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# St. Senan's Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**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>

**THANK YOU**

**Parish Envelopes - €**

**Priests Envelopes - €**

**SPLIT THE POT**

**Congratulations to €- last week's winner.**

€2 weekly, the winner gets half the money raised. Envelopes available in the church, enclose your money, write your name and number, and place it in the box marked 'Split the Pot'.

**FERNS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

Invalid Pilgrim Section 16th—21st May 2024

Application forms are available at the Parish Office/Sacristy for anyone who wishes to apply to be in the Invalid Section of the Pilgrimage. Applications must be submitted by 1st March 2024 to Aine Roche, Hospitalite Secretary, Knockskimolin, Raheenduff, Oulart, Gorey, Co. Wexford. Telephone 087-9767623

[hospitalitesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hospitalitesecretary@gmail.com)

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

Ecumenical Service led by Bishop Adrian Wilkinson and Bishop Ger Nash in St. Mary's Church of Ireland, ENNISCORTHY on Sunday 18 February at 7.00pm. All most welcome.

**Give blood, save a life!**

Riverside Park Hotel, Enniscorthy  
Sunday 11th February, 12noon – 13.30pm  
Monday, 12th – Thursday 15th February

3:45pm-8pm. Call 1800 222 111 to book an appointment. Check your eligibility at [giveblood.ie](http://giveblood.ie)  
1 in 4 of us will need a blood transfusion in our lifetime...  
...and 1 blood donation can save 3 lives.

**Dates for your diary**

February 11th - World Day of the Sick and World Day of Prayer for Temperance

February 14<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday

February 18<sup>th</sup> - First Sunday of Lent

February 22nd - The Chair of St. Peter (This is when the Church stops to celebrate the papacy.)

**MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> February*****Vigil***

Johanna Fanning (Months Mind)

James Fanning (A)

Nellie Corrigan (A)

Peg Welch (A)

Byrne Family

***11.00am***

Winnie Tyrrell (A)

Tim Breen (A)

Johnny Canavan (A)

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> February*****Vigil***

Billy Dempsey (Months Mind)

Owen & Catherine Redmond (A)

Redmond Family

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

*We commend to the fullness of eternal life:*

Bride Kelly, "Hillview" St Senans

*Grant them eternal rest, Lord.*

**READERS****Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> February**

**Vigil:** Aidan Ryan

**11am:** Fiacre Ryan

**EUCCHARISTIC  
MINISTERS****Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> February**

**Vigil:** Patrick Lambert

**11am:** Rose Ryan

## Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### The Season of Lent

The season of Lent is a Catholic liturgical season consisting of forty days of fasting, prayer, and penitence beginning at Ash Wednesday and concluding at sundown on Holy Thursday. The official liturgical colour for the season of Lent is violet. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, begin new life in Christ.

### Lent begins next Wednesday 14th of February

The times of Masses for the Pastoral Area are as follows.

#### Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Castledockrell 9:30am

St. Aidan's 10am

St. Senan's 7pm

Marshallstown 7:30pm

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

Please note there is NO Mass in Marshallstown on Tuesday or NO Mass in Castledockrell Thursday

### Pope Francis Message for Lent 2024

*Lent, however, is a "season of grace, a time of conversion," where the desert can become "a place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery," where "we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken." "To the extent that this Lent becomes a time of conversion, an anxious humanity will notice a burst of creativity, a flash of new hope."*

## Medjugorje 7 Night Pilgrimage

Fr. Paddy Banville Group

17th July 2024 – 24th July 2024

€795 per person sharing

17th July 2024 Dublin - Split, 17.35 – 21.30

24th July 2024 Split - Dublin, 14.00 – 16.20

(Timings are approximate and subject to change)

This Quote is based on 15 pilgrims traveling.

Price per person sharing twin/double/triple rooms with private facilities.

Your Medjugorje package includes:

Transport & Accommodation

✓ Return flights Dublin to Split with Croatia Airlines.

✓ 15kg Baggage allowance to be checked in.

✓ Return transfers to Medjugorje accompanied by a transfer guide

✓ 7 nights Accommodation in Houses Exclusive to Marian Pilgrimages.

✓ Full religious programme organised by Marian Pilgrimages with a complete programme of sightseeing and visits to sites of interest.

✓ Mass daily & Spiritual activities

✓ Daily breakfast and evening meal

✓ Free Wifi in Guest Houses

✓ Pilgrimage Insurance while abroad only

## The History of Valentine's Day

Saint Valentine, the patron saint of love and beekeeping, was a Roman priest martyred in 270 AD for marrying couples against the wishes of the emperor who had banned the union to ensure more men to keep his military strong!

A feast day on February 14th was declared in his honour by the pope a few hundred years later.

In 1835, Irish Carmelite priest, Fr. John Spratt was invited to deliver sermons in Rome. The locals were so taken with his oratory that the pope gifted him several unconventional tokens of thanks including saintly relics. Upon Fr. Spratt's return to Dublin, he bestowed these gifts to Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Whitefriars Street. Gifts including the preserved heart of Saint Valentine

Such relics hold sacred value for the faithful. And while a sacred heart might seem like a difficult thing to misplace, this relic was lost and was only rediscovered in the 1950s. The heart now sits in a place of prominence, securely locked in a golden box in the Church for those curious to visit. And to this day every February 14th, romantic couples visit the church to receive a special "blessing of the rings."

**DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE** Saturday, 24th February in RDS, Dublin. Bus from Clonard Church Wexford at 7.15 collecting in Enniscorthy, Ferns and Gorey. To book a seat ring 086 2608454

