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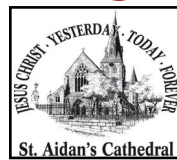
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# ST AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

ENNISCORTHY, DIOCESE OF FERNS  
**NEWSLETTER**  
8TH SEPTEMBER 2024  
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**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**

<b>Monday to Saturday</b>		
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

**DIOCESE OF FERNS**  
**Visit of the Relics of St. Bernadette**  
*-giving people a taste of Lourdes at home*  
**ST. AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL, ENNISCORTHY**  
**23RD & 24TH SEPTEMBER**

*The relics of St. Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to Ireland for the very first time, visiting every diocese in the country. This very special, once-in-a-lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in their diocese.*



Saint Bernadette  
Relic Pilgrimage Ireland 2024

**SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY 23RD**

**3pm** Welcome Liturgy/  
Silent Prayer, Veneration of the Relics.  
*Box for Prayer Petitions left accessible to people in the Cathedral. Lourdes Candles available at €2 "to continue our prayer".*  
**4-5pm & 6-7pm** Confessions  
**5pm** Rosary & Procession with the Statue of Our Lady involving the youth section of the Diocesan Pilgrimage.  
**7:30pm** Mass & Blessing with Lourdes Water hosted by The Irish Pilgrimage Trust.  
**9pm** Night Vigil & Liturgy of Light begins before the Blessed Sacrament. *Areas of the Pastoral Area will be invited to attend at certain times. Parishes from around the Diocese will be invited for different hours. These details will follow later.*

**Tuesday 24TH**

**10am**  
Votive Mass of St. Bernadette with Blessing with Lourdes water. Followed by veneration & silent prayer.  
**12pm**  
**Mass** of Our Lady of Lourdes and anointing of the Sick. Presentation of Petitions. Blessing with Lourdes Water and Blessing with Relics. Departure of the Relics.

*St Bernadette,  
pray for us*



*Flower Festival*

Co. Wexford Garden & Flower Club  
Gold Medal Winners at Bloom  
23/24

**St. Mary's Church, Church St., Enniscorthy Y21 A297**

10am—5pm Friday 13th to Sunday 15th September. Admission €10  
**Harvest—all things bright and beautiful. A celebration of community and Music. All welcome!**

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

Next weekend the **14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of September** at our masses in St. Aidan's we celebrate the Harvest Thanksgiving whereby we give thanks to God for the fruits of the earth.

'The harvest is rich but the Labourers are few'. These autumnal days see the roads and the farmers busy bringing in the harvest and the fruit of their crops. Yes, the Lord pours down his blessings. Our land will yield its bountiful harvest. Psalm 85:12

Lord of the harvest, we rejoice in the bounty of your world; we thank you for the rich harvests it produces. As we do so, we remember those who do not have enough, the thousands who are daily dying of hunger. We pray for those who have more than they require, for ourselves and our churches. Show us what needs to be done, and how to share the world's harvest more fairly. Teach us to value people more than things. Above all, help us to set our hearts on your kingdom of love and justice, and to seek to do your will here on earth, as servants of Jesus Christ our Lord.

~ from "A Treasury of Prayer," compiled by Tony Castle (London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1983), 179.

**Season of Creation 2024 - "To Hope and Act with Creation"**

In the letter of St. Paul to the Romans, we see the biblical image of the Earth groaning (Rom 8:22). Today we hear the cry of the Earth all around us. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used. And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but rather actively striving for new life amidst the struggles. We hope that the following resources help you and your parish community to celebrate this year's Season of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September (the World Day of Prayer for Creation) to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). It celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

"Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children." Joint statement from Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury.

**Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to the groans of the earth and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image. In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH**

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

### **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 5pm **on the Altar**. **Saturday** 10.30am to 11.30am **on the Altar**. All are welcome.

### **THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**

St. Aidan's Cathedral have Confession on Friday morning 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.

### **PARISH WEEKLY ENVELOPES**

**White Envelope 1st September =€1512**

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

### **OUR LADY'S ISLAND CLOSING CEREMONY**

The closing ceremony of Our Lady's Island take place on Sunday 8 September with Mass at 7pm followed by Torch Light Procession around the Island. All are welcome.

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine**

**Saturday 14th September, COST: BUS & 2  
MEALS Adults: €70.00, Children: €40.00**

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE CONTACT:

SEAN KINSELLA (053) 9123819 OR NEIL FOLEY  
(087) 9740120. **All are welcome.**

### **LEGION OF MARY**

#### **ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE**

The Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Sunday 29th September**. A bus will leave from Clonard, Wexford at 6.30am. Oylegate Bus Stop - 6.45am, Enniscorthy Promenade 6.55am, Ferns Church 7.10am, Camolin Bus Stop 7.15am, Gorey Monument at 7.25am, Arklow - 7.40am. Return to Wexford at approx 9.30pm. Please book your seat early to avoid disappointment. Cost, €35 Ring Eileen 087 9331809 or Mark 087 6846908.

### **ONE DAY RETREAT LOUGH DERG September 15th 2024**

Weekend trip to Donegal for the One Day Retreat on Lough Derg leaving Wexford on **Saturday September 14th**, staying in Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal, returning to Wexford on Monday September 16th. Two nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast in the Imperial Hotel, Ballyshannon, coach travel and the day on Lough Derg €235 per person sharing. Further details and booking from Helen Kirwan 087/6817648.

### **'ADAPTED EXERCISE CLASSES FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH ARTHRITIS'**

Arthritis Ireland are pleased to offer a Free 6 week adapted exercise programme commencing on **26th September at 2pm**. The classes will be held in the Astro Active Centre, Enniscorthy. Places are limited - to book your place please phone 0818 252 846 or visit our website: [www.arthritisireland.ie](http://www.arthritisireland.ie)

### **SEEKING HELP!**

Seeking a Bunk Bed for a family in need.  
If anyone can help with this request please ring  
Frank on 087-1364512

## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK MONDAY 9TH TO SUNDAY 15TH SEPT**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>10am</b>	Lil Tobin & Ned Tobin <b>Annivs</b> Theresa Davis <b>RD</b> , Get Well Intention.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>10am</b>	Deceased Benefactors of the Cathedral & the Peoples Intentions.
<b>WED'DAY</b>	<b>10am</b>	Thanksgiving Intention, Tom Davis <b>RD</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>10am</b>	Larry & Anne Murphy, Tommy Davis <b>Annivs</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>10am</b>	May Murray <b>Anniv</b> , Tom Davis <b>RD</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>10am</b>	Paddy Galligan <b>Anniv</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Nellie Foley <b>Months Mind</b> , Brendan Kelly, Larry O'Connor, Violet, Bobby, Larry & Moling Foley, Michael Nolan, Michael Mulligan, Paddy & Carmel O'Leary, Joe & Maura McNally, Christy & Veronica Coughlan, Michael & Helene Sheil, John Murphy <b>All Annivs</b> , Wedding Anniv Rem
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10am</b>	Anne (Nanny) Murphy O'Connor, Margaret Doyle Laurence Doyle <b>Annivs</b>
	<b>12pm</b>	Birthday Intention for Kathleen

### **READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

<b>Saturday Vigil 6pm</b>	- Marie O'Tiarnaigh
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	- Eddie Murphy
<b>Sunday 12pm</b>	- Siobhan Murphy



### **BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to the families of  
**Robyn Jean Dunne**  
**Oliver (Ethan) Bezrukovs**  
**Aidan Aurelio Duda**  
**Bonnie Mae Hawkins**  
**Ameya Jinu**

who were baptised recently in St. Aidan's Cathedral

### **THE HOOK OF FAITH**

Niav McNamara and Michael Kelly are two of 27 people from our diocese who are about to begin a two-year theology course through St Patrick's College, Maynooth in preparation for ministry as a catechist and/or pastoral care worker. We met up with them to talk about their journey so far and their hopes for the course. We include Pope Francis' message for the 'Season of Creation' that began last Sunday and offer a defence of the very concept of human nature and the human body. The Feast Day of St John Chrysostom on 13<sup>th</sup> September is an opportunity to share some of his writing on social justice. We have an article to mark the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on 14<sup>th</sup> September and finally, a talk by Sr. Mary Grace on how to live in peace at all times. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)

### **Want to take part in Panto?**

Enniscorthy Panto will stage Cinderella - The Panto at Astro Active Centre, Bellefield, Enniscorthy - Thursday 5th - Sunday 8th December 2024. We want singers, dancers and actors of all ages to take part. If you're interested in taking part register here before **Friday 27th September, 6pm** - <https://forms.gle/iM1de47eLSqp6R1O7>. Tickets available from <https://www.gr8events.ie/sales/index.php?event=1722>

### **SET DANCE CLASSES**

With the Fleadh Ceoil in Wexford again next year, there's a set dance class in the Rock community Hall, Gorey every Monday night commencing mid September. It's 8pm until 9 30pm. €5, beginners welcome. Eircode Y25AE09. It is run by John Joe Lucey and Emilie Lacey. Phone number 0861573028 any time after 2pm.

**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.**