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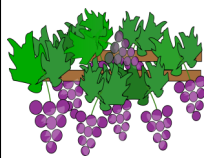
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# ST AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

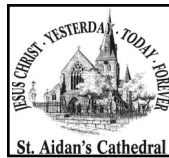


ENNISCORTHY, DIOCESE OF FERNS

## NEWSLETTER

28TH APRIL 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## 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 <b>Tuesday</b>
9.30am	Castledockrell <b>Thursday</b>
<b>Weekend</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	6pm St. Aidan's
	7pm St. Senan's
	7.30pm Marshalstown
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30am Castledockrell
	10am St. Aidan's
	11am St. Senan's
	12 noon St. Aidan's

## REFLECTION

Seeing your life  
through the

Gospel John 15:1-8



1. In a relationship, connectedness is important. Relationships cannot be taken for granted and need time and care to be life-giving. What does your experience tell you of the truth of this in your relationships with God, with your friends, with your family, with communities or groups to which you belong?

2. Just as a vine is pruned in order to be fruitful, so we will be pruned when we accept the give and take of healthy relationships. When have you found that a relationship grew when you were able to consider the needs of the other as well as your own?

3. In *THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL* Pope Francis wrote 'I invite all Christian, everywhere, at this very moment to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.' He goes on to suggest that when individuals, or groups, focus on Jesus there is an increase of energy and vitality. Have you seen this happen?

4. The parable also reminds us that we are not the source of our own life. It is a gift from God, from our parents, and from all who have nourished us. Give thanks for those who have been a source of life to you.

John Byrne OSA (Intercom)

## POINTS TO PONDER

I have two plants that live in my office. One of them is better than twenty years old. The other is only a few years old. If I do not pay attention to them, they do something that makes them look sad. They Droop! They almost look as if they are going to cry.

I think it is fair to say that like our plants we wither from time to time. I am speaking of course about our walk with the Lord. Most people who identify themselves as Christians have very pronounced highs and lows in their journey of faith.

Generally speaking it is because we allow our relationship with Jesus to grow old, or like our plants, we forget to get the kind of nutrition that we need to stay fresh and vital. There are so many people who go to church, sign up for boards or committees, get excited for a week or two, and then everything gets old. For others it takes longer; maybe a couple of months, maybe a year, two years, or maybe ever five years.

Like drooping plants our relationship with Christ that was once so vibrant, fresh, and exciting becomes slow, stale and boring...dry?

The fruit that God desired from Israel was for the people to be more loving, to show obedience to God, and to practice righteousness and justice in how they conducted their lives. When we take that idea and transport it through Jesus, through the disciples, and finally into all of us we begin to see how important it is for us to stay connected to Jesus who is the source of our Christian life.

John W. Clarke, (Intercom)  
[www.sermonsuite.com](http://www.sermonsuite.com)



## The Enniscorthy Retirement Association

Monthly meeting is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2.30pm at Riverside Park Hotel, The Promenade, Enniscorthy. The Guest speaker will be a member from the Fire Brigade. The trip to Avondale will need to be finalised and any outstanding monies will need to be collected at the meeting.

## ST. AIDAN'S PARISH

# PARISH GOLF CLASSIC

Friday 24th May at  
Enniscorthy  
Golf Club



**CALLING ALL GOLFERS! Come along for a great day of golfing at the Cathedral Classic!**

We invite teams of 4 to participate on the day €140. Tee Boxes sponsors €25 each. Sponsors of Raffle prizes welcome. **Contact the Parish Office 053 9235777 for details and timesheet.** Your support is very much Appreciated.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

St. Aidan's Parish School

### Dates for your Diary

Pupils from St. Aidan's Parish School will receive their First Communion on the following dates:

**Sunday 5th May**

10am Class C,

**Sunday 12 May**

10am Class D, 12pm Class E



We invite parishioners to keep each Pupil and their family in your prayers over the next few weeks of preparation. We thank their parents/guardians, teachers/SNA's, Principle and staff and all who have helped

## Visitation to the Sick and Housebound

Fr. Billy will visit the sick of his area next Thursday afternoon 2nd May and Friday 3rd May.

## THE HOOK OF FAITH

The homily for the Fifth Sunday of Easter unpacks one of the most beautiful images Jesus used to teach about our connection with God and the life he shares with us, namely that of the vine and the branches. We have two video interviews – one courtesy of I-Catholic with Cardinal Mario Grech on synodality and the second with Bishop Phonsie Cullinan on vocations. We have articles on Saints Catherine of Siena and Athanasius whose feast days we celebrate this week and an interview with Jordan and Tammy Peterson after her reception in to the Catholic Church at Easter. We feature a 'State of the Nation Podcast' by the Irish Catholic and another video on climate change. Finally, some of the best films available on YouTube on the lives of the saints. Check out [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://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 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.

### **POPE'S INTENTION FOR APRIL**

**FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN:** We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



### **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 11.30am **on the Altar**, and from 11.30am to 5pm, **in the Prayer Room. Saturday** 10.30am to 11.30am **on the Altar**. All are welcome.

### **New Adorers Welcome**

Spend an hour with Jesus! We are appealing for more people to join in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral, every Friday for one hour, especially during the following hours: 12-1pm, 1-2pm, 2-3pm, 2-4pm. If you can help please contact Mary Gannon on 087-6088671.

### **PARISH WEEKLY ENVELOPES**

**White Envelope (only)-21st April = €1315**

*We thank you for your very valued, generous and continued support.*

### **READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

**Saturday Vigil 6pm** - John Dunne  
**Sunday 10am** - Catherine Hurley  
**Sunday 12pm** - Joseph Ennis



### **Coffee Morning in aid of The Hope Centre**

A coffee morning will be held in Grants pharmacy Rafters Street, Enniscorthy on **Wednesday 1st May** from 10am to 1pm in aid of The Hope Centre. Your support is welcome.

### **ENNISCORTHY ALZHEIMER'S CAFE EVENING**

**1st Saturday every Month from 3pm to 6pm, Enniscorthy FDYS**, Entrance via back of premises on Irish Street, Enniscorthy. This is a warm and welcoming place for people to come free of charge, and meet others also living with Alzheimer's/Dementia. Carers, family, friends are also welcome.

### **THE LEGION OF MARY MAY PROCESSION**

Legion of Mary are organising a May Procession in Honour of Our Lady on **May 11th 2024** from The Friary Wexford. Mass at 11am in the Friary and gathering for Procession at 11.30am. Tea & coffee afterwards.

### **CANDY TOURS**

### **PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE**

**Sunday 19th and Monday 20th May**, €190pp, single Sup €40, inc. breakfast & dinner on Sunday and breakfast on Monday Morning. Phone May Kelly 087-7468724 or John Candy 087-2632324.

### **HOSTING STUDENTS FROM ABROAD**

We are seeking Host Families (**PAID**) for Spanish and Italian students age 13-17 attending class in CBS Enniscorthy in July. **FOR MORE INFO CONTACT** MARY 087 988 9194 or email: [info@languageireland.ie](mailto:info@languageireland.ie)

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK MONDAY TO SUNDAY**

**MONDAY 10am** Bernard O'Leary **35th Anniv**, Felix Murphy **Anniv**, Holy Souls  
**TUESDAY 10am** Deceased Benefactors of the Cathedral & the Peoples Intentions.  
**WED'DAY 10am** Anna May Byrne **Anniv**, Special Int'n  
**THURSDAY 10am** Matty Leacy **Anniv**  
**FRIDAY 10am** Seamus Redmond **RD**  
**SATURDAY 10am** Special Intention  
**6pm** Elaine Walsh **Months Mind**, Jack O'Brien  
**1st Anniv**, Theresa O'Brien, Jack Kinsella, John Deely, Anne Brickley **Anniv**  
**SUNDAY 10am** First Holy Communion (Class C), Get Well, **12pm** Susan (Sue) Cassidy nee Kavanagh formerly Patrick Street and Birmingham **Months Mind**, Nellie O'Connor, Nellie Doyle, Peter Coady, Mary Browne, John Maguire, Robert Byrne, Thomas Lacey, Noel Lacey, Nancy Millar **All Annivs**

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Margaret Dobbs**, formerly St. John's Villas  
*May they rest in peace*



### **Medjugorje 7 Night Pilgrimage**

Leader Fr. Paddy Banville-Group - 17th July - 24th July  
€795 per person sharing. 17th July 2024 Dublin - Split, 17.35 - 21.30, 24th July 2024 Split - Dublin, 14.00 - 16.20 (Timings approx. subject to change) Quote based on 15 pilgrims travelling, twin/double/triple rooms with private facilities. For enquiries please contact St. Senan's Parish Office 053 92 61729 or email [saintsenan@gmail.com](mailto:saintsenan@gmail.com)

### **ST MARY'S CBS, ENNISCORTHY GOLF CLASSIC TOURNAMENT**

The Tournament is open to everyone to join and will be taking place on **Friday 31st May in Enniscorthy Golf Club**.

Tee times are available throughout the day from early morning straight through to the afternoon. Thursday evening slots are also available. Team of 4 €200 inc. dinner in the Clubhouse. Tee box sponsorship €50. To enter contact John Tobin 053-9234330 or 087-jtobin@cbsenniscorthy.ie or Ger Coleman@cbsenniscorthy.ie All support is greatly appreciated. A guaranteed fun day for all!

### **National Pilgrimage for Life at KNOCK SHRINE**

The first **National Pilgrimage for Life**, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on **Saturday 4th May** in Knock Shrine with Mass at 3.00pm in the Basilica. Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

### **TABLE QUIZ**

### **In Aid of "Friends Of St. John's Hospital"**

In the IFA Centre, Millpark Road on **Thursday 9th May at 8pm. €10each, Team of 4 €40** All proceeds go directly to the Friends of St. John's Hospital

### **Conversations with Women in the Bible**

This Conference will be on **10th May**, in Ballyvaloo Retreat & Conference Centre, Blackwater. The speaker: **Thérèse Fitzgerald** Times: **10.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.** Cost: €30 (includes lunch) pay on the door **Booking essential:** Contact Sara or Catherina @ 056 7722870 9.00 am - 5.00 pm Monday to Friday or e-mail [regionaloffice@ssjg.ie](mailto:regionaloffice@ssjg.ie) **before May 7th**.

### **COMMUNITY & VOLUNTEER EXPO**

Wexford Volunteer Centre are thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity coming up on Monday, **May 13th, 2024 - our first Community and Volunteer Expo!** This is a **FREE PUBLIC EVENT** and will take place at the Riverside Hotel in Enniscorthy, from 5pm until 9pm. Our Expo promises to be a truly inclusive affair, uniting community groups, charities, and essential community services from across Co Wexford. Each will host stands brimming with valuable information, all geared towards enlightening the public about the vibrant community and volunteer sector in our county. All welcome!

**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.**