



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received
Ferns for the week was **€1028.30**
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.”

Thank You

Your wonderful support of our clothing appeal was very much appreciated. Michael Hopkins-Founder & secretary of Friend of Calcutta.

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Feast Day Tuesday 9th August

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) born 1891 at Breslau (now Wroclaw, Poland), the youngest of 7 children of a Jewish family. A brilliant student, she gained her doctorate in philosophy at 25 and became a Catholic in 1922 and a Carmelite nun. Both Jewish and Catholic, she fled to Holland when the Nazis came to power but she was captured and sent to Auschwitz where she died in its gas chamber on 9th August 1942.

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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6th & 7th August 2022

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

The Department of Education recently opened a consultation process on the teaching of a new syllabus on Relationships and Sexuality for Junior Cert students that includes the topic of pornography. But will it include the mounting evidence of the harm being caused by this industry? An article, video and the newsletter insert shed light on the concerns being raised by parents. The Homily for the Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time is offered by Fr Rob McNamara who reflects on the gift of faith – the theme of the second reading. We mark the feast days of Saints Dominic, Edith Stein and Clare with articles and some of their best quotes. Finally, an interview with Bishop Alan McGuckian on the Living Stones of the Holy Land. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

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 for 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
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: People of the Parish

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend
13th & 14th August 2022**

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Ann Byrne nee Nolan, Layland, Lancashire & formerly of Kiltown, Ferns.

Kathy Davitt, Crory (Months Mind)
8.30am: John Lancaster, Ballyboy, his parents Denis & Josephine & his sister Mary.

11.00am: John Byrne, Askinamoe. Miley Breen, Coolbawn.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: John & Mary Reddy, Ballyduff. Bill Tomkins, Kilbora & deceased family members.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: People of the Parish

Patron Dates 2022

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

THE PRIEST ON DUTY

V. Rev. Patrick Cushen P.P.

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If not available please call

Very Rev. Pat Stafford

086 234 4674

**13th & 14th August
Ministers of the Word**

6.15pm: Ena Gray

8.30am: Richard Cotter

11.00am: Frances O'Toole

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Ann Bernie & Mary Fortune

8.30am: Eileen Brickley

11.00am: Ann Swaine & Eleanor Hawkins

**Official Blessing & Opening
At Kavanagh's Funeral Home**

Kiltealy Road, Bunclody,
Eircode Y21 P9F2.

Sunday 21st August from 11am to 6pm.

Everyone Welcome



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith

Eabha Alice Maisie

Collentine

who was baptised recently.

Novena Prayer to St. Anthony

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and Charity for your neighbour, 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. Encouraged by this thought, I implore of you, to obtain for me, my request (mention it).

The answer to my prayer may require a miracle: even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, intercede 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 countenance, and take pity on you, may He turn His eyes towards you and give you His peace.

Enniscorthy Library Events

August 2022

Please book your place by contacting us on 053 9236055.

Baby & Toddler Rhyme Time every Tuesday at 10:30am.

Movie night for Children 5pm, Thursday 4th August, suitable 10+ years, parents/guardian must stay for the duration.

Heritage Week talk; A shoppers guide to the geology of Enniscorthy town 7pm, 11th of August with Jonathan Derham, EPA

Heritage Week Talk – An engaging talk on the on-going Barn Owl Survey of Co. Wexford, 11am Saturday 13th August. Suitable for Families.

Starting School Story-time 11.15am Tuesday 16th August. An opportunity also for school starters to collect their 'My Little Library Book Bag' free for every child starting school in 2022.

MooMusic; A fun Music session for 1 to 4 year olds, 10.30am Thursday 18th August

Heritage Week talk; From the 'Archives from the Past' series archivist Gráinne Doran will give a talk 'The 1919-23 period in County Wexford' as documented in the holdings of Wexford County Archive, 7pm Thursday 18th August.

Balloon craft and story-time for children 10.30am Saturday 20th August.

Out at the Movies, cinema evening for grown-ups, 6pm, Thursday 25th August.

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7th August 2022**

1. The opening verses of this gospel invite us to ask ourselves what do we see as our purpose in life? What are our priorities? Is our heart set on material progress and advance, or do we have other priorities? What has helped you to appreciate that there is more to your life than earthly possessions and success?

2. At times one can sense in Jesus an urgency, as if he wanted to shake people and wake them up to take his words seriously. The parable has that tone: 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit'. When have you found that being alert enabled you to grasp a moment of opportunity that you might easily have missed, e.g., when a child or friend gave a hint that they would like to talk, and a very meaningful conversation ensued.

3. Another consideration that adds to the sense of urgency in the words of Jesus is that we only have one life, and we do not know how long that will last. So, Jesus calls on us to live in the now and to treasure our time. Sometimes we can drift aimlessly through a day, and on other occasions use a day purposefully. What difference does that make, if any, to how you experience the day?



Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to The O'Neill Family on the death of their mother Ellen (Elsie) O'Neill, Clonee & to The O'Connor Family on the death of Larry O'Connor, Pairc Mhuire who died recently.

Rest in Peace.

May God console the bereaved in their grief and loss.

**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 €225 per person sharing. Further information and bookings call Helen Kirwan on 087/6817648.



Marriage

Congratulations to

Paul Lancaster & Siobhan Nolan

Who were married recently in

St. Bridget's Church, Clologue.

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

