

 **Sunday Envelope Collection**
 The amount received
Ferns for the week was **€345.00**
 The amount received for **Ballyduff** for
month of June was **€829.00**
 The amount received from **Cloogue** for
the month of May **€255.00**
Thank you for your generosity.

**National Grandparents
 Pilgrimage &
 World Day for Grandparents
 and the Elderly
 Sunday, July 24, 2022**
 All are welcome to this wonderful
 celebration at the Shrine of Our Lady
 of Knock celebrated by Most Rev.
 Francis Duffy, Archbishop of Tuam
 2: 30 PM Anointing of the Sick
 3:00 PM Pilgrimage begins

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.

Monday 25th July
Feast day of St. James, Apostle
 St. James son of Zebedee and brother
 of John, called the Greater. He was put
 to death by Herod Agrippa about the
 year 44, being the first of the Apostles
 to die for Christ. His shrine is at
 Compostella in Spain.

Quote
 “Our attitude towards life deter-
 mines life’s attitude towards us.”

ST. AIDAN’S PARISH INFORMATION
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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



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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Baptism

Let the grace of your baptism bear fruit in a path of holiness. Let everything be open to God; turn to him in every situation. Do not be dismayed, for the power of the Holy Spirit enables you to do this, and holiness, in the end, is the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life (cf. *Gal* 5:22-23). When you feel the temptation to dwell on your own weakness, raise your eyes to Christ crucified and say: “Lord, I am a poor sinner, but you can work the miracle of making me a little bit better”. In the Church, holy yet made up of sinners, you will find everything you need to grow towards holiness. The Lord has bestowed on the Church the gifts of scripture, the sacraments, holy places, living communities, the witness of the saints and a multifaceted beauty that proceeds from God’s love, “like a bride bedecked with jewels” (*Is* 61:10).

Pope Francis, Gaudete et Exsultate, 15

PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

July 24th 2022

I give thanks to you, Lord, For the blessing of a long life For, to those who take refuge in You, Grant always to bear fruit. Forgive, O Lord, Resignation and disillusionment, But forsake me not When my strength declines. Teach me to look with hope To the future you give me, To the mission you entrust to me And to sing your praises without end. Make me a tender craftsman Of Your revolution, To guard with love my grandchildren And all the little ones who seek shelter in You. Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis And grant Thy Church To deliver the world from loneliness. Direct our steps in the way of peace. Amen.

ONE DAY RETREAT: LOUGH DERG SEPTEMBER 24th 2022

Weekend trip to Donegal for the One Day Retreat on Lough Derg leaving Wexford on Friday September 23rd, retreat on Lough Derg Saturday 24th and return to Wexford on Sunday 25th. Two nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast in The Imperial Hotel, Ballyshannon, Coach Travel and day on Lough Derg €225per person sharing. Further information and bookings call Helen Kirwan on 087/6817648.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

This Sunday we celebrate ‘World Day for Grand-parents and the Elderly’. We share resources to mark this day and give thanks for the dignity, wisdom and faith of our senior citizens. We have a homily for the Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time where Jesus reveals God as a loving parent and teaches us to pray the ‘Our Father’. ‘The Family – Seedbed for Vocations’ is the second article of a three-part series on the family. Bishop Robert Barron probes why many young men are turning to become mass murderers following the latest shooting in America. As the Church prepares to beatify Pope John Paul I on 4th September, we explore who was the late Albino Luciani. Finally, more light and hope from the pen of Lorcan Brennan. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

23rd & 24th July 2022

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Grace Franklin, Tomsallagh & deceased family members of the McNamee & Franklin Families.

Jack & Kathleen Murphy, Charlesfort.

8.30am: People of The Parish

11.00am: The Doyle, Ryan & Jordan Families & all souls in purgatory

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Ned Nolan, Kilcloran.

Nancy Gethings, Baylands, Camolin.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Pat Murphy, Clologue.

John Sinnott, Ballintore (Months Mind).

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

30th & 31st July 2022

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Tom Guinan, Coolroe (Months Mind)

8.30am: People of the Parish

11.00am: May & Paddy Finn, Ballyrankin

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm:

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am:

Patron Dates 2022

Clologue: Next Sunday 31st July
Mass in Cemetery weather permitting
at 2pm followed by blessing of graves

Ballyduff: 14th August 2pm

Collection for upkeep of cemetery.

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

Mary's Meals Online Quiz

Last Friday of every month at 8pm.

www.bit.ly/QuizforMM 087 2596159

"From hunger to hope"

**30th & 31st July
Ministers of the Word**

6.15pm: Brendan Kenny

8.30am: Maureen Kavanagh

11.00am: Irene O'Toole

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Margaret Maguire & Michael Bernie

8.30am: Eileen Brickley

11.00am: Ann Swaine & Michael Breen

Marriage

Congratulations to

Patrick Levingstone & Karen Leacy

who were married in Ferns Church recently. We wish them health and happiness in their future lives together.

**Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine
Saturday 30th July.**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church
with Fr John Harris O.P Workshop from
11.30 - 12.30 2pm-

Outdoor Stations of the Cross and Rosary
Procession. 3pm-Holy Mass with
Anointing of the Sick

Bus leaving Clonard, Wexford at 6am,

Oylegate 6.15am, 7.00am,

Arklow 7.15am and Bray 7.40am.

Returning approx. 10pm to Wexford

Cost €25.00 per person.

info: ring Eileen 087 9331809 or 087

BAPTISMS



We welcome into the faith
Robert Michael Byrne
who was baptised recently.



Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to The Davitt Family
on the death of their mother

Kathy Davitt, Crory, to Joan Hernon nee
Fortune, Galway & formally of The Bun-
galow, Clone Road and the O'Leary
Family Clonee, on the death of Fr. Aidan
O'Leary O.S.A. buried in Ballyduff.

**Rest in Peace. May God console the be-
reaved in their grief and loss.**

**Jesuit Week at Knock Shrine
24th – 31st July**

There will be three sessions taking place
each day at the following times:

10.30am Knock Basilica

4.30pm Knock Basilica

8.30pm (Examen) in Apparition Chapel

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
24th July 2022 • World Day of
Grandparents and the Elderly**

1. In the prayer Jesus gave us as a model,
the focus is not on getting God to do what
we want, but on trying to be open to what
God wants: 'Your kingdom come'. That
openness implies a trust that what God
wants for us is our good. When have you
found that it was good for you to take life
as it comes, trusting that the Spirit was
with you no matter what happened?

2. It can be helpful at times to pray the
Lord's Prayer with one eye on what you
see lies ahead for you in the day. Spend a
moment thinking of what you have to do
and then take each phrase of the Lord's
Prayer and see how that speaks to your
agenda.

3. One of the points in the parable of the
friend knocking at the door, is that in the
case of true friendship it will not be neces-
sary to browbeat the friend into giving
what you seek. Recall times when you had
a friend who gave willingly and readily.
What was it like to have such a generous
and willing response? Perhaps you can also
recall when you have been that kind of a
friend to others.

4. In the culture of the Middle East hospi-
tality is a priority. It would be unimagin-
able not to help a friend. Just so, it is unim-
aginable that God will ignore our prayer.
When you think of the reliability of God
what are the images that you find helpful
and that encourage you to persist in prayer?

Prayer for Blessing of Grandparents

Lord God almighty, bless our grandpar-
ents with long life, happiness, and health.
May they remain constant in your love
and be living signs of your presence to
their children and grandchildren. We ask
this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer for
Grandparents
Written at the request of the CGA in
2008.**

Lord Jesus,
you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and
Anne.

Look with love on grandparents the
world over.

Protect them! They are a source of en-
richment for families, for the Church
and for all of society.

Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their fami-
lies

strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians
of noble domestic ideals, living treasur-
ies of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and
courage, that they may pass on to future
generations the fruits of their mature
human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,
help families and society to value the
presence and role of grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel
welcomed in all the years of life which
you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep grandparents constantly in your
care, accompany them on their earthly
pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant
that all families may one day be reunited
in our heavenly homeland, where you
await all humanity for the great embrace
of life without end.
Amen!

**Enniscorthy Library events
July 2022, please book your place by
contacting us on 053 9236055**

Beachcombing our beautiful Wexford
beaches. An event suitable for all the
family, 11am, Saturday 23rd July.
Out at the Movies, cinema evening for
grown-ups, 6pm, Thursday 28th July.