Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received
Ferns for the week was €1237.20
The amount received for Ballyduff for month of July was €534.00
The amount received from Clologue for the month of August €321.20
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.

"God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

FERNS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCATION

The above association will meet, after the Summer break, on Thursday 15th September, 2022 at 2.30 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre, Ferns. New members are very welcome to come along and enjoy the benefits the association offers.

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

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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, CLOLOGUE

Weekend Mass Time: Sunday 9.45am

Eir Code: Y21 CD 96

 $\textbf{Reconciliation Services:} \ \ \textbf{Lent and Advent.} \ \ \textbf{Baptism:} \ \ \textbf{By appointment.}$

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. Clologue: 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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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast Days

Wednesday 14th, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The discovery of the True Cross is dated to 14th September 320. On the 13th September 335, the churches on Calvary were dedicated and the cross that St. Helena discovered was venerated there the next day. The annual commemoration of that event has been celebrated since, in praise of the redemption won for us by Christ.

Thursday 15th September, Our Lady of Sorrows

Mary, standing by the Cross, 'suffered intensely with her only begotten Son and united herself as his Mother to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was born of her', whom she also offered to the eternal Father.

Saturday 17th September

St. Robert Bellarmine, 1542-1621, Jesuit, Cardinal Bishop of Capua, involved in theological controversies of the time. Patron of catechists.

St. Hildegard, 1098-1179, founder of the monastery of Bingen around 1150, she knew the natural sciences, was a musician and composer, a writer and mystic. She worked for the reform of religious life and the Church, she was canonised and declared a doctor of the Church in 2012.

Novena To Saint Pio Begins on September 14th

To obtain graces through the intercession of Saint Pio

Almighty God, you gave the Capuchin Priest, Saint Pio of Pietrelcina the immense privilege of sharing in a unique way, the Passion of your Son.

Grant me through his intercession the graces that I ardently desire,

And above all at the hour of my death grant me the grace of being reconciled to the will of Jesus and united with him in the glory of his resurrection. Amen.

We ask all in your prayers to pray the Novena prayer and maybe attend morning Mass on 23rd September, his feast day.

New prayer initiative for the Diocese

Bishop Ger and the Diocesan Pastoral Council are launching a prayer project in the diocese. This will be led by Sr. Stephanie O'Brien, a Loreto Sister from Gorey. It is hoped that groups will be educated in how to pray using the scriptures. There will be a training programme of twelve weeks commencing on Wednesday 14th September at 7.30p.m. Each meeting will last just one hour, with a cuppa afterwards, for those who would like to partake. The meetings will take place in the Pastoral Centre, here in Ferns, entrance from the top of the Church Car Park. It is open to all, no expertise is necessary. Just reflect, who thought you how to pray? Your parents, all they had was faith in God and their willingness to pray to him and try and live our his message. Please come. Welcome

Mass Time & Intentions This Weekend 10th & 11th September 2022

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Jack Byrne, Effernogue (Months Mind)

Maureen Fortune, Primrose Cottage, Ferns

8.30am: 11.00am:

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm:

CLOLOGUE CHURCH 9.45am:

Mass Time & Intentions Next Weekend 17th & 18th September 2022 FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Miley Tyrell, Coolbawn. 8.30am: People of the Parish 11.00am: Kathleen & Thomas Fortune. Ballvandrew.

Miley & Sarah Breen, Coolbawn.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH 7.30pm: **CLOLOGUE CHURCH** 9.45am:

Sick

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

Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory

Eternal Father, I offer you the most Precious Blood of your divine son. Jesus, in union with the Masses, said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my own family.

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

17th & 18th September Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Mary Cash 8.30am: Richard Cotter 11.00am: Ailish Davitt

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Mary Cullen & Dora Murphy 8.30am: Eileen Brickley 11.00am: Mary Sinnott & Tommy Davitt

Enniscorthy Gospel Choir

So what are your plans for the Autumn? Take up cycling, swimming, hiking, sky diving.... None of these for you! Well how about reading, studying SING-ING.. yea that's it- have you always wanted to sing and join a Choir. Well Enniscorthy Gospel Choir might be just the ticket.

We resume rehearsals on Wednesday's from September 7th at 8pm in the IFA centre, Millpark Road, and every Wednesday after that.

Why not come along and see what you think, no auditions and no experience necessary. If you can hold a note we will be very happy to see you there. Contact Pauline 087 1305639

Marriage

Congratulations to

James Byrne & Niamh Cannon

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

BAPTISMS We welcome into the faith

Ally Connors **Jim Connors** Theo John Shannon

who were baptised recently. We wish them every blessing.

Come and See Vocations Weekend

16-18th Sept. Ballyvaloo Retreat Centre. A discernment weekend open to men 18 vears 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 people who will offer encouragement, friendship and support. Further info Fr. Billy Swan - billyswan68@hotmail.com

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.

ELS Event Management presents: Remembering Ronnie

Performed by Phelim Drew and the Drew House Band. The show is dedicated to the legacy of Phelim's Dad Ronnie and will take place in St Aidan's Church, Ferns, Co Wexford on Friday 7th October. Phelim will be remembering Ronnie

through song and stories with this unique insight into his life. Phelim will be joined by special guests The Dublin Gospel Choir with

their 24-piece choir and band. Tickets are €15 each and available on eventlightingsolutions.com/tickets This will be a unique and memorable evening of music and song and not to be missed.

All funds raised from this concert will be donated to the Church to assist with maintenance and further development.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

'The Way we Were' is a new book published by Mary Kenny. In a video interview, she takes a look back over developments in Ireland in recent decades and acknowledges the positive contribution of faith communities. The newsletter insert is an extract from one of the few homilies given by Pope John Paul I who was beatified in Rome last Sunday. The homily for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time explores the beauty of God's love that seeks out and ones who are lost and wounded. We have reflections for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross and the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Finally, we have the recording of the recent webinar on 'Supporting Catholic Parents' given by Fr Chris Hayden. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th September 2022

- 1. There are three figures in this parable. The father is a symbol of an unconditional love. Perhaps you can recall someone showing love to you in a way that showed great forgiveness and acceptance. Have there been times when you have also loved in this way, where the important thing was not the hurt you had experienced, but the fact that the wayward person had found a way to a healthier life?
- 2. You may be able to identify with the younger son at different stages of his journey. Be sure to follow it to the point where it becomes a good news story for you when you 'came to yourself'. Where and when have you experienced a homecoming after a time of exile and alienation.
- 3. People often find it easy to identify with the older son, feeling that the father went overboard in the reception home for the wayward son. In contrast to his father he was very judgemental and resentful towards his younger brother. Perhaps you have experienced these attitudes in others towards you, or in yourself towards others. What were those experiences like for you? What did they teach you?