



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for  
**Ferns** for the week was **€468.80**  
The amount received for  
**Ballyduff** for month of May was **€453.30**  
The amount received from **Cloogue** for  
January-May was **€1363.50**  
**Vocations Collection €289.00**  
**Sick & Retired Priests €49.00**  
*Thank you for your generosity*

### St Peter's College Past Pupils Union

School Sports Development fund  
Ticket Draw – Tickets €10 each  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize € 2000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize €500  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize €250, 4<sup>th</sup> Prize €250  
All proceeds go to Astro Pitch  
Development Fund  
Draw will take place in St. Peter's College  
on July 30<sup>th</sup> 2021  
Tickets can be purchased by phoning SPC  
PPU PRO, Tel: 0877971077 or  
[www.idonate.ie/raffle/stpetersppu](http://www.idonate.ie/raffle/stpetersppu)

### SVP St Aidan's Conference Ferns

Whatever your reason for getting in touch, if you need support from the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul we are here to help you. There are a wide range of supports we can offer you, from practical help and advice, to a friendly ear all in the strictest of confidence.

Web: [www.svp.ie/requesthelp](http://www.svp.ie/requesthelp)

### Patrons

The patrons will be live  
streamed.

**Cloogue July 25th**  
(last Sunday July)  
**Ballyduff 8th August**  
(2nd Sunday August)

### ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

**Very Rev Paddy Cushen. P.P.** Tel: 053-9366152 / Mobile: 087 2387559.

E-mail: [frpaddycushen@gmail.com](mailto:frpaddycushen@gmail.com) **Eir Code: Y21 N9 W7**

**Parish Office:** Tel: 053-9366514. E-mail: [fernsparish@gmail.com](mailto:fernsparish@gmail.com) **Eir Code: Y21 X5 W9**

**Weekend Mass Times:** Vigil Mass, Saturday 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

Weekday Mass Times: Monday to Saturday day 9.30am.

**Convent:** Wednesday 7.00pm-Tuesday & Thursday 9.00a.m.)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament daily from 8.00a.m. - 10.00p.m.** ([www.fernسادoration.com](http://www.fernسادoration.com))

**Confessions:** Every **Saturday** after **9.30am** Mass & First **Thursday** after **9.30am**  
Mass and on request.

### ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH, BALLYDUFF

**Weekend Mass Times:** Vigil Mass, Saturday 7.30pm Sunday 9.30am **Eircode: Y21 FD 73**

### ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH, CLOOGUE

**Weekend Mass Time:** Sunday 10.15am

**Eir Code: Y21 CD 96**

**Reconciliation Services:** Lent and Advent. **Baptism:** By appointment.

**Marriage:** At least three months notice must be given.

**Ferns St. Vincent de Paul:** Tel: 086 7219303

**Safeguarding Officers:** Denis Kinsella 087 2465720, Bernidina Roche 086 0786100  
Ballyduff: Alan Byrne 086 8135149. Cloogue: Mary Skelton 087 6984703

### St. Aidan's Church, Ferns

Has a live Webcam Streaming for all Masses. The camera is focused on the Altar & Sanctuary. You can watch Mass & Services live from St. Aidan's Church by going to YouTube and searching for Ferns Church or on Facebook at Ferns Church Live or on our Parish Website [www.fernsparish.ie](http://www.fernsparish.ie)



# Ferns Parish Newsletter



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26th & 27th June 2021

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 June 2021

'Talitha Cum'

In today's Gospel we hear two healing stories: Jairus' daughter and the woman with a haemorrhage. At first glance these stories might not seem to have a lot in common. The woman is a complete social outcast because of her condition, yet Jesus calls her 'daughter'. He does not let social convention dictate who can be called a child of God. Jesus reminds the people of this woman's true identity. The synagogue official surprises us, pleasantly, with his faith in Jesus and his message. What these two characters have in common is faith against all the odds as they reach out to Jesus in faith-filled action. There are those in the story who laugh when Jesus says he can bring back Jairus' daughter. They are sent away. Jesus' healing breaks down the barriers that isolate us from one another and from God.

We can all recall times when we were struggling. We needed something to move us, to help us forgive, to help us walk away or to relieve us of physical pain. In the end it can be the simple gestures that save us: a kind word, someone praying for us, a gentle touch or we reach out to someone and like the woman with the haemorrhage we suddenly feel within ourselves that we are healing. These accounts show us something of how God's grace can enter our lives and transform situations.

Mark leaves untranslated Jesus' native language when he restores the young girl to life: 'Talitha cum' – a beautiful phrase meaning: 'Little girl, get up!'. Jairus' daughter has been given new life; the woman has also been given new life. Both have overcome barriers that were keeping them from being free. We know what those barriers are for each of us. God's grace is gentle yet can bring life to situations of death. What do you need healing from today? Bring this to prayer.

### Saints Peter and Paul 29th June

This day is called Petertide in the Anglican Church. We can learn from Peter and Paul's life. Paul converted from being a brutal persecutor to a fearless preacher through the grace of Christ. Peter learned that his denials are restored by love. Both men show us by their lives that recovery from their mistakes and openness to God's love gave them courage to witness to their faith. We all have shaky egos that are vulnerable to shame. But each of us, like Peter and Paul are also called by name for God's kind purpose and plan.

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June is the month of anniversaries of Ordinations. We give thanks for all priests over decades of quiet service who have accompanied God's people. May God who began the good work in all priests, bring it to completion. Heart of Jesus, salvation of all who trust in you.

**Mass Time & Intentions  
This Weekend**

**26th & 27th June 2021**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.30pm:** Masie Jackman, her brother Stephen & deceased family members.

Michael & Josie Kenny, Pairc Mhuire  
Johnny Kavanagh, Coolbawn (Months Mind)

**8.30am:** Breda Roche, Carnew Road

**11.00am:** Alice & Aidan Earle, Pairc Mhuire & their son Padraig.

**Wed. 30th June 7.30pm:** Christy & Rita Davitt, Lodgewood

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** John & Mary Kenny, Ballybeg

**9.30am:** Tom Doyle, Coolnaleen (Months Mind)

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**10.15am:**

**CONVENT**

**Wednesday June 30th 2021**

**7.00pm:**

**Mass Time & Intentions  
Next Weekend**

**3rd & 4th July 2021**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.30pm:** Statia Banville, Coolbawn & deceased family members of The Banville & Kirwan families

**8.30am:** People of the Parish.

**11.00am:**

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Paddy Hall, Kiltomas

**9.30am:**

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**10.15am:** Mary Byrne, Milltown



**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the faith

**Anne Rose Connors**

**Seamus Robert Moynihan**

**Grace Jamie Kavanagh Byrne**

who were baptised recently.

**3rd & 4th July 2021**

**Ministers of the Word**

**6.30pm:** Mary Cash

**8.30am:** Dermot O'Brien

**11.00am:** Irene O'Toole

**Ministers of Holy Communion**

**6.30pm:** Margaret Maguire & Michael Bernie

**8.30am:** Eileen Brickley & Sr. Cecelia

**11.00am:** Ann Swaine & Liz Villar

**Seeing your Life through the  
Lens of the Gospel**

1. Like this woman, have you had the experience of a cure, an improvement, a success, after a long period of nothing happening? What was that like for you? What made the difference? On that occasion was there anything different in you, in others, in the circumstances - something that paved the way for the change or improvement?

2. 'Who touched me?' Jesus asked. It seems a strange request with crowds milling around. Many people brushed against him, but the woman made contact in a different way. The same can happen in our relationships. We brush against many people but make real contact only with a few. Who are the people you have touched, and who has touched you? What difference has this made to you and to them?

3. Jesus said to the woman, 'Your faith has made you well'. What difference does it make to you that you have faith? In what ways does your faith make you well?

4. When Jairus asked Jesus to come and cure his daughter, some thought there was no point. Sometimes a situation can look like a lost cause. Has it ever happened to you that subsequent events showed there was hope where you thought there was none?

5. Some people have the gift of infusing new life and energy into individuals, or into groups, or into a cause. Perhaps you yourself have done this at times? Recall these experiences and the lessons you have learned from them.

**THE PRIEST ON DUTY**

**V. Rev. Patrick Cushen P.P.**

**053 93 66152/087 238 7559**

**Bishop-Elect Mons. Ger Nash**

We welcome the appointment of Mons. Ger Nash as the future Bishop of Ferns. Mons. Ger comes from Co. Clare, the Diocese of Killaloe. He replaces Bishop Brennan who has served our diocese as Bishop for the past 15 years. We thank Bishop Brennan for his good work in the diocese and we wish Bishop-Elect Ger Nash every best wish and blessing and a fruitful ministry in Ferns.

**First Holy Communion**

The dates have now been set and the various schools have contacted the families involved. It is good news for all.

**First Friday Calls**

Fr Cushen will attend the sick of the parish on Thursday & Friday July 1st & 2nd with Holy Communion.

**Ferns Parish Shop**

We now have stock in for First Holy

Communion. We have a lovely selection of rosaries, prayer books, rosettes, pins and communion chains & much more.

**Fr. Pat Stafford 086 234 4674**

He has kindly agreed to help out in the parish for the foreseeable future.

He will be a great help. We are all most grateful to him for his generosity in helping out, now that there will not be a curate in the parish. Pray for vocations

**Lough Derg 2021: Registration is now open to "Do Lough Derg from wherever you are" from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July.** The Prior,

Fr La Flynn, will do the Three Day Pilgrimage on the Island during these days. To offer a live link by webcam in support of those who will choose to do the pilgrimage wherever they are, some of the Lough Derg staff will do the pilgrimage in St. Mary's Church in Pettigo. To register or for further information please email [fo@loughderg.org](mailto:fo@loughderg.org), telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518. [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

**Schools Holidays**

All our primary schools in the parish closed during the past week. We wish the pupils and teachers a happy and enjoyable time. Holiday time is a time when pupils enjoy freedom but also must take care of themselves, to make sure, they are safe at all times. Some will be on farms or in yards where there is machinery which can cause a constant threat to ones safety. We pray that health and safety will be a priority for all. Enjoy your break and come back safe and well at the end of the holidays.

During the holiday period the pupils of second class in Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire, Ballyduff, will receive their First Holy Communion on Monday 5th July in Ballyduff Church and Scoil Naomh Maodhóg on Saturday 10th July in Ferns Church.. We wish them a very happy day as they receive the Lord for the first time.

We pray that families will not take a holiday from prayer, Mass, good works and the service of others for the holidays. May God bless all in fidelity and generosity to our faith.

**FERNS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE  
TO KNOCK 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021**

As you know, with current restrictions, capacity at Mass is very restricted and Knock Basilica is limited to a capacity of 200 people at present. Therefore, the Pilgrimage for this year will follow the same format as last year with a virtual pilgrimage for the diocese. The Pilgrimage Mass will be streamed online on the website [www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live) and on the Knock Shrine Facebook page. Ceremonies will begin at 2.30pm. Bishop Brennan, Bishop elect Ger Nash and myself will be present for the ceremonies in Knock

Gerry O'Leary  
Knock Pilgrimage Director.