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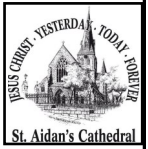
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ST AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

ENNISCORTHY, DIOCESE OF FERNS
NEWSLETTER

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY 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.

REOPENING SOON
THE PARISH OFFICE

The new office will open at our new location No. 1 Irish Street, (Y21 K499), on Monday 20th January at 10am. Open to the public from 10am until 1pm. Phone and email enquiries from 2pm to 5pm Parish office number 053 9235777. The emergency number remains the same (087) 2710478.

We thank you for your patience during this transition and we look forward to welcoming you to our new location.

DIOCESAN ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Methodist Church, Gorey,
on Sunday 19 January at 7.00p.m.
All welcome

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week 2025 will run from Sunday 19th January to Saturday 25th January, 2025. The theme for CSW 2025 is 'Alive in Christ' 'Christ is alive!

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 its 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 Whats App Group nearer the time. New members are welcomed to attend.

PASTORAL AREA
St. Aidan's/St. Senan's
Marshalstown/Castledockrell
MASS TIMES

Monday to Saturday

10am St. Aidan's
7pm St. Senan's
Tuesday Marshalstown 9.30am
Thursday Castledockrell 9.30am
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

FEAST OF ST. AIDAN, PATRON OF OUR CATHEDRAL AND DIOCESE

Novena from 21st of January until the 30th of January Feast of St. Aidan.

NOVENA TO SAINT AIDAN OF FERNS

(Patron Saint of the Diocese of Ferns.)

Repeat the following Novena prayer every day for 9 consecutive days.

Novena begins on 21st of January and ends on his Feast Day Sunday in January 30th Feast of St Aidan.

Almighty God, our Creator and Guide, You chose St. Aidan to establish a church at Ferns

and to preach the Good News of your son, Jesus Christ.

As we celebrate his feast, we give thanks for his witness and teaching.

Through his intercession, we pray that we remain true to the faith which he brought to Ferns:

that we listen to the word of God; following the teaching of our Holy Father; and remain loyal to the tradition of our faith. All powerful Father, through the intercession of St Aidan, I ask you to listen to and grant my prayer and request...

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
January 18 to January 25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 offers an invitation to draw on this shared heritage and to enter more deeply into the faith that unites all Christians.

The guiding biblical text for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 comes from John 11:17-27. The theme for the week, "Do you believe this?" (v. 26), takes its cue from the dialogue between Jesus and Martha when Jesus visited the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany following the death of their brother Lazarus.

FAMILY MASS THIS WEEKEND

Our 10am mass in St. Aidan's Cathedral on the Third Sunday of the month is our family mass. If any parent, guardian or parishioner or family would like to get involved in our family mass please contact one of the priests or the parish office.



The next mass is this Sun 19th January at 10am. All are most welcome

THE HOOK OF FAITH

'Do You Believe This?' (John 11:26) is the theme for this year's 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' that began on Saturday 18th and runs until 25th January. We offer resources and reflections on the importance of Christian unity in this Jubilee Year. The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time is the wedding at Cana and the Second Reading from St Paul speaks of everyone being gifted by God for the building up of the faith community. 'We Need to Talk About Priesthood' is an article that highlights the crisis of priestly vocations and its consequences. We reflect on the extraordinary life of St Francis de Sales whose feast day falls on 24th January and journalist John Allen debunks what he calls 'the Myth of the Vatican'. Finally, a few thoughts on a new approach to evangelisation as 'warming hearts'. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

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 JANUARY
For The Right To An Education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spend an hour with Jesus! Adoration takes place every Thursday after mass for vocations until 11:30am, Friday after mass until 5pm and Saturday after mass until 11:30am.

NEW ADORERS WELCOME

If you would like to take up something new for the New Year and would like to join the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour in the Cathedral, please contact Mary Gannon or the Parish Office with your details.



PARISH WEEKLY ENVELOPES
Sunday 29th December—€1480
Sunday 5th January—€745

PLEASE NOTE

Envelope boxes are delayed due to the transition of the new office. We will endeavour to have them ready as soon as possible.

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

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 19th JANUARY

- 6pm – Marie O'Tiarnaigh
- 10am – Eddie Murphy
- 12pm – Siobhan Murphy

New Readers Welcome, please contact the parish secretary if you are interested in becoming a reader 05392 35777.

THE SACRAMENT OF 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The local branch are looking for a double bed. If you would like to help please contact 087-9816779.

MAGNIFICAT

The Magnificat magazine for those who receive it every month is available from the sacristy.

ACCORD

Accord now seeking marriage preparation facilitators. Might this be you?

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you: are supportive of marriage in the Catholic Church; and, have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team that supports couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage ... then Accord wishes to hear from you!

Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie and for further information see www.accord.ie

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK
MONDAY TO SUNDAY

- MONDAY 10am** Margaret Nelson nee O'Reilly **RD**
Michael & Ellen Donegan **Anniv**
- TUESDAY 10am** Deceased Benefactors and People's Intentions
- WEDNESDAY 10am** Michael Doyle **BirthDay Rem**
Mary Byrne, Mai & Michael Mitten **Annivs**
Special Intention for John & Mary Warren
- THURSDAY 10am** Jim Lynch, Bryte Jose **Annivs**
- FRIDAY 10am** Tom Chapman **Anniv**
- SATURDAY 10am** Special Intention
- 6pm** Margaret Coughlan, Declan O'Brien **B'day Rem**
Margaret Coughlan, Jimmy Tobin & DFM
Elizabeth Owens & DFM, Paddy Collins
Breda O'Leary, Kathleen Mahon,
John O'Sullivan **All Annivs**
- SUNDAY 10am** Holy Souls
12pm Tom Sheridan **1st Anniv**, Jack Dugdale,
Margaret Doyle, John & Mike O'Connor,
Kevin Kinsella & his Grandson Alan Kinsella,
Lisa Freeman nee O' Connor, Paul Lynch, Eilis
Ryan, Sheila English nee Murphy, Kathleen
Doyle **All Annivs**

Please note— the Tuesday Morning 10am Mass is for 'The Deceased Benefactors of the Cathedral and peoples Intentions. (No other intentions will be taken)

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary Nolan, nee Hogan, Caim, Enniscorthy
Formerly Lucan, Dublin & Baltinglass

May she rest in peace



Prayer for Putting Away Christmas Decorations

Lord Jesus, today we have put all our Christmas decorations away. We are entering into Ordinary Time, and our house looks "ordinary" again, too.

But Lord, you know, and we know that our house has a secret. Deep inside it, all of our Christmas decorations are still here. The blessing of Christmas is always with us, kept in the deep, quiet places of the house.

And Lord, our lives will become ordinary again, too, but you know that each of us has the grace of baptism. The grace you gave us is always with us, in the deep, quiet places of our soul.

May we live the grace of Christmas every day, only without all the trappings: May we always give generously, receive gifts gratefully, welcome others, and study your life.

Make our house be a home with Christmas at its core, and our souls a home where Jesus always dwells.
Amen.

Pilgrimage to Italy

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Ireland Lights Up Bellefield Weekly Walk

As part of the "Ireland Lights Up" initiative, Rapparees-Starlights GAA Club have their new walking track ready and lit up so that people in the Enniscorthy Community can come together to walk and talk in a safe environment during the dark winter evenings. Walks will take place in Bellefield on Mondays and Thursdays 7pm - 8pm for January until 13th February. You don't have to be a club member to attend, so spread the word to family and friends. We would love to see lots of people getting active as a new year begins.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS

Fr. Billy will visit his Thursday and Friday First Friday calls on
January — Thursday 16th and Friday 17th
February — Wednesday 12th and Friday 14th

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.