

Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received
Ferns for the week was **€528.50**
The amount received for **Ballyduff** for
month of April was **€166.00**
The amount received from **Cloogue** for
the month of April **€492.35**
Thank you for your generosity.

A History of Ferns

It is priced at 10 euros. Any queries
please contact 0866089198.
Also available in The Parish Office.

Peace

“Peace is a precious gift, which
must be promoted and protected...
Never has the use of violence
brought peace in its wake.
War begets war, violence begets vio-
lence.” *Pope Francis.*

Sixth Sunday of Easter 22nd May 2022

1. Jesus seeks to reassure his followers in the face of his imminent death. Although he will be leaving them he promises them the gift of the Spirit. How have you been aware of the gift of the Spirit of God in your life?
2. Remember times of separation from a loved one, through change of residence or other circumstances. How has the love between you been a support after the separation?
3. To his followers Jesus promises ‘we will come and make our home with them’. Our God is not a distant God but one who lives in us. What has helped you to be aware of the closeness of God to you?
4. ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid’. When you have been anxious, who have been the Jesus people for you who were able to calm your anxiety. How did they do this? For whom have you been one who calmed anxiety?

ST. AIDAN’S PARISH INFORMATION

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

E-mail: frpaddycushen@gmail.com **Eir Code: Y21 N9 W7**

Assistant: Very Rev. Pat Stafford , 086 234 4674

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

Weekend Mass Times: Vigil Mass, Saturday 6.15pm Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

Weekday Mass Times: Monday to Saturday day 9.30am.

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 **Eircode: Y21 FD 73**

ST. BRIDGET’S CHURCH, CLOOGUE

Weekend Mass Time: Sunday 9.45am

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

We have 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

Ferns Parish Newsletter

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6th Sunday of Easter

Diocesan Planning for the future

At present meetings are taking place in the diocese to examine the way forward for our church. Small group meetings have been taking place with a small group of representatives from each parish. Our parish will be grouped with Bunclogh and Kilrush. In the event of sickness/holidays we have Masses arranged so that they can be covered by one another. We are fortunate to have five priests in the group which means it will be easy to cope at present. On the negative side we are all 75 years of age or over, which means in the future it will be a different situation. Bishop Ger is promoting initiatives to get more laity involved which means we will be looking for people to volunteer for various ministries, etc. Planning groups, Ministers of Word and Eucharist. Training will take place.

The Diocese of Ferns invite you to a meeting to present the Ferns Diocesan Submission to the National and World Synodal Process as requested by Pope Francis. The venue will be the Riverside Park Hotel in Enniscorthy and the date is Monday, May 23rd at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to attend. If you wish to read the submission in advance of the meeting, also called a Synthesis, then you can do so on the Hook of Faith Website. <https://www.thehookoffaith.com/>



SVP RECRUITMENT EVENING

Gorey Saint Vincent De Paul are hosting a New Volunteer recruitment & information evening. If you have an interest and would like to volunteer in either Shops, Visitation or Social Housing why not join us in the Craan Suite of the Ash-down Park Hotel on Wednesday May 25th next from 06:00pm to 09:00pm. Hope to see you there.



St. Joseph’s Young Priests Society Pilgrimage Knock Shrine, Saturday June 25th, 2022

Schedule of Ceremonies

- 2 pm:** Outdoor Stations of the Cross and Rosary Procession
3pm: Concelebrated Mass at Knock Basilica with
Anointing of the Sick

The annual Trocaire collection is very important as a means of the Catholic Church established by the Irish Bishops some year ago. It is our opportunity to show our generosity as a caring people to those in the Third world & Ukraine. Our diocese and especially our parish has always been very generous to this most worthy cause. If you have a collection box in your home please bring it to the church or Parish Office as soon as possible. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and valued.
Amount received to date is €2,958.87. Grateful thanks to all.

TROCAIRE
Working for a Just World

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend
21st & 22nd May 2022**

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Linda O'Toole, Lodgewood.
Charlie & Bridie Murphy, Ferns Upper.
8.30am: Paddy (Patrick) Breen, Milltown
11.00am: Moses Aidan Furlong, Knockreagh
(Months Mind)

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Susan Byrne, Clonee Lane.
Aileen Conroy, Coolmelagh.

CLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Susanna O'Dowd, Ballyregan.

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

28th & 29th May 2022

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Johnny Kavanagh, Coolbawn & his
parents Lil & Bill Kavanagh, Strahart & his
sister Susan Halpin.
Mary Collier, Ballintore.

8.30am: People of the Parish

11.00am: Jack & Sadie Short, Ballycoog.
Lorraine Jordan, Carnew Road.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Mick Murphy, Tincurry.

CLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Aidan Breen, Mileslogue

THE PRIEST ON DUTY

V. Rev. Patrick Cushen P.P.
053 93 66152/087 238 7559
If not available please call
Very Rev. Pat Stafford
086 234 4674

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to The Family of Andrew
O'Neill, Upper Main St. Ferns
who died recently.

Rest in Peace.

**May God console the bereaved in
their grief and loss.**

**28th & 29th May
Ministers of the Word**

6.15pm: Mary Cash
8.30am: Theresa Nolan
11.00am: Ailish Davitt
Ministers of Holy Communion
6.15pm: Mary Cullen & Dora Murphy
8.30am: Eileen Brickley
11.00am: Mary Sinnott & Tommy Davitt



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
Cooper Donohoe Dreehan
Luca John Hallahan
Noah James Gearoid
O'Grady Kelly
who were baptised recently.

**Diocese Of Ferns
Camino de Santiago
The Portuguese Way**

Fatima to A-Velha
10th-18th June 2022 from €315.00 p.p
Including: Private bus transfer from
Lisbon airport to Fatima, Pilgrim Pass-
port, Shell & Spiritual Programme, 8
nights Hostel Accommodation B&B, 7
Walking Days & Private bus transfer
from
A-Velha to Lisbon Airport.
Flights not included
For more information contact:
087 9452164 or Katarina 021 4851764

Patron Dates 2022

Ferns: 5th June 2pm
Clogogue: 31st July 2pm
Ballyduff: 14th August 2pm
Eucharistic Procession
Ferns 5th June usual route
Assemble at 1.00p.m in Car Park.

Rosary

The Rosary will be prayed every
evening in May at 7.00 pm at the grotto
on the Enniscorthy Road.
All are welcome.

EXAMINATIONS PRAYER

O Great St. Joseph of Cupertino, who by your prayers, did obtain from God, the grace to be asked at your examination, the only question you knew. Obtain for me, success like yours in the examination for which I am preparing, and in return, I promise to make your name known and cause it to be invoked. Amen.



Lourdes Pilgrimage
20th-24th June 2022, 4 Nights
Led by the Bishop of Ferns,
Most Rev. Ger Nash
Cost from €679 p.p.s.,

Enquiries to: Fr Matt Boggan 051 565610.
Joe Walsh Tours: 01 2410800
Email: info@joewalshstours.ie
Booking Forms in Parish Office.

Ferns & District Meals on Wheels

This is a stand-alone service delivering hot
meals every Monday, Wednesday and Fri-
day. Meals are cooked fresh daily by Coun-
ty Wexford Community Workshop at a cost
of €5 per meal and delivered by volunteer
drivers. Enquiries to 087 4189740

Ferns BFriendly

A voluntary telephone befriending service
in the Ferns area for people experiencing
loneliness or isolation.
Enquiries to 087 1691919

Official Cheque Presentation

From the Sean Walsh Home run will take
place on Friday 27th of May in the Thatch
Ferns @8.30pm where representatives from
The Mater
Hospital, Wexford ICU & South East Blood
bikes will be present to receive the funding
that was raised. All welcome and we would
like to thank you all for your support &
prayers over the last few months

**FROM THE DIOCESAN
PASTORAL COUNCIL**

We continue our synodal reflections
This week we reflect on our relationship
with other Christian faiths.
Since we all, with our centre in Christ, try
to live his message of love we have much
in common.
What are some fruits and challenges of
our ecumenical relationships here in
Ferns diocese?

First Holy Communion

We wish the very best and every blessing
to the pupils of Scoil Naomh Maodhóg
who will celebrate their
First Holy Communion this Saturday at
11.00am. We compliment their
teachers and parents for
their preparation.



Lough Derg Pilgrimage

Tue. 5th July - Thur. 7th July 2022

Bus leaving St. Peter's
Square, Wexford at 6.30am
[via Enniscorthy (Abbey sq.)
Ferns (Bus Stop),
Gorey (Hospital)]
return to Wexford Thursday at
6.00 p.m.

Island Fee: **€80.00**

Bus: **€60.00**

Bookings:

Fr. P. Cushen, Ferns, 053-9366152

Mobile 087-2387559

Ferns Parish Office 053-9366514

Bookings taken and seat guaranteed
with **€50 non-refundable deposit.**

Choir & Brass Band Practice

Monday evening in the Church in prepa-
ration for The Eucharistic Procession &
Patron on 5th June. All are welcome and
encouraged to come along.

We must always walk in the presence of
the Lord, in the light of the Lord, always
trying to live in an irreprehensible way.
Pope Francis

Lough Derg Pilgrimage 2022

Pilgrimage season re-opens Sunday
1st May 2022. For further information
from The Lough Derg Office contact
071 9861518 or info@loughderg.org or
www.loughderg.org.