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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 Tuesday
9.30am	Castledockrell Thursday

followed by adoration until 11am

Weekend

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

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO

The Rosary will be recited at the Grotto in Moran Park each evening for the month of May at 7pm. Please come along and join us.

LOURDES MASS

A Mass of Gathering for the Pilgrimage to Lourdes, will take place in St. Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy on Thursday May 14th at 8.00pm. All are Welcome.

BISHOPS PASTORAL LETTER

'A CALL TO COURAGE'

Bishop Ger Nash has issued a new Pastoral Letter entitled "A Call to Courage". In this Easter message, the Bishop invites us to draw strength from the Resurrection, which frees us from fear of change and calls us to face the future with pilgrim hearts. He encourages us to live synodality by walking together in unity amid diversity, welcoming the stranger, and adapting our parish structures, including the development of Pastoral Areas. The letter highlights stories from the booklet Field Notes from Ferns and thanks all who serve the Church, while announcing a new Certificate in Collaboration and Mission with applications due by 31st May 2026. May the Risen Lord give us courage for the journey ahead. Copies of the letter are at the back of the Church.

NEW CERTIFICATE IN COLLABORATION & MISSION

Places are limited. Candidates must be nominated by a priest in active ministry, a Pastoral Council Chairperson or a current Diploma in Pastoral Ministry participant. For details and the application form, contact pdw@ferns.ie or see the News section of www.ferns.ie - we also ask for your prayers for this initiative.

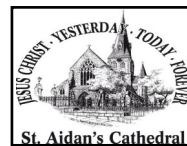
ST AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

ENNISCORTHY, DIOCESE OF FERNS

NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

3RD MAY 2026 (CYCLE A)



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.

RETREAT



Flames of Hope invite you to a day of retreat
SATURDAY MAY 23rd VIGIL OF PENTECOST

VENUE: Parable Garden, Ballinesker, Co Wexford

TIME: 10.30am - 4.00pm, PRESENTER: TOM GUNNING

COST: €20 (Subsidised by Flames of Hope)

Tea and Coffee available and we bring our own lunch

To book: ring 0874475434 before April 30th - (Fifteen places available)

SILVERTONES

Annual CONCERT

St. Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy

Thursday 28th May 2026 at 8pm

Silvertones Choral Director:

EITHNE CORRIGAN

Guests: EAMON MULHALL - Tenor

CLARE KAVANAGH - Soprano

MC: Maria Nolan

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO

Hope Cancer Support Centre

Tickets €15 (available at the door)

This Concert is part of the Bealtaine Festival celebrating 'Creativity as we Age'

Sponsored by Azets

THANK YOU!

The organising committee of the recent St. Carlo Acutis Relics visit wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to Bishop Ger Nash, the Priests of the Diocese and the people of the Diocese of Ferns for their wonderful participation in this historic and grace-filled event.

We are especially grateful to Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo and Ms. Gwen Wiseman, custodians of the Relics, to the pastoral councils and to all those in each of the towns of Enniscorthy, Wexford New Ross and Gorey that were visited by the Relics and who gave so generously of their time, efforts, and hospitality to make the visit such a memorable occasion. A special word of thanks is due to the primary and secondary schools who so warmly responded to the invitation to attend in their local areas. The presence of the students brought a unique and deeply significant dimension to the experience, one that will remain in the hearts and memories of the people of the Diocese for many years to come.

The Organizing committee



Daffodil Day 20th March 2026

Enniscorthy Daffodil day 20th March 2026 was a great success and a total of €12,615.10 was raised for the Irish Cancer Society. We would like to thank all the volunteers who made this possible including those who gave fresh daffodils, wrapped the daffodils, those who stood outside the 6 locations in town to collect donations and all those who came out on the day and gave so generously.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT



Registration will take place on 6th May 7pm-8pm in the Rapparees Club. Walk takes place on 9th May at 4.15am from Rapparees Club.

PUBLIC MEETING ON COMMUNITY SAFETY

What makes our community a safer place? From road safety issues, improved services, safe spaces, community initiatives, tackling anti-social behaviour and drugs. Come and join us from 7pm to 8:30pm on 12th May at The Riverside Hotel, Enniscorthy. Spaces are limited so please confirm your attendance to communitysafety@wexfordcoco.ie or 053 919 6182. Workshop and open discussion | Organised and facilitated by Wex LCSP Coordinator | Refreshments will be available.



POPE'S INTENTION FOR MAY

That everyone might have food:

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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.

PARISH ENVELOPE COLLECTION (WHITE)

Sunday 26th April—€1210

We thank all our parishioners and donors for your continued and generous contributions during the past year.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spend an hour with Jesus! New Adorers welcome

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.

CONFESSIONS IN THE PASTORAL AREA

St. Aidan's Cathedral 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 Altar.

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. Coeliac hosts not entirely gluten free and may contain traces of gluten.

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

6pm— Aoife Harris **10am**— Margaret Murphy
12noon— Catherine Rossiter

VISITATION TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Billy will visit the sick and housebound of his area on Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 13th of May.

FAMILY MASS

(THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH)

The next family Mass is on **17th May at 10am** All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



RECENTLY DECEASED

Maree Kavanagh Bellefield Road
Mary (Mai) Fenlon, Bellefield Road
May they rest in peace



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK MONDAY TO SUNDAY

MON	10am	Intentions of Eileen
TUES	10am	Deceased Benefactors and People's intentions
WED	10am	Giovanni Marsella Anniv , Julia Dobbyn B'day Rem , Get Well Int
THURS	10am	Maree Kavanagh RD
FRI	10am	Sean Forrestal Anniv , Pat Leacy Rem
SAT	10am	Marie Kehoe RD
SAT	6pm	Aidan (Eddie) Doyle 1st Anniv , John & Anna Deeley, Ann Brickley, Liam Walsh, Noel Redmond, Fintan Moorehouse, Declan Shallow, Catherine O'Gorman, Michael Redmond All Annivs Margaret Howell B'day REM
SUN	10am	Mary Doolan Anniv
SUN	12pm	Kathleen Breen, Nellie O'Connor, Peter Coady, Andrzej Mark Winnicki, Mary Doyle, John Maguire, Robert Byrne, Thomas Lacey, Noel Lacey All Anniv

* Every Tuesday morning mass is offered for the deceased benefactors of the Cathedral and peoples Intentions only.
* Please book mass intentions well in advance.
* Mass bookings will be for the weeks following time of booking.
* No masses will be taken for the current week.
* All masses are shared.

Enniscorthy Al-Anon Group

Al-anon meetings take place in St. John's Daycare Centre every Monday evening at 8pm. Al-anon helps people to cope with the effects of a loved one's drinking. If you are affected, please come along. For queries please contact Mary on 087-6803525.

ENNISCORTHY RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The next meeting for Enniscorthy Retirement Association is on **Tuesday 5th May** 2.30pm at the Riverside Park Hotel. Our speakers will be Gillian Hennessy and Clodagh Roche from Alone. The Shackelton experience trip on Saturday 16th May will be finalised and payment is required. There are a few spare places left. Tour of Aras on the 8th June will also need to be finalised and there are a few places left. More information will be given but the coach. The cost of €23 needs to be paid in order to secure coach.

Pilgrimage to Lisieux

SEPTEMBER 18 TO 21, staying in a beautiful hotel across the road from the Carmel of St. Therese. €795 includes flights, coaching, full religious program, all dinners and some lunches. Please phone 057 93 55050 or email info@myriam.ie

Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome

Including visits to the Tombs of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare of Assisi and St. Carlo Acutis. 25th - 30th October 2026, Spiritual Director - Fr. Marius Tomulesei OFM Conv. €1,565pps. Full itinerary available or to book your place contact Marian Pilgrimages (01) 8788159. If you require further information email Caroline at writefromtheheartofmary@gmail.com. Early booking is advised as limited spaces available.

ENNISCORTHY TIDY TOWNS

During National Biodiversity Week 2026 there will be Balsam Bashing events in Enniscorthy on Friday 15 May at 2-4pm (meet at the Playground on the Promenade) & Saturday 16 May at 10am-12noon (meet at Island Road car park. Please help us tackle this invasive species. Wear sturdy shoes, long sleeves and pants. No booking. Equipment provided.

THE HOOK OF FAITH

'That Everyone Might Have Food' is Pope Leo's prayer intention for May as he invites us to join with him to create a world where no one is hungry. We also have an article that marks the first anniversary of the election of Pope Leo XIV on 8th May. 'Thirsting for God' is a video talk by Mgr. James Shea that addresses the crisis of meaning in the lives of many young adults. We have a homily for the Fifth Sunday of Easter where Jesus identifies himself as 'the Way, the Truth and the Life'. The 'Saints in a Year' series features St Athanasius and why he fought so hard to insist on Jesus' divine identity. Author Melanie McDonagh has written a new book on famous Catholic converts like G.K. Chesterton, Evelyn Waugh and Oscar Wilde and holds out the hope that the Catholic imagination can be revived again today. Finally, we remember the first anniversary of the death of Pope Francis and recall the highlights of his visit to Ireland in 2018. Check out www.thehookoffaith.com

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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.