



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received

**Ferns for the week was €909.00**

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.*

### Congratulations

*To Alan & Patty Owens, Kiloggy who celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of the marriage on Thursday last.*

### Trocaire Collection

We are most grateful for your generosity to this collection of 'mercy' for the Third World, Amount raised this year is €3,173.32. If you would like to make a contribution please return your Box next week. A little is great!

### Ferns Smart Village Survey -

#### Have your say!

The Ferns Smart Village Survey has been extended to Friday 10th June 2022. Thanks to everyone who has completed the survey to date. The results of this community survey will give feedback from the community on what matters to them and help identify opportunities and challenges for the future of the village and greatly assist the Ferns Smart Village Group and the community in drawing up a Smart Village Strategic Plan (SVSP).

A link to the survey is available on:

Facebook @FernsSmartVillage

Email: [FernsSmartVillage@gmail.com](mailto:FernsSmartVillage@gmail.com)

Website: [www.fernsvillage.ie](http://www.fernsvillage.ie)

### Examination Time

Public Examinations for Junior and Leaving Certificate will commence this Wednesday.

Mass will be offered for those taking part on Tuesday morning at 9.30a.m. We wish all every success. May God be with you

### 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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Pentecost Sunday

### Pentecost

This weekend we celebrate the Birthday of the Church, with the great feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. Last week end we celebrated the feast of Christ's Ascension into heaven. The Ascension took place 40 days after the resurrection (in the past this feast was held on a Thursday) nowadays it is celebrated on the Sunday after the forty days. Jesus remained with his disciples for forty days to show he had truly risen from the dead as he promised. When he left us he said it would be to your advantage that I go away. He would send the Holy Spirit who would be an everlasting gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit came and gave us **His Seven Gifts—Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Right Judgement, Courage, Reverence, and Wonder & Awe in God's presence.** In our sacrament of Confirmation we received the fullness of the Holy Spirit. The nine **Fruits of the Spirit** are—**Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control.** The Holy Spirit came in the form of 'Wind and Fire' two very strong elements. Wind and Fire are familiar to us – they can be wholesome and good when under control or dangerous and vicious if uncontrolled. Likewise with each one of us human beings. When under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we can bring great goodness, peace and happiness, whereas when we are not under the influence of the Spirit we can be selfish, dangerous and cause so much harm and unhappiness, as unfortunately, has become a reality for many in our country through the effect of drugs, crime, etc. At Confirmation the Bishop says, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit". We have been sealed and anointed as Christ's witnesses. We have received the gifts of the Holy Spirit, let us welcome Him and use His gifts to bring blessings to others. "Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your divine love."



**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 this Sunday 5th June. People are asked to assemble in the Church Car Park at 1.00p.m and move off at 1.15p.m. up the Bunclody Road, 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. Please make a big effort 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.** **Patron will take place in St. Peter's Cemetery at 12 noon and Old Cemetery at back of Cathedral at 12.20pm**

## **Mass Time & Intentions This Weekend**

**4th & 5th June 2022**

### **FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Bill Byrne, The Barracks, Efferogue

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

## **Mass Time & Intentions Next Weekend**

**11th & 12th June 2022**

### **FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Mary Kirk nee Kehoe

**8.30am:** Luke O'Connor, Kiltown

Mary Nolan, Ballyboy

**11.00am:** Mary O'Leary, The Square, Ferns

### **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**

## **Wexford Plaques**

Beautiful plaques for graves, custom made with personal choice of wording and decoration made locally by Glenn Miller, Clone, Ferns. For further information please contact Glenn on 085 8114970 or find him on Facebook at Wexford Plaques where you can view several of his designs.

## **11th & 12th June Ministers of the Word**

**6.15pm:** Ena Gray

**8.30am:** Dermot O'Brien

**11.00am:** Ailish Davitt

## **Ministers of Holy Communion**

**6.15pm:** Maire Bernie & Mary Fortune

**8.30am:** Eileen Brickley

**11.00am:** Michael Breen & Patricia Keenan

## **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 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

## **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.

## **Prayer before the Summer Holidays**

Lord God, We put ourselves into Your hands, and pray that You will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **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.

## **Pentecost Sunday 5th June 2022**

1. 'If you love me you will keep my commandments', and specifically the commandment to love one another (cf. 13.34). How have you experienced the link between love of God and love of those around you?
2. 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?
3. Jesus is preparing his disciples for his imminent departure and for a future in which he would be with them in a different way. He would not 'leave them orphans' but send an 'Advocate' to 'be with (them) for ever'. How have you experienced the presence of God with you in your life?
4. 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?

## **Ballyduff N.S.**

The new entrance and extension were blessed and opened by Bishop Ger on Thursday last. Well done all.

## **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.**



**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](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie)

**Booking Forms in Parish Office.**

## **THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK**

On the great Feast of Pentecost, we offer prayers and resources in thanksgiving for the Diocesan phase of the Synodal Pathway. We offer a homily, newsletter insert and other resources on the gift of the Holy Spirit and the difference the Spirit makes to our lives and Churches. Siobhan O' Donohue is a Wexford based teacher of religion. This week she is interviewed on the joys and challenges of exploring the gift of faith with young people. We have a video on one man's amazing journey to the priesthood and offer a reflection on the life of St Colmcille. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)