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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
9.30am Castledockrell
Tuesday
Castledockrell
followed by adoration until
11am

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

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 COELIACS

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 you 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 March**. Families are encouraged to attend.

A PRAYER FOR MY FAMILY

Heavenly Father, I come to you today and ask you for guidance so that my family and I can navigate through difficult times that we have faced. Help us to always remember that we love each other and that when we are together, we can manage to make it through everything. Please always keep us safe and protected. Amen. *Holylandprayer.com*

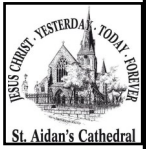
ST AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

ENNISCORTHY, DIOCESE OF FERNS

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 9TH MARCH 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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.

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH

Annual Fundraiser

SILVER CIRCLE

SIX WEEKLY DRAWS

The first of the six week draw will take place after the 10am Mass on

This Sunday 9th March

€500 in prize money each week

First Prize€150

Two prizes of€75

Ten Prizes of€20

We thank all our loyal Promoters and supporters for their continued support over the years.

Still a few Lines on sale at the Parish Office no 1 Irish Street.

You have to be in to win.

PRAYERS FOR LENT

Here are some easy prayers you can say to feel connected to God during Lent this year:

- "God, may Your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace. Amen."
- "God, may my sacrifice of today of (state your Lenten sacrifice) remind me of my dependence on You for all the blessings I enjoy. Amen."
- "May I stand in solidarity today with all my brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering. May we be united in your love, and may I work to build your kingdom here on earth."
- "Heavenly Father, I'm truly sorry for the moments today where I missed the mark. I ask for your forgiveness and the strength to better follow Your call tomorrow. Amen."
- "God, I lift up (name of the person you'd like to pray for) today. I ask that you bless them abundantly today and throughout Lent. Amen."
- "Oh Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything. Amen."

www.hallow.com

THE SEASON OF LENT

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT

Every Friday after 10am Mass. Eucharistic Adoration afterwards.

EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

will be recited on Friday evenings at the end of Adoration 4.45pm. All are welcome.

POPE'S MESSAGE FOR LENT 2025

An invitation to journey together in hope.

In his Message for Lent 2025, Pope Francis invites the faithful to "journey together in hope," and to take the opportunity of the upcoming Lenten Season to ask ourselves whether we are truly willing to heed God's call to change our lives.

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**

THE HOOK OF FAITH

Trocaire's Lenten campaign this year target's families and communities in Guatemala who are trying to cope with the negative effects of climate change. We find out more. Pope's Francis' prayer intention for the Month of March is for families in crisis as we continue to pray for him and this need. We have a homily for the First Sunday of Lent where Jesus battles with the temptations of pleasure, power and honour and leads the way in our struggle too. We offer the fourth episode in the series 'A Year with the Desert Fathers' and a talk given by Bishop Robert Barron on 'the Rhythm of Divine Mercy'. We remind ourselves of the basics of Lent and include a reflection by Dr Scott Hahn on this season of penance. Finally, news of a significant conference held in London recently with the 'Alliance for Responsible Citizenship'. Check out www.thehookoffaith.com

POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH

For families in crisis: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



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.

FRIENDS OF LOCAL PEOPLE WITH MS

AGM—Sunday 9th March at 2pm sharp

In the Pastoral Centre, St. Michael's Church, Gorey. Refreshments served and all are welcome. Ample parking.

POOR CLARES—GALWAY MONASTIC EXPERIENCE DAY

An opportunity to experience and learn more about the Poor Clare way of life for women 18-35. **Saturday 15th March from 10am to 5pm.** For more information contact: events@poorclares.ie **Poorclares.ie**

RETREAT AND MINISTRY OF HEALING

St. Mary's Irishtown, Clonmel, Co Tipperary Eircode E91FD28 Saturday 15th March and Sunday 16th March. Led by international Priest Fr. Rozo Palić. Bring the sick, family, friends. Info Patricia 089 9466193 or Imelda 089 9558283.

APOSTOLATE OF EUCHARISTIC ADORTION

KNOCK National Pilgrimage

Weekend of 5th & 6th April

info@eucharisticadoration.ie/087-1045200 086-1027411 **www.eucharisticadoration.ie** Bus leaving from Clonard Wexford 7am, Enniscorthy 7.30am, Ferns 7.45am, Gorey 8am. €160 Bus, Dinner, B&B in Knock House Hotel & St. Mary's. To book phone 087-6419960

PARISH ENVELOPE COLLECTION (WHITE)

Sunday 2nd March —€1380

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

6pm— Marie O'Tiarnaigh

10am— Eddie Murphy

12noon— Siobhan Murphy



BAPTISM

Congratulations to the family of **Isabella Rose Ascott O'Connor and Callum Jacob Alexander Ascott**

Who were baptized recently in St. Aidan's

VISITATION

If you or a family member wish to be added to our sick call list please contact the parish office at St. Aidan's and we will gladly arrange that for you. If anyone requires a pastoral visit from one of the priests please contact the Parish office of St. Aidan's 053 9235777.

EXERCISE CLASSES FOR SENIORS

The benefits of chair exercise for the elderly are wonderful. It can help improve flexibility, increase strength, improve balance, reduce stress and much more. Elderly people should be encouraged to engage in physical activities for their health and mental well being. The class starts **Wednesday the 12th of March at 11am in the Presentation Arts Centre, Convent Road.** All welcome.

ALONE

ALONE is a national organisation that enables older people to age at home. Our work is for all older people and aims to improve physical, emotional and mental wellbeing. We have a National network of staff and volunteers who provide an If you would like to refer someone or yourself to ALONE please visit <https://alone.ie/make-a-referral/> to find out more visit www.alone.ie, or call us on 0818 222 024 open seven days a week 8 am to 8pm.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK MONDAY TO SUNDAY

MONDAY 10am Thomas English **Anniv**, Breda & Declan English **REM**, Kitty Murphy **RD**

TUESDAY 10am Deceased Benefactors and People's Int'ns

WED'DAY 10am Special Intention, Jerry Connors **Months Mind**, Jim & Josephine Burke-O'Leary **Annivs**

THURSDAY 10am Deceased Members of the Foley Family

FRIDAY 10am Special Intention, Get Well Intention

SATURDAY 10am Holy Souls

SATURDAY 6pm Sean Kavanagh **1st Anniv**, Martin & Susan Doyle, Joanne & Patrick Jordan, Rhoda Murphy, Eamon Martin, John & Mary Carroll & DFM, Michael & Ellen Murphy, Margaret Corrigan, her husband Paddy & sons Michael, Denny, Simon & Patrick **All Anniv**, Annie & Nancy Murphy **REM**, Catherine Tormey **RD**

SUNDAY 10am Geraldine Moore **1st Anniv**, Breda Doran **Anniv**, Pat McGill **Anniv** & his wife Molly **REM**

SUNDAY 12 pm Mary & Molly Foley, Anne Kiely, Peggy Kirwan, Nita Larkin **All Anniv**

- ♦ 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary Connick, Moran Park

Kitty Murphy, Shingan, formerly Market Square

Breda Larkin, nee Pepper, Monageer, formerly Ross Road

Liam Doyle, Fr. Murphy Park



May they rest in peace

IMPORTANT DATES

St. Patrick's Day Masses for Pastoral Area

Castledockrell 9:30am

St. Aidan's 10am

Marshalstown 11am

St. Senan's 12pm

Visits to the Sick

Fr. Billy will visit the sick of his area for March on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th of March.

Pastoral Council - next meeting Wednesday 19th of March at 7:30pm Parish Office.

Finance Meeting - next meeting Wednesday 19th of March at 7:30pm Presbytery St. Senan's

Our Future Church

An invitation to contribute to the ongoing fundraising for the New Pastoral Development Programme, training 29 Lay People who began a two year Diploma Course in Maynooth in September 2024. **Support the Collection Weekend in the Diocese of Ferns, on March 15th and 16th!** Envelopes will be available at all churches before the 'big weekend', and You can also donate online at www.ferns.ie. Your generosity will shape the future of parish life. Together, let's empower our community and ensure a vibrant and active parish environment. Make a lasting difference with your donation!"

Inspiring faith and building hope in our parish communities

- ♦ Helping Children and families prepare for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation.
- ♦ Supporting families and loved ones in times of illness and bereavement.



- ♦ Leading prayer services in our parishes
 - ♦ Sustaining parish life and administration
- www.ourfuturechurch.com
www.ourfuturechurch.ie

**COLLECTION
TAKING
PLACE ON
15TH/16TH
MARCH**

**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.