



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in
Ferns for the week was **€907.70**
The amount received for **Ballyduff** for month
of **January** was **€591.50**
The amount received from **Cloogue** for the
month of **December** **€458.40**
Thank you for your generosity.

St. Valentine's Day

May the love people wish to one another
in Word, Cards and Flowers become a
reality in their daily lives. Symbols of
love are beautiful but the reality is sub-
lime. Be kind, affirming, helpful, caring,
loving and forgiving each day.
'Never let the sun go down on your anger.'

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

Bus to Divine Mercy Conference in RDS,
Dublin on Saturday 18th February. To
book a seat ring John 086 2608454.

Green Fingered Helpers Needed

Traditionally over the years the pupils in Scoil
Naomh Maoldhóg have always had the oppor-
tunity to get out into the school garden to keep
it maintained, plant flowers and grow vegeta-
bles. The benefits of this are twofold, the pu-
pils experience the outdoors while getting
their hands dirty and the school grounds are
enhanced. Unfortunately, over the last while
it has become more and more difficult to facil-
itate this type of activity in school. Currently
we have great plans afoot to develop new
planted areas, grow more vegetables and plant
trees. To enable as many pupils as possible to
take part, we are looking for parent or grand-
parent helpers. No gardening experience or
expertise required!! Depending on the num-
ber of volunteers, we envisage that it would
be for a few hours once every 3 to 4 weeks.
If you feel this is something you or a family
member would be interested in and could
commit to, please contact the school by phone
053-9366205 or
email fernsschool@gmail.com for further
information

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**

Opening Hours: 9am-1pm & 2pm-4pm Mon-Fri

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 087 4455393

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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11th & 12th February 2023

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Icon Classes in New Ross this February

What do you know about religious Icons?

Well if you wish to find out more and have a chance to make your own, please contact:

Sr. Helen at the Carmelite Monastery on 087 2181687

Sr. Helen is starting new courses for both beginners and experienced artists alike, here in New
Ross on 16th February 2023.

All brushes, paints, boards and tuition supplied. Spaces are limited, so book early.

Reading and Explanation of the Word of God

When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people,
and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel.

Therefore, the readings from the Word of God are to be listened to reverently by every-
one, for they are an element of the greatest importance in the Liturgy.

Although in the readings from Sacred Scripture the Word of God is addressed to all peo-
ple of whatever era and is understandable to them, a fuller understanding and a greater
efficaciousness of the word is nevertheless fostered by a living commentary on the word,
that is, by the Homily, as part of the liturgical action.

World Youth Day Thurs 3rd-Sunday 6th August 2023

World Youth Day Gathering with Pope Francis

Open to all adults between the ages of 18 & 35. Must be at least 18 years old by 3rd o
August. Only **30 Places available. Allotted on first come first serve basis.**

Cost €650. The price includes: Return flights from Dublin to Lisbon, August 3rd-6th.
Transfer in Lisbon Airport to hotel and return transfer for departure.

2 nights B&B in a city centre hotel in Lisbon. Meals (lunch & dinner) provided by the
WYD organising committee. World Youth Day Package with insurance, Free Public
Transport. Pilgrim pack.

Parishes may be in a position to partially fund the cost of the trip. Please enquire with
your Parish Priest. Registration form must be returned fully completed along with €100
non-refundable deposit and a picture/copy of your Passport details page, in order to se-
cure your place. To enquire please contact: Ferns WYD Pilgrimage Director: Fr Brian
Whelan or FernsWYD@gmail.com or 053 9428163

Marking 50 Years of Trocaire

On the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in 1973, the Irish Bishops wrote to the Christian peo-
ple of Ireland establishing Trócaire. As we mark 50 years of Trócaire, we mark 50 years of perse-
verance, courage, participation, accountability and solidarity. From supporting human rights de-
fenders in Central America, to leading the relief effort in Vietnam following the war, to providing
essential emergency assistance in the midst of crisis, Trócaire has been proud to work on behalf of
the people of the island of Ireland in fighting injustice across the world. We thank God for our
supporters and partners who empower us to do this vital work. We pray that the next fifty years
will see all the people of the world working together for a more just world, and that the fruits of
this work will be clear to see.

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

11th & 12th February 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Myles Collier, Ballintore & deceased family members.

John Byrne, St. Aidan's

8.30am: People of the Parish

11.00am: Johnny & Jenny Fowler

John Sinnott, Clone

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Isaac & Mary Connelly, Tinahely & their son Patrick & deceased family members

Shay, Girlie & Declan O'Neill, Monasootha

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: People of the Parish

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

18th & 19th February 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Betty Dunbar, Ballylough

Deceased members of The Doyle Family

8.30am: People of the Parish

11.00am: Patrick O'Toole, Ballingale & Ned Kinsella, Effernogue

Sarah O'Shea, Clone Road (Months Mind)

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Michael & Mary Furlong, Kilcloran & deceased family members

Annette Nolan, Kilcloran (Months Mind)

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Patrick & Bridget Leacy, Clologue & their son John

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to

Mylie Cash & Family on the death of his sister Alice Connors, Enniscorthy R.I.P.

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

18th & 19th February 2023

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Mary Cash

8.30am: Richard Cotter

11.00am: Irene O'Toole

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Margaret Maguire & Michael Bernie

8.30am: A Volunteer

11.00am: Ann Swaine & Liz Villar

Ferns Diocesan 2023

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Led by the Bishop of Ferns,

Most Rev. Ger Nash

Pilgrimage Director: **Fr Matt Bogan**

Spiritual Director: **Fr Brian Broaders**

16th May 2023, 5 Nights

From €879 per person

Direct return flights from Dublin

Airport transfers and assistance in Lourdes

5 nights accommodation

Full board: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

Sanctuary Levy & Airport taxes

20kg check-in luggage

Full services of Joe Walsh Tours representatives throughout

Full religious programme

For bookings, please contact

Joe Walsh Tours on 01 2410800 or

email: info@joewalstours.ie.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

'Take Care of him: Compassion as a Synodal Exercise of Healing' is the theme of Pope Francis' message for the 31st World Day of the Sick which fell on 11th February, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. We have an extract for the newsletter insert and an article on the experience of sickness. We feature the Irish input on the European phase of synodal process taking place in Prague this week and ask the question if we are now living in a more dangerous Ireland? We continue to promote the reading of Scripture as Pope Francis highlights three actions that the Word of God achieves in people and how you can receive daily meditations on the Mass readings via email. Finally, the homily for this Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time continues Jesus' teaching on the Beatitudes and how we are called to be people of virtue and integrity. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

Ballyduff N.S. Enrolment September 2023

Ballyduff N.S. is currently enrolling for September 2023. Very exciting times lies ahead for our school, particularly with our new sensory room completed. Please download an application form from the school website ballyduffnswex.ie or email ballyduffnswex@hotmail.com or contact the school office on 053 9383436 during the admission period.

Local Link Wexford: Clologue – Ferns – Ballyduff – Camolin – Gorey Route.

Local Link Wexford run a bus service from Clologue via Ferns, Ballyduff & Camolin to Gorey every Tuesday & Friday morning, returning in early afternoon.

There are scheduled stops but they can also pick passengers up from their homes, offering a door to door service along the route. Booking is required by calling 053 901 1828. You can also register once and a seat can be reserved for you every week. Call 053 901 1828 or email: wexford@locallink.ie for further information on timetable & fares. Or check timetable on Local Link website: www.locallinkwexford.ie/timetables.

Free travel pass accepted and children under 5 travel free.

Please SHARE this information with anyone who you think might benefit from this service as we may be in danger of losing it if it's not used.

Blessed Candles

Bees Wax Candles are available in the Parish Shop for €1.50 each or pack of 6 for €8.00. The candles were blessed on Candlemas day also known as The Feast of the Presentation, forty days after Christmas. Blessed candles are used at the bedside of the dying or the dead during the 'wake.'

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

Family & Life

Presents Protecting the vulnerable from the threat of legalised Euthanasia
Legion of Mary House
Convent Road, Enniscorthy
Wednesday 15th February @ 7.30p.m.
All very welcome.

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
12th February 2023**

1. In this section of the Sermon on the Mount Jesus proposes standards that go beyond external ways of behaviour. He challenges our inner attitudes. When have you found that living out of inner conviction is more life-giving than keeping up appearances?
2. Jesus applies his teaching to feelings of anger and sexual desire. He suggests that if we do not keep an eye on our feelings and thoughts we will not be able to control our actions. Perhaps you have experienced the truth of this. What has helped you to integrate your feelings so that you were able to live in right relationship with yourself and others?
3. For Jesus, people with genuine authenticity do not need to swear an oath to be convincing. Their 'yes' or 'no' suffices. Recall people who had this kind of credibility for you. When have you found that your simple, direct and honest communication had a positive persuasive force?
4. In recent times public discourse sometimes has little respect for truth. What effect does this have on how you view politicians or other people in the public eye? What helps you to distinguish the truth from fake news?