



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received

**Ferns** for the week was €367.80

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.



We are most grateful for your generosity to this collection of 'mercy' for the Third World, Amount raised so far is €3,173.32. God bless your gift.

### Prayers for Ascension Sunday

**John 7:33**

Heavenly Father, I thank You for sending Your Son who was with us only for a short time. Thank You for being the living water that quenches the thirst of all those who long for You. I give You praise for being Your resurrection power, it is because of You that we too can have everlasting life with You in heaven. I pray that we do not take for granted this special day, Amen.

**Acts 1:6-11**

Righteous God, I thank You for this ascension Sunday and for Your divine authority. Your Word says that You alone set the dates and times for things to happen and it is through You that we receive power. I thank You for the ascension of Your son Jesus, because of Him we are given divine authority and guidance here on earth through Your Holy Spirit. I give you thanks because I know that someday You will return from heaven in the same way You ascended from earth, Amen.

### 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**

**Assistant: Very Rev. Pat Stafford, 086 234 4674**

**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 6.15pm 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](http://www.fernsparish.ie)



# Ferns Parish Newsletter



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The Ascension of The Lord

**The Feast of the Lord's Ascension** is also 'World Communications Day'. We have Pope Francis' message where he talks about the importance of listening with the ears of the heart. We have a homily for this Sunday and the usual newsletter insert. In these weeks when a Catholic ethos in schools and hospitals is being attacked as something harmful and dangerous, we explore precisely what is a 'Catholic ethos'. We celebrate the fourth anniversary of the Hook of Faith and conclude the Novena of Prayer for Life. Finally, in our video this week, Bishop Robert Barron reflects on how Christ wants to come into our lives in a deeper way. Do we have the courage to let him in? Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)

### The Ascension of Christ

Means our salvation as well; where the glorious Head has gone before, the body is called to follow in hope. Let us therefore exult, beloved, as is fitting, and let us rejoice in devout thanksgiving. For on this day not only have we been confirmed in our possession of paradise, but we have even entered heaven in the person of Christ; through his grace we have regained far more than we had lost through the devil's hatred' (St Leo the Great, Sermon 73:4).

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

'God our Father, we trust in your loving kindness. Bless our diocese of Ferns with many priestly and religious vocations. Give the men and women you call the light to understand your gift and the love to always follow in the footsteps of your Son. Amen'.

If you would like to know more about the diocesan priesthood, please contact Fr Billy Swan at: [billyswan68@hotmail.com](mailto:billyswan68@hotmail.com) or at The Presbytery, School St., Wexford.



**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Saturday June 25th, 2022. Schedule of Ceremonies**

**2 pm:** Outdoor Stations of the Cross and Rosary Procession

**3pm:** Concelebrated with Anointing of the Sick

### Annual Ferns Eucharistic Procession & Patron

The procession of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Sunday next 5th June. People are asked to assemble in the Church Car Park across New Road Coolbawn and down to the cemetery for Mass at 2.00p.m. We ask those along the way to please decorate their homes and street as in former years. Due to Covid 19 we were unable to have these events for the past two years so please make a big effort this year to take part, to give praise to Christ's Presence in the Eucharist and pray for our deceased relatives and parishioners.

Following the Patron there will be Tea/Coffee in the new Pastoral Centre—**Free of charge.**

**Mass Time & Intentions  
This 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.  
Nuala Pullan, Ballyboden, Dublin

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:** Aidan Breen, Milesheogue

**Mass Time & Intentions  
Next Weekend**

**4th & 5th June 2022**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Bill Byrne, The Barracks, Effernogue  
The Moran Family, Killoggy, Ferns

**8.30am: People of the Parish**

**11.00am:** Jimmy, Patricia & Donal  
Levingstone, Pairc Mhuire

Tom Breen, Tombrack & his parents Pat &  
Mary & his sister Mary Sheridan  
May Moore, Rosemary Heights  
(Months Mind)

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:**

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:** Edward Byrne, Ballymore

**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**

**First Friday**

All invalids in the parish on the sick list  
will be visited on Thursday & Friday  
2nd & 3rd June with Holy Communion.

**4th & 5th June  
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

*Alice Ally Connors*

*Sandra-Lee Kate Davitt*

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 Lis-  
bon airport to Fatima, Pilgrim Passport,  
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: see front page**

**Clogogue: 31st July 2pm**

**Ballyduff: 14th August 2pm**

**Sincere Sympathy**

Is extended to The Families of  
Andrew O'Neill, Main St.,  
Bridget Cahill, Askinamoe;  
John (Sean) Kehoe, Tincurry;  
Eileen Kenny, Loreto Village and  
formerly Ballyduff and Nancy Doyle  
(nee Redmond), Dublin and formerly  
Scarawalsh, all who died recently.

*Rest in Peace.*

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

**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.**

**The Ascension of the Lord  
29th May 2022 -  
World Communications Day**

1. The Ascension of Jesus was an important growth point for the disciples. Jesus would be with them in a different way from now on. Painful though it was, it was necessary for them to let go of his physical presence and adjust to the new reality. Perhaps you have known similar transition points in your own life.

2. Jesus invited the disciples to be witnesses to the good news they had learned. The way we live, speak and relate to others speaks of what we have learned about life. We all are witnesses. How have you been a witness to the goodness of life?

3. In particular Jesus invited them to be witnesses to the good news of forgiveness. Recall people who have been witnesses to you of forgiveness and reconciliation. What effect did they have on your life? Have you been able to be a witness to the good news of forgiveness in your life?

4. *Stay in the city until...* Jesus instructs the apostles to wait patiently for the moment of grace. What been your experience of waiting for a moment of grace? What are the moments of grace that you particularly recall (a friendship, a new opportunity, birth of a baby, etc.)?

**Choir & Brass Band Practice**

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

**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?

**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.**

**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.

**All Ireland Rosary Rally**

Saturday, June 4th from 1.30pm in  
Knock. Holy Mass at 3pm  
Bus leaving Clonard, Wexford at 8am.  
Enniscorthy Prom at 8.30am  
Bunclogh at 8.50am. Return approx.  
10pm in Wexford. Cost: 25euro  
Info: Ring Eileen 087 9331809