



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received

Ferns for the week was **€493.50**

The amount received for **Ballyduff** for
month of June was **€829.00**

The amount received from **Cloogue** for
the month of June **€252.30**

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.

Quote

“Our attitude towards life determines life’s attitude towards us.”

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

‘A Better Vision: Understanding, Living and Sharing the Catholic Vision for Human Sexuality’ is a new book written by Fr Chris Hayden. In this week’s interview, Fr Chris outlines the context and content of this timely publication. We have the third and final article that reflects on family love as a pathway to holiness followed by a homily for the Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. The newsletter insert is a reflection on greed which Jesus warns us about in this Sunday’s Gospel. David Quinn explores how the preamble to our Constitution is foundation of God being the ultimate source of law. Finally, reflections for the feast of St John Vianney and the feast of the Transfiguration on the 4th and 6th of August respectively. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.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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30th & 31st July 2022

18th 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

Come Back To Me With All Your Heart

Now that things are getting back to normal and all activities in the commercial and sporting areas are as in the past, maybe it is time for all to consider the spiritual aspect of our lives, we might consider returning to celebrate our faith as our family members did loyally weekly, for generations and hundreds of years. We are celebrating with great faith, love and affection our family members, and rightly so, at our Patrons, let us celebrate in gratitude to the Lord for all his graces and blessings, which we receive daily. Our greatest act of thanksgiving is the Eucharist, Mass. Please come back and gather in God’s name and presence.

Onwards Together

We pray that your love and compassion may abound in these challenging times.

We ask for the gifts of the Holy Spirit as we commit together afresh to work with you, for the good of one and all.

We pray for those who are unwell or anxious and we thank those who care for them.

We ask for protection for the elderly and the vulnerable, and those still at greatest risk from the virus.

We remember those who have gone before us and those who grieve.

May we all enjoy your consoling presence and warm embrace.

May we be ever mindful of those in our unequal world who lack the basics of vaccine, food, clean water, housing and basic medical care. May we persevere in our support of them and in prayerful solidarity with their plight.

Bring peace to our divided world and help to those who now struggle.

We pray for a curb on misinformation and the eradication of undue fear in hearts and minds.

As we exercise the good sense that your goodness offers, may we grow in faith, hope and love, trusting each day in the truth of your affection for us.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

30th & 31st July 2022

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Tom Guinan, Coolroe (Months Mind)
Sean Kinsella, Bridget Carley & Bob Kinsella,
Coolroe

8.30am: People of the Parish

11.00am: May & Paddy Finn, Ballyrankin

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm:

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am:

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

6th & 7th August 2022

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Dan & Sarah O'Connor, The Glen,
Effernogue.

8.30am: Michael & Mary Nolan, Station Road
& formerly of Ballamon

11.00am: Joe Nolan, Tombrack & John &
Annie Lancaster, Tombrack.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Tom Furlong, Kilcloran.

Aidan, Pat & Tom O'Leary, Clonee Lane.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am:

Patron Dates 2022

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

Ballyduff: 14th August 2pm
Collection for upkeep of cemetery.



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
Margaret Connors
who was baptised recently.

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

**6th & 7th August
Ministers of the Word**

6.15pm: Mary O'Brien

8.30am: Theresa Nolan

11.00am: Ailish Davitt

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Maire Bernie & Mary Fortune

8.30am: Eileen Brickley

11.00am: Michael Breen & Patricia Keenan

First Friday

The sick of the Parish whose names are
on the First Friday list will be visited on
Thursday 4th & Friday 5th August with
Holy Communion.



Marriage

Congratulations to

Paul Browne & Rebecca Dale
Girthoffer

*who were married in Ballyduff Church
&*

Joe Breen & Brigid Sinnott

*who were married in St. Leonard's
Church.*

*We wish them health and
happiness in their future lives together.*

Novena Prayer to St. Anthony

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your
love for God and Charity for your neigh-
bour, made you worthy, when on earth, to
possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited
on your word, which you were ever ready to
speak for those in trouble or anxiety. En-
couraged by this thought, I implore of you,
to obtain for me, my request (mention it).
The answer to my prayer may require a mir-
acle: even so, you are the Saint of Miracles.
O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose
heart was ever full of human sympathy, in-
tercede for me, and the gratitude of my
heart, will ever be yours.
Amen

Blessing of St. Anthony

May the Lord bless you and take you into
His Keeping, may He show you His counte-
nance, and take pity on you, may He turn
His eyes towards you and give you His
peace.

St Peters College Past Pupils

St. Peter's College Past Pupil's Union are currently involved in a project with the sec-
ondary school to provide an All-weather, AstroTurf, floodlit training facility located be-
hind the PPU Sports Complex. This facility will be of enormous benefit to the school
community as it will allow PE classes to continue outdoors when underfoot conditions
are wet and muddy. It will also allow teams to continue to train when weather conditions
are poor and facilitate lunchtime class leagues etc. to continue in bad weather.

We are conscious that some families have an association with the College that may go
back 100 years or more and other families are only beginning that association. St Peter's
College past pupils have a proud tradition of giving back to their alma mater and sup-
porting the future development of the school. We encourage all families that have an
association with the College, past or present, to become involved in this initiative and
contribute to the fund that will allow us to complete this project. In return for your dona-
tion, we will include your name on a specially designed plaque that will be permanently
on display at the new facility when it is completed later this year. In some instances, sev-
eral members of the same family may like to join together in making a donation and have
their family name displayed.

All the details of how donations can be made are available on the school website, or by
contacting the school directly.

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
31st July 2022**

1. 'One's life does not consist in the
abundance of possessions', said Jesus.
What have you found by experience to
be more important in life than posses-
sions? What brought this home to you?
2. 'Be on your guard against all kinds
of greed'. Perhaps you have seen how
greed can lead to trouble in public life,
in family life, and in the personal life of
individuals. What has helped you to
guard against greed? What benefits
have you experienced when you were
less greedy?

3. The message of the parable could be
summed up in saying 'If you want to
give God a laugh, tell him your plans'.
Life takes many twists and turns we do
not anticipate. When have you found
that you had to change your plans be-
cause of unexpected circumstances?
What has helped you to be flexible and
resourceful at such times?

Mary's Meals Online Quiz

Last Friday of every month at 8pm.
www.bit.ly/QuizforMM 087 2596159
"From hunger to hope"

Clothes Collection

Supporting friends of Calcutta Chy 13218
will take place next Tuesday 2nd August
in The Church Car Park at 2pm. Please
have your donations left in on or before
2pm on the day. All inquiries to Michael
Hopkins on 087 9073074 who would be
delighted to home collect if necessary for
those who are unable to get donations to
Car Park.

**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 Imperi-
al Hotel, Ballyshannon, Coach Travel
and day on Lough Derg €225per person
sharing. Further information and book-
ings call Helen Kirwan on 087/6817648.

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.