



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received  
**Ferns** for the week was  
**€1,074.00**

The amount received for **Ballyduff** for  
**month of April** was **€166.00**

The amount received from **Cloogue** for  
**the month of May** **€255.00**

### Trocaire Collection

We are most grateful for your generosity to the Third World, Amount raised this year in Boxes was **€3,225.00** plus two cheques paid out directly for Trocaire **€150.00**, giving a grand total of **€3,375.00**

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith  
**Jack Kevin Murphy**  
who was baptised recently.

### THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

This Sunday is the Feast of Corpus Christi when we take the time to reflect on the gift of the Eucharist in the life of the Church. We have a homily, a newsletter insert and other useful resources. The Eucharist is about thanksgiving and Sean Byrne shares an article on the power of gratitude and counting our blessings. As we celebrate the feast day of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, we tease out how our faith is a source of the moral courage badly needed in our time. We offer a reflection on the Sacred Heart of Jesus for this beautiful feast day on Friday 24th. Finally, as the World Meeting of Families opens in Rome, we have an address by Archbishop Eamonn Martin on how the family is called to be the place of formation and evangelisation. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)

### ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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**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.

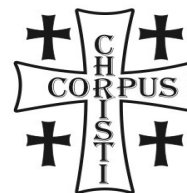
**Ferns St. Vincent de Paul:** Tel: 086 7219303

**Safeguarding Officers:** Denis Kinsella 087 2465720, Bernidina Roche 086 0786100

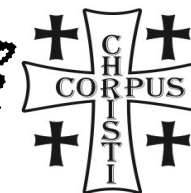
Ballyduff: Alan Byrne 086 8135149. Cloogue: Mary Skelton 087 6984703

**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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18th & 19th June 2022

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

### Official Prayer for the 10th World Meeting of Families 2022

Heavenly Father, We come before You to praise You and to thank You for the great gift of the family.

We pray to You for all families consecrated by the Sacrament of Matrimony.

May they rediscover each day the grace they have received, and as small domestic Churches, may they know how to witness to Your presence and to the love with which Christ loves the Church.

We pray to You for all families faced with difficulty and suffering caused by illness or circumstances of which only You know.

Sustain them and make them aware of the path to holiness upon which You call them, so that they might experience Your infinite mercy and find new ways to grow in love.

We pray to You for children and young people: may they encounter You and respond joyfully to the vocation You have in mind for them;

We pray for parents and grandparents: may they be aware that they are signs of the fatherhood and motherhood of God in caring for the children who, in body and spirit, You entrust to them; and for the experience of fraternity that the family can give to the world.

Lord, grant that each family might live their specific vocation to holiness in the Church as a call to become missionary disciples, in the service of life and peace, in communion with our priests, religious, and all vocations in the Church.

Bless the World Meeting of Families. Amen.

**In Rome from 22-25th June.**

### Feast of Love

Pope Benedict XVI once described today's feast as 'a day on which heaven and earth work together.' He said: 'Corpus Christi is an expression of faith in God, in love, in the fact that God is love. Love does not consume: it gives and, in giving, receives.'

This is a wonderful way to approach Communion. When we receive the body and blood of Jesus, it is a gift of love. But if we keep this gift for ourselves, and do not give in return, that is not love. The disciples in today's Gospel have a small amount of food, five loaves and two fish – maybe enough to feed themselves, at a stretch. But Jesus had a very different idea. Notice that Jesus hands this gift over to them to distribute among the hungry crowd. It is the disciples' responsibility to feed the hungry, to give to those in need, and to love the very crowds that they had earlier suggested sending away.

The Feast of Corpus Christi reminds us of our need to be in communion with the whole body of Christ. There is room for everyone at the banquet, especially the poor and the hungry, and it is up to us to help those in need. Having received this gift of love, we are expected to pass it on. There is more than enough bread for everyone.

'If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world... We cannot properly receive the Bread of Life unless at the same time we give the bread of life to those in need, wherever and whoever they may be.'

**Mass Time & Intentions  
This Weekend**

**18th & 19th June 2022**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Dr. Dan Purcell, Ballybeg  
Andrew O'Neill, Main Street (Months Mind)  
**8.30am: People of the Parish**  
**11.00am:** The Jordan & Moorehouse Families  
Bridget Cahill, Askinamoe (Months Mind) &  
her son Derek (Birthday Remembrance)

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Andrew Browne, Ballybeg  
James O'Neill, Bolinaspect

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:**

**Mass Time & Intentions  
Next Weekend**

**25th & 26th June 2022**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Aidan, Alice & Padraig Earle,  
Pairc Mhuire  
Charlie & Elizabeth Murphy, Coolpark &  
deceased family members

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

**11.00am:** Josie & Michael Kenny,  
Pairc Mhuire

Joseph Morris, St. Anne's  
Louis O'Toole, Kiltomas

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:**

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:**

**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**

**The Pope's Monthly Intention**

*For families:* We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

**25th & 26th June**

**Ministers of the Word**

**6.15pm:** Mary Cash

**8.30am:** Maureen Kavanagh

**11.00am:** Eleanor Hawkins

**Ministers of Holy Communion**

**6.15pm:** Mary Cullen & Dora Murphy

**8.30am:** Eileen Brickley

**11.00am:** Eleanor Hawkins &  
Christopher Power

**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.

**Belarus support**

Due to a delay in receiving Visas the Sisters were not able to be here for this weekend. Sisters from St. Elizabeth Convent, Belarus will now be visiting St. Aidan's Church, Ferns on Saturday and Sunday 2nd & 3rd June with a display in the front porch of religious goods for sale, the proceeds from which will go towards their work in Orphanages and feeding homeless. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Lourdes Ferns Diocesan Pilgrimage  
20th—24th June 2022**

On Monday Bishop Ger Nash will lead the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We wish every blessing to all taking part in the pilgrimage and may they, through their prayers and intercession of Our Blessed Lady and St. Bernadette bring many graces and blessing to our diocese.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.  
St. Bernadette, pray for us

**Primary School Graduations**

Congratulations to the pupils in Ballyduff and Tombrack Primary Schools who celebrated their Ceremonies of Graduation on Wednesday night last at their respective schools. Scoil Naomh Maodhóg, Ferns will celebrate their graduation on Monday 27th June in the school. We congratulate the pupils on their completion of primary education and wish them well in the future. Grateful thanks is due to parents and teachers. Best of luck.

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of  
Christ (Corpus Christi)  
19th June 2022**

1. Jesus welcomes the crowd, taught them, and cured those in need of healing. Bring to mind the ways in which the story of Jesus and his message have brought you enlightenment, and healing.  
2. Today we are invited to walk in the footsteps of Jesus by welcoming people affected by Covid, displaced by war, or struggling to make ends meet. Perhaps in the face of these difficulties you feel helpless. So did this disciples and yet Jesus said to them 'You give them something to eat'. They thought what had was insufficient but Jesus used the little they had to feed the crowd. Have you ever found that when you give the little you have to a situation, the results were beyond your expectations?  
3. The miracle is symbolic of the abundance of blessings coming to us from God through Jesus. How has your faith in Jesus been a source of nourishment to you? What blessings have you received through your faith?

**Patron Dates 2022**

**Clogogue:** 31st July 2pm  
**Ballyduff:** 14th August 2pm

**Ferns Village Golf Classic 2022  
In association with Ferns  
Development Association  
Funding for Local Projects  
Date : Friday 8th July  
Enniscorthy Golf Club  
Teams of 4**

To book Call Teresa 086-6049340  
or Tom 086-2142339  
[www.fernsvillage.ie](http://www.fernsvillage.ie)



**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.**

**Ferns Castle**

We are delighted to announce that Ferns Castle has now reopened, and all are very welcome. Free tours available. Open 10.00 am to 5.00pm daily. Come and visit this hidden gem in the centre of our community.

**Ferns Dramatic Society AGM**

Will be held on Thursday 23rd June at 8pm in the Community Centre. All are welcome.

**Mary's Meals Online Quiz**

Last Friday of every month at 8pm.  
[www.bit.ly/QuizforMM](http://www.bit.ly/QuizforMM) 087 2596159  
"From hunger to hope"

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

**Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
Next Friday 24th June. The love of Jesus is outpouring from his sacred heart each day to us.