



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received
Ferns for the week was **€603.70**
The amount received for **Ballyduff** for
month of July was **€534.00**
The amount received from **Cloogue** for
the month of July **€338.00**
Thank you for your generosity.

The Annual Peter McVerry Trust Wexford Cycle 2022

Will take place on Saturday 17th September. The cycle raises vital funds for the housing and homeless charity founded by Fr Peter McVerry. The event is open to all abilities and is a great day out. To find out more visit www.pmvtrust.ie/cycle or call 01 823 0776.

Month's Mind Mass

Larry O'Connor, Pairc Mhuire on Friday
Sept. 2nd at 7.00p.m. in Ferns Church

Envelope Distributors

Harvest Dues Envelopes are now ready for collection either in the Sacristy or Parish Office. Thank you all for your help, it is much appreciated.

Diaries

For 2023 are now in. Anyone wanting to book a Mass in Ferns, Ballyduff or Cloogue can now do so by contacting The Parish Office on 053 9366514 or dropping into the office.

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'.

Vocations contact person Fr Billy Swan at:
billyswan68@hotmail.com

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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27th & 28th August 2022

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer to St Monica, Patroness of Mothers (Feast day 27 August)

Blessed Monica, mother of St Augustine, we give thanks to our Father in Heaven Who looked with mercy upon your tears over your wayward son.

His conversion and heroic sanctification were the fruit of your prayers.

Dear St Monica we now ask you to pray with us

for all those sons and daughters that have wandered away from God, and to add your prayers to those of all mothers who are worried over their children. Pray also for us that, following your example, we may, in the company of our children, one day enjoy the eternal vision of our Father in Heaven. Amen.

A Student's Prayer at the Beginning of School Year

We give you praise, O God, for everything that is new and beautiful, for everything which holds promise and brings us joy.

Bless us as we start this new year with our friends and teachers Help us to make the most of every chance we have to start afresh.

May we show love to one another and to all. May the new beginning of this school year remind us that you give us chances to start over again and again.

Help us to forgive others as we receive your forgiveness. Help us to learn and to work together.

Help us to listen when we should and to know the best words when we speak and when it is better not to speak.

We thank you for our friends. Help us to be good friends this year.

Help us to be patient with ourselves and with others.

Bless our school and keep us safe. Be with us as we travel each day.

Help us to be aware of your love shown to us in the people around us.

Bless all those who care for us in school and at home.

Help us show our care for them and to say sorry when we need to.

May the Blessed Mother Mary protect us and help us to live as well as we can, giving thanks and glory to God as she did.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Well Done

We congratulate local girl Joy Quigley on representing Wexford in the Rose of Tralee last week. Joy did our County proud and looked beautiful on the night.

What a great achievement!



Welcome Sr. Stephanie

Sr. Stephanie, a Loreto Sister based in Gorey will speak at the three Masses in Ferns next weekend about a project from Bishop Ger Nash and the Diocesan Pastoral Council, encouraging people to pray together using the Word of God. It is the Bishop's hope and vision that groups would be formed in each parish to promote prayer which is badly needed..

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

27th & 28th August 2022

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Jimmie Carter & William Carter,
formerly of Coolbawn, Ferns

8.30am:

11.00am: Elsie O'Neill, Clone (Months Mind)

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Mary Walker, Ballyduff &
Deceased members of The Kirwan Family,
Ballybeg

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: People of the Parish

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

3rd & 4th September 2022

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Peter & Sadie Nolan, Enniscorthy,
formally of Tinnashrule.

Margaret (Margot) Kinsella, Efferogue, 1st
Anniversary.

Sadie Donnelly, Castle Manor (Months Mind)

8.30am:

11.00am:

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Isaac & Mary Connolly, Tinahely &
deceased family members.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am:

Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage Season 2022

Sunday 4th Sept. Mass 3.00p.m. Focus on

Loss and Recovery

Monday 5th Sept. Special Service in Church

"A Time to Heal." 8.00p.m.

Thursday 8th Sept. Mass 3.00p.m. Bishop Ger
Nash

Closing Ceremony at 8.00p.m. Torch light
Procession.

Daily Mass at 3.00 & 8.00p.m.

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

**3rd & 4th September
Ministers of the Word**

6.15pm: Mary O'Brien

8.30am: Maureen Kavanagh

11.00am: Josephine Murphy

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Marie Bernie & Mary Fortune

8.30am: Eileen Brickley

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins & Mary Sinnott

**SUPPORTING CATHOLIC
PARENTS**

On Tuesday 6th September, there will be a
conference on Zoom hosted by 'The
Hook of Faith'. The topic of the
conference will be: 'Supporting Catholic
Parents: Sharing the Catholic Vision of
Love and Human Sexuality with Our
Children'. The speaker will be Fr Chris
Hayden, author of the recently published
book: 'A Better Vision: Understanding
and Living the Catholic Vision of Human
Sexuality'. The conference will begin at
8pm and conclude at 9pm. All are wel-
come. All you need to do to take part is
send an email

to: thehookoffaith@gmail.com This
conference is designed to help Catholic
parents be the best educators of their
children in the areas of faith and morality
in our modern culture.

Feast Days

27th August, St Monica

332-87, converted her pagan husband,
Patricius, to the faith, and by her pray-
ers and tears brought her son St Augus-
tine to Christianity and a moral life.

Patron saint of mothers

Sick

If you are unable to get to Mass and
would like to be visited on the First
Friday please contact the Parish Office.

First Friday

The sick of the Parish whose names are
on the First Friday list will be visited on
Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September
with Holy Communion.

Come and See Vocations Weekend

16-18th Sept. Ballyvaloo Retreat Centre.
A discernment weekend open to men 18
years and over who would like to know
more about the priesthood as a beautiful
way of life and vocation from God. The
weekend will include prayer, fun and the
opportunity to meet with priests and peo-
ple who will offer encouragement,
friendship and support. Further info Fr.
Billy Swan - billyswan68@hotmail.com

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

28th August 2022

1. The parable brings out two con-
trasting experiences, but each in its
own way can be a moment of grace, a
moment of truth, a moment of growth.
You may be able to recall such experi-
ences in your life. In the first (verses 8,
9) we discover that we had claimed a
place that is too high for us; we are not
as selfless, generous or compassionate
as we thought we were. In the second
(v.10) when others point out a good-
ness in ourselves that we may not have
acknowledged to ourselves. How have
you grown through such
experiences?

2. In verses 12-14 Jesus warns us
against the danger of ulterior motives in
doing good. We can do good things
partly because of the benefit we will
get from what we do. That is natural
but can lead to disappointment and re-
sentment when our expectations are not
met. When the good deed in itself is
our reward, we have a greater freedom.
Feedback will be a bonus but not nec-
essary. What does your life experience
tell you about this?

The Pope's Monthly Intention

August: For small businesses: We pray
for small and medium-sized businesses;
in the midst of economic and social cri-
sis, may they find ways to continue oper-
ating, and serving their communities.

**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, Bally-
shannon, Coach Travel and day on Lough
Derg €225per person sharing. Further infor-
mation and bookings call Helen Kirwan on
087/6817648.

**Prayer of St Aidan of Lindsfarne
(Feast day 31 August)**

Leave me alone with God as much as
may be.
As the tide draws the waters close in
upon the shore,
Make me an island, set apart,
alone with you, God, holy to you.
Then with the turning of the tide
prepare me to carry your presence to
the busy world beyond,
the world that rushes in on me
till the waters come again and fold me
back to you.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

'Late have I loved you O beauty ancient
and new!' These words were written by
St Augustine who understood God as
the source of beauty. This week, we
explore the importance of beauty as a
route to faith and how we can evange-
lize through the power of beauty. We
have news of a vocations 'Come and
See' weekend in September and reflect
on how every vocation is a call to a
beautiful life. We share resources for the
Season of Creation that begins on 1st
September and explore how the contem-
plation of the beauty creation can lead
us to believe in the One responsible for
it all. We reflect on the life of St Grego-
ry the Great whose feast day falls on 3rd
September. Finally, we shine a light on
the most pressing moral issue of our
time. Check out these and other re-
sources available at
www.thehookoffaith.com