

# St. Senan's Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

## 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>

## PASTORAL AREA CLERGY

Fr. Tom Dalton

Fr. Billy Caulfield

Fr. James Cullen

Deacon Rev. Dermot Davis

Parish Office 053 92 61729

### PRIEST ON DUTY

### EMERGENCY MOBILE:

087 2710478

## Safeguarding Representatives

Tina Merriman and Maria O'Shaughnessy  
Phone 053 92 61729

## THANK YOU

Priest Envelopes €660

(First Collection)

Parish Envelopes €505

(Second Collection)

## PARISH OFFICE

\*Monday & Thursday  
10am-2pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday  
10am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm

\*Linda is in the Presbytery  
Monday mornings.

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## SPLIT THE POT

Congratulations to Mick Byrne - €160 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'. Thank you for your weekly support. Thank you to our local Centra where envelopes are also now available.

## Adoration Apostolate Ferns Diocese

Presentation on Eucharistic Adoration by Ferns Adoration Group in St. Senan's Church 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Spend One Hour with Jesus. *"Come to Me, all who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest".*

## DIOCESE OF FERNS PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Diocese of Ferns Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year from 16th-21st May 2026. We are Inviting applications for Assisted Pilgrims and Helpers to join us on this wonderful pilgrimage.

Assisted pilgrims' forms can be got from your parish priest. Please contact Will Neville, President of the Hospitalité on 086 889 1899 or Tricia Murphy, Pilgrimage Secretary on 086 323 4551 for more details for helpers or assisted pilgrims.

(Booking link for general pilgrims. [Pilgrimages to Lourdes | Marian Pilgrimages | Ireland](#) )

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Feast of St. Brigid

She was born in 451 or 452 at Faughart, near Dundalk, in Ireland. Her name is that of the pagan goddess of fire. She converted to Christianity, inspired by the preaching of St Patrick. She founded a double monastery, of monks and nuns, at Kildare, the first women's monastic community in Ireland, and she died there in 525.

## Feast of the Presentation – Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Monday, 2nd of February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord also known as Candlemas Day. It marks the official end to the Christmas season. Candles will be blessed at Mass on this day in St. Aidan's Cathedral at 10am and **St. Senan's at 7pm**. You can leave candles marked with your name on them into either church on or before the day.

## Feast of St. Blaise – Tuesday 3rd of February

St. Blaise Bishop and Martyr is the Patron of sore throats, and throats will be blessed after the following Masses: Marshalstown 9:30am, St. Aidan's 10am and **St. Senan's 7pm**.

## GARRYNISK PATRON

Please note the annual Garrynisk Patron will take place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 2 pm.



## Celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary St. Senan's Parish 2026

This year our Parish celebrates fifty years, and we would be very interested to hear any suggestions you might have to help us mark the occasion as a community **OR** maybe you have a future fundraising ideas that might help us raise some money. Please take the time to complete a suggestion sheet you will find at the back of the church and then sometime over the next 2 weeks place it in the 'Suggestion Box' which is up near the Altar. It is hoped to mark this anniversary in a few different ways throughout the coming year and in a special way at the 7pm Mass on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026.

### CONCERN COLLECTION

The Concern collection is taking place on Saturday the 7th of February 10am-4pm and Mass collections are Saturday/Sunday,

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> February. The schools will be out and about collecting on Thursday/Friday, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> February. Coffee Morning on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> of February at The Presentation Centre 10am - 12.30pm. If you would like to help in any way please contact Eugene on 087 9171657.

### THE HOOK OF FAITH

The feast of St Brigid is celebrated this Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time and, appropriately, the Gospel puts before us the Beatitudes which Brigid exemplified in her life of charity. We offer an article on the topic of the Church's fruitfulness

#### Prayer for Relief from Flooding and for Protection from Heavy Rain

Almighty God,  
You command the rain and calm the storms.  
Protect us from heavy downpours and rising waters. Spare our homes, fields, and communities from destruction. Let the skies yield only what is good and life-giving.  
Strengthen our faith and keep us steadfast under Your care.

As You guided Noah through the flood, guide us through this season with peace.

Merciful Father, we cry out to You as the waters rise. Shield us from danger and keep our homes from destruction. Comfort those who have lost much and strengthen the hands of those who bring help. Command the floods to recede and restore peace to the land.

Remind us that even in deep waters, You are near and faithful. Let Your mercy bring safety and hope where fear once dwelt. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Source <https://sincereprayers.com/prayers-for-good-weather/>

following a recent letter from Pope Leo. It's that time of year again when we come to have our throats blessed on the feast of St Blaise as we take a deeper look on the reason so many still come forward to receive it. We also have an article on the feast of St Agatha and as we approach the end of our series 'The Desert Fathers in a Year', we continue with the remarkable story of St Benedict and listen to what he teaches us. Finally, we have a further video from 'Ambassadors for Christ' series on apologetics from the diocese of Southwark on the Eucharist and another podcast on Catholic Education from the Irish Catholic. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> February

##### Vigil

Johnny Hyland (A)  
Liam Quigley (A)  
Ann Quigley (Rem)

##### 11am

Larry Kirwan (A)  
Darren Barnes (A)  
Padge Kehoe (A)

#### Weekday Masses – 7pm

##### Tuesday

Paddy Quinn (A)  
Francis Quinn (A)  
David Quinn (A)

##### Thursday

William & Eileen Gibson (A)

#### Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February

##### Vigil

Pat Lafferty (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)  
Margaret & Michael Levinsgston

##### 11am

Bridie Kelly (A)  
Margaret Hughes (A)

#### Recently Deceased

*We commend to the fullness of eternal life....*  
Monica Dowling,  
Enniscorthy, formerly  
Clondalkin  
Mary Hughes (née  
O'Neill) Courtown,  
formerly Hempfield

### READERS

#### Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February

**Vigil:** Anne O'Neill  
**11am:** Aidan Ryan

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

#### Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February

**Vigil:** Dick Walsh  
**11am:** Patricia Hyland

### Castlegardens

#### Eucharistic Minister

#### Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February

Marian Dowling