

### PARISH WEBSITE

#### Integrated webcam and payment facility

St. Senan's Church has a live webcam streaming 24 hours a day. The Camera is focused on the Sanctuary and front seats of the old part of the church. Compliant with all GDPR requirements.

<https://stsenansenniscorthy.ie>

All Masses available to view on the Website

## St. Senan's Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> January

##### **Vigil**

Michael Maher (Months Mind)  
Annastacia & John Healy (A)

**9.00am**

Kathleen Roche (Recently deceased)

**11.00am**

John O'Toole (First Anniversary)

#### Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> January

##### **Vigil**

Marie Crean (A)

### RECENTLY DECEASED

*We commend to the fullness of eternal life:*

*Anthony Lynch, 12 Vinegar Hill Vs.*

*Ellen Farnan, 55 Slaney View Park*

*Aidan Mulroy, 18 Slaney View Park*

*Kathleen Roche, The Ballagh*

*Grant them eternal rest, O Lord.*

### PARISH ENVELOPES 2022

The boxes of weekly envelopes 2022 have for the most part been distributed. However, there are one or two areas with no distributor so if you find you have not yet received them, then please call to the Sacristy after Masses.

If you have recently moved into the parish or have not been receiving a box and would like to, then please contact the parish office. Sincere thanks to all who have made regular donations throughout the year.

### MONTHLY COMMUNION CALLS

Please note for the moment Fr. Paddy will not be making his calls due to the high numbers of cases and will review the situation in February.

### CHRISTMAS DUES

*A word of thanks to those who have already returned their envelope.*

### FULL RANGE OF CARDS

Reminder we have a full range of signed Mass Cards and Bouquets available from the Parish Office.

### THANK YOU

Parish Envelopes

- €380

Priests Envelopes

- €375

### LESSONS FROM 2021

INVEST IN FAMILY AND FRIENDS

BOUNDARIES ARE POWERFUL

OPTIMISM IS A GIFT

ADAPTING TAKES TIME

FORGIVENESS IS A BLESSING

HEROES EXIST EVERYWHERE

WE CAN CREATE NEW MEMORIES

CHANGE CAN BE BEAUTIFUL

HOPE HEALS

ACCOUNTABILITY IS ESSENTIAL

NORMAL RARELY LOOKS NORMAL

& KINDNESS WINS

WORDS BY RACHEL MARIE MARTIN  
FINDINGJOY.NET

### PARISH OFFICE

Monday\* Wednesday & Friday

10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm (closed 1pm - 2pm)

Tuesday and Thursday 10am - 2pm

Parish Office (Linda) 053 9261729

\*Linda is in the Presbytery on Monday mornings.

## Recent comments from Pope Francis

Francis' comments, however, were less about pets and more about priorities. The problem identified by the Pope is not with couples who love dogs and cats, it's choosing them over having children. In short, he is questioning a lifestyle of consumerist materialism that leaves no space for the sacrifice required in raising children.

Some will question whether criticising those who have pets as the best way to highlight materialism, but it is something Francis has been talking about for some time.

In an interview in November 2012, the then-Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio lamented the amount of money spent on pets and cosmetics while children died of hunger in underdeveloped countries. "First come pets, then if there is something left we throw it to the children," he said.

In 2014, as Pope, he warned against a culture of wellbeing where couples prefer "to have a dog, two cats, and the love goes to the two cats and the dog," and a year later said it was "selfish" to refuse to have children, pointing out that "life rejuvenates and acquires energy when it multiplies."

His latest remarks must also be read within the context of declining birth rates in Europe, something Francis has become increasingly vocal about. On St. Stephen's Day, he talked about the "demographic winter" in Italy and last May he lent his support to an initiative by the Stati Generali della Natalità [the General States of Birth] which is seeking the help of businesses, media and cultural leaders to tackle declining birthrates. In 2020, Italy recorded its lowest birth rate on record when just 404,104 babies were born - while 746,146 deaths were recorded.

The Pope noted that this brings about an uncertain future. "Our homeland suffers, as it does not have children, and, as it has been said somewhat humorously, 'and now who will pay the taxes for my pension, if there are no children?' — with laughter, but it is the truth. Who will take care of me?"

### **READERS**

**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> January**

**Vigil:** Fiacre Ryan

**9.00am:** Paddy Gahan

**11.00am:** Orla Byrne

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> January**

**Vigil 7pm:** Rose Ryan

**9.00am:** Dick Walsh

**11.00am:** James Harpur

**Reminder if you are unavailable,  
please arrange a replacement.**

**Thank you**

## take time

take a moment to see the good.  
to remember the smiles.  
to remember the moments.  
to remember the little things.  
to be thankful.  
to be grateful.  
take time to see the wonderful  
in this world.  
the more you see the good,  
the more you will inspire others  
to see it as well.  
ripple.

*words by Rachel Marie Austin  
findingsjays.net*

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## **THE HOOK OF FAITH**

Fr Aedan McGrath was an Irish Columban priest who was in prison in China for three years for his missionary activity. We feature a recording of his remarkable life story told by himself just before he died in 2000. For the Feast of the Lord's Baptism, we have the homily by Bishop Ger Nash and include the usual newsletter insert that raises

our awareness of our baptismal dignity. We feature an article on the meaning of our lives that flows from baptism and a video by Bishop Robert Barron on the role of the laity as anointed priests, prophets and kings. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)

## **READERS**

Please call to the sacristy after Mass to collect a copy of the St. Pauls Sunday Missal. There is one for all Readers on the rota.

## **SHAMROCKS PENNY BANK**

Penny Bank will resume in the community centre Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at the usual time of 7.00pm – 8.30pm. Reminder in line with government restrictions a face covering must be worn and all guidelines will be adhered to.