



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received

Ferns for the week was €542.40

The amount received for **Ballyduff for month of July was €534.00**

The amount received from **Cloogue for the month of August €321.20**

Thank you for your generosity.

Ferns SVP

The SVP is always willing to give assistance to anyone who is in need of support. This has been made possible through the generosity of caring people. To contact ring 086 7219303.

Great and glorious God, and Thou Lord Jesus, I pray you shed abroad your light in the darkness of my mind. Be found of me, Lord, so that in all things I may act only in accordance with Thy holy will.
Francis of Assisi

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

A Mission For All-Wexford Parish

Saturday Vigils/Sunday 2nd Oct: Launch of mission at all Masses. Lighting of Mission Lantern

Mon 3rd Oct: Theme: 'The Gift of Faith Today: How the Believer and Doubt can be Friends'. Opening of Icon in Friary Hall, 10.30am by Bishop Nash. Talk on 'Faith and Mental Health', with Fr Billy Swan, Whites Hotel, 1.15pm. 'The Gift of Faith Today' with Ms. Maura Murphy, Holy Family Mission, Waterford, Presentation School, 7pm

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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1st & 2nd October 2022

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Harvest Thanksgiving Mass

The annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the fruits of the harvest will take place next weekend the 8th & 9th of October in Ferns, Cloogue & Ballyduff. We gather to give thanks to the Lord of the Harvest for the beauty and fruits of the earth and all those involved in taking care of the world and providing us with wholesome food and meals each day. Let us give thanks to God daily for his goodness, let us share with others and always respect the environment.

Let us respect and never damage!

The Diocese of Ferns - looking forward

Earlier this week I gathered with our clergy to take time away to hold discussions on how we will minister as priests together in a changing world. The theme of the gathering was "Ministering in a New Time". Over the course of a couple of days we participated in workshops and held many discussions, all of which focused on how life in the church is changing. This led to looking ahead to what church life and ministry might be like in the future.

At our gathering I shared the following vision with the clergy which I now share with you all:

"That the people of The Diocese of Ferns have access to the transformational power of the Gospel, the hope that it brings and the seal on that by the sacramental life of the church."

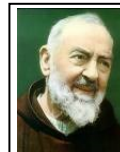
This gathering was the first step in a process that will be further developed over the coming months and years and will draw on the resources and gifts of many people throughout our diocese. As was remarked by one of our facilitators *"this process is about widening the circle to involve as many people as possible and benefit from the richness of their talents and abilities."*

I thank all who participated in this initial process and I look forward to continuing this journey with you all throughout the diocese.

Bishop Ger

Liturgy of Word and Eucharist

Last week while both of us clergy were away with the priests of the diocese, it was great to have Ministers of the Word and Eucharist conducting Church Services at 9.30a.m., the usual time for our parish community to gather and pray. I am most grateful to those ministers who helped and to the great response of you, the faithful who usually gather for 9.30a.m. Mass. This really is a beginning for the future of the church in Ferns.



Saint Pio Parish Celebration

Fr. Brian Shortall OFM Cap. will visit our parish on **Friday 28th October** and he will be bringing two relics of St. Pio. The Mass will take place in St. Aidan's Church, Ferns at 7.30p.m. It will be a good lead into the month of the Holy Souls. St. Pio of Pietrelcina pray for us.

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

1st & 2nd October 2022

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Ray & Ita Walsh, Carnew Road
(1st Anniversary).

Anne-Marie O'Gorman (Bolger),
Abbey Court.

8.30am: Jack and Nancy Doran, Coolatore

11.00am: Catherine Nolan, Tombrack
Hannah Crean, Station Road.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Aidan & Margaret O'Neill, Ballybeg

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am:

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

8th & 9th October 2022

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Joe Harney, Castlelands
Dermot & Tommy Cullen, Pairc Mhuire

8.30am:

11.00am: Declan Jordan, Berryfields
Catherine Morris, St. Anne's & deceased
family members of The O'Brien Family.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Sheila Doyle, Coolnaleen.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am:

First Friday

The sick of the Parish whose names are
on the First Friday list will be visited on
Thursday 6th & Friday 7th October with
Holy Communion.

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

A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his
deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows
courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants
kindness gathers love.

Saint Basil

**8th & 9th October
Ministers of the Word**

6.15pm: Ena Gray

8.30am: Maureen Kavanagh

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

Mary's Meals

Feeds hungry children in a place of education in 20 countries. To help them an online quiz is held on the last Friday of every month at 8pm. It has raised over €23,000 to date to provide more than a quarter of a million meals. To take part or simply donate go to www.bit.ly/QuizforMM or contact Martin Colfer on 087 2596159.. 55 meals can be provided with €5. Thank you.

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to the family of Seamus O'Toole, Ballygarrett Upper, Craanford who died recently

Rest in Peace.

**May God console the bereaved in
their grief and loss.**



Marriage

Congratulations to

Sean Gaughan & Ailish Walsh

who were married recently.

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



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith

Bobby O' Dowd &

Roísín Doyle Lacey

who were baptised recently.

We wish them every blessing.

The British Pilgrimage Trust

**Invites pilgrims to walk a section of the
"Wexford-Pembrokeshire Pilgrim Way"**

A 1-day, 17km guided walk of a section of the new pilgrimage route, with this leg from **Oylegate** (Raphael's Healing Garden and St. David's Well), via The Irish Heritage Centre, **Ferry carrig** and on to **Forth Mountain**; all part of the new 130km pilgrim path, the **Wexford-Pembrokeshire Pilgrim Way**, from Ferns to St David's in Wales. I hope some of you will be able to join us on our next adventure along the **Wexford Pembrokeshire Pilgrim Way**. This time we will be walking on **Saturday 8th October** from **Oylegate** to **Forth Mountain (9am-4pm approx.)**, stopping at Raphael's Healing Garden in the Church grounds at Oylegate, St David's Well, Kilpatrick Church, the National Heritage park and finally **Forth Mountain**. The support car will be on hand and we will be breaking at the Heritage park if you would like to stop there. **You will find tickets here:** "[Wexford-Pembrokeshire Pilgrim Way](#)"

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 and local choir Chord on Blues.

Tickets are €15 each and available

on eventlightsolutions.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.

**Tickets are now available in the
Parish Office either by phone on
053 9366514 or calling into the office.**

St Aidan's Church Choir

Would you like to join our Choir? We are looking for new members to join our Choir and would be delighted to have you on board. All are very welcome.

Eircode

It is most important that you know your Eircode for your premises. In case of an emergency of any kind it is the fastest way to identify your destination and minutes can be most important in any emergency. From the above notice you can see that Fr. Joe Kavanagh will be in charge in any emergency while we are away. If he is called and you can give him your Eircode it will be very easy to find your location.

Where should you keep the Code? Beside your phone. Inside your door. Beside your bed. Now is the time to look it up and have it ready, because in an emergency panic sets in and if you have not got it, this could be too late and it will increase anxiety.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in

Ordinary Time

2nd October 2022 • Day for Life

1. Faith can move mountains... well it can certainly get us moving. Recall a time when you were full of self-doubt, scepticism about a project, or lacking trust in God. What was that like? Contrast this with times when you believed in yourself, or in the value of a project you had undertaken, or when your faith and trust in God was strong. What kind of faith have you found enriched your life?
2. Faith is like a mustard seed, small-, and sometimes we may be tempted to wait till our faith grows. Part of the message in the gospel is to use the faith we have, even though it may be small. That is how we grow in belief in ourselves and in God's presence in our lives. Does your experience back up this?
3. It is nice when what we do is recognised and acknowledged, but the desire for recognition leaves us vulnerable. It is not always forthcoming. It can be helpful if our main motivation in doing something is the value of the action itself. Have you experienced this?
4. This is particularly true when it comes to love. Love is a free gift. What is given lovingly is not given because of a claim. What is your experience of the freedom of love given and received?