sick in our parish at home, in hospital and in nursing homes. More details to follow. In his Message for the 33rd World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis says God remains close to those who suffer, through encounter, gift, and sharing.

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes;

Our Lady of Lourdes, you revealed your name to Bernadette by simply saying "I am the Immaculate Conception". May we discover the joy of a forgiveness that never falters. Instil in us the desire for a rediscovered innocence and a joyful holiness. Help the blinded sinner. You who gave birth to the Saviour of the world, look tenderly on our beautiful but tragic world. Open in us the path of hope, Guide us to the One who is the Living Source, Jesus, your Son, who teaches us to call God Father. "Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!" "Saint Bernadette, pray for us!" "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!"

COMMUNITY NEWS!

VOLUNTEER—IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Are you interested in volunteering or need volunteers in your local community? Would you like to have a chat to find out more? Email, call or text John Bird in Wexford Volunteer Centre john@volunteerwexford.ie, 087 133 8859) to arrange. John can come to your local Community Centre to talk one-to-one or to groups!

THE ENNISCORTHY RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The Association will hold it's first meeting of the year and AGM on Tuesday 4th February 2.30pm at the Riverside Park Hotel, Enniscorthy. The Association requires new committee members, including executive officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer). Posts could be shared between two people. Nomination forms can be obtained from Valeria or Stephen by email - enniscorthyretirementassociation@outlook.com. Coffee and Teas will follow so it is a good opportunity to catch up with old friends and have your say on future trips and activities. The Agenda for the AGM will be posted on the Association's WhatsApp Group nearer the time. New members are welcomed to attend.

COMMUNITY AQUA GROUP

Aqua Exercise class for older adults in Enniscorthy Waterfront Pool (Y21 Y289) on Mondays at 11am. Cost €10 per person. All welcome.

WEXFORD FRANCISCAN FRIARY REPAIRS FUND

INVITE YOU TO AN OPEN MEETING

On Wednesday 5th February in White's Hotel, Wexford At 7pm. For anyone interested in helping raise funds towards vital repair costs. All are welcome.

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

Parish Office and Shop located in 1 Irish Street. Open 10am-1pm—Monday to Friday. All are welcome.

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

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