



Sunday Envelope Collection
The amount received in
Ferns for the week was **€646.00**
The amount received for **Ballyduff** for month
of **January** was **€591.50**
The amount received from **Clogogue** for the
month of **January** **€953.80**
Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer for Temperance
Temperance Sunday, 19th February
Dear Lord. Let temperance grow in me
and lead me to discover other virtues that
bring deeper union with you. In your sa-
cred name, I pray, temper my desires, O
Lord, and turn my focus towards you.
Deliver me from the tendency to go to
extremes that strain both body and soul.
Free me from all that harms or enslaves
me and turn my heart towards eternal
joys. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

First Penance
The children of Ballyduff will make their
First Penance on Tues. Night 21st at 7pm

Lenten Resolutions
During the season of Lent we are given
an opportunity to evaluate our lives in
the light of the gospel message and see
how we are doing. Yes, we do great
Christian things each day and are great
witnesses to the gospel message, but we
are human and improvements can be
made. Think of **Thoughts, Words** and
Actions that you do, can you improve?
Please with God's help make resolutions.

**Clothes Collection supporting Friends
of Calcutta (CHY No: 13218)**
Wednesday February 22nd. Collection in
Church Car Park all day up to 4pm.
Home collections most welcome. Please
contact Michael Hopkins 087-9073974

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION
Very Rev Paddy Cushen. P.P. Tel: 053-9366152 / Mobile: 087 2387559.
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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, CLOGOGUE
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. Clogogue: 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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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Earthquake Disaster Collection

In the three Churches of the parish we have decided, because of the horrific disaster in Turkey and Syria to give the **total Offertory Collection** this weekend towards the disaster fund. We ask you to please be as generous as you can to support those who have lost everything and family members.
Jesus said **"Whatever you do to the least of my brothers or sisters you did it to me."**

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 of 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 secure your place. To enquire please contact: Ferns WYD Pilgrimage Director: Fr Brian Whelan or FernsWYD@gmail.com or 053 9428163

Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday—A day of Fast and Abstinence

Stations of the Cross will take place in Ferns Church on Monday evenings during Lent at 7.00p.m.

Mass in Clogogue Church will take place on **Tuesday** mornings at 9.45a.m.

Mass in Ballyduff Church will take place on **Wednesday** evenings at 7.00p.m.

Trocaire Boxes

Boxes are available in all Churches, please bring one to each home.

Desert Fathers

A Lenten Program for men

A lenten program for men has been developed by an Irish priest to help men make this Lent different. The program contains 4 pillars - Prayer, Penance, Spiritual reading & Charity. To find out more and join an online group a zoom information meeting is scheduled for Sunday Feb 19th at 8:30pm. Meeting ID 494 625 9738 Password: 997298. Email desert-fathers40@gmail.com for a copy of the program.

FERNs & DISTRICT ACTIVEMENT RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The Association is fully operational now and would like to welcome new members to participate and enjoy the events on offer. **A 3 night break** to The Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal is planned from 27th to 30th March, 2023. The cost of the trip is €385 per person sharing. (Single room supplement is extra). The trip is covered by the Association's insurance. Non members are welcome on the trip. Contact Ray at 089 4293494 for details.

**Mass Time & Intentions
This 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

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

25th & 26th February 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Brigid Davitt, Craan

Billy Cash, Pairc Mhuire

8.30am: People of the Parish

11.00am: Jim & Margaret Gethings,

Coolbawn

Peadar Lacey, Aldercourt

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Tom O'Leary, Clonee Lane

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: People of the Parish

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to

The Family of Martin Lacey, Lucan, late of

Ballycarney.

R.I.P.

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

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

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

25th & 26th February 2023

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Brendan Kenny

8.30am: Dermot O'Brien

11.00am: Frances O'Toole

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Maire Bernie & Mary Fortune

8.30am: A Volunteer

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins & Mary Sinnott

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

The Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time this year is also known as 'Temperance Sunday' that is both an invitation to enjoy the goods of life and a challenge not to over-indulge and become a slave to addiction. Fr James Cullen shares the story of his vocation to the priesthood and explains God's way of calling those he loves. Friday 24th February is the annual day dedicated to prayer for survivors of sexual abuse. We have resources and prayers. As we prepare for Lent, we look closer at the sign made on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday and what it means. Finally, 'Ireland's Eternal Fire' is an inspiring documentary about Ireland's profound spiritual heritage. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday

Mass in Ferns Church at **9.30am** and **7.00pm** with distribution of Blessed Ashes.

A day of Fast and Abstinence.

Mass in Ballyduff Church at **7.30pm** with distribution of Blessed Ashes.

Mass in Clologue Church at **9.45am** with distribution Blessed Ashes.

Please take home a Trocaire Box for Lent, your support is vital.

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.

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
19th February 2023**

Day of Prayer for Temperance

1. Jesus tells us to act out of love and says that acting out of love is better than acting out of revenge. What does your experience tell you?
2. Perhaps you have at times hit back in revenge when you have been hurt or offended. What effect did this have on you, on others, and on your relationship with them? Contrast this with the times when you resisted the urge to retaliate. What outcome did this have on you, on others, and on your relationship with them ... at the time, and in the long-term?
3. From other passages in the gospels it is clear that Jesus did not mean that we should ignore injustices, and never make a stand against others. What lessons have you learned in life on when, and how, to make a stand? What wisdom would you share with others from your experience?

Seven Thoughts for Lent

1. Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: Who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life. - *Pope Benedict XVI*
2. Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy, if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself. - *St Peter Chrysologous*
3. Lenten practices of giving up pleasures are a good reminder that the purpose of life is not pleasure. The purpose of life is to attain a perfect life, all truth and undying ecstatic love – which is the definition of God. In pursuing that happiness, we find happiness. - *Fulton J. Sheen*
4. Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God? Make for it two wings: fasting and almsgiving. - *St Augustine*
5. Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven. - *St Rose of Lima*
6. O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen.
7. Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to shake us from our lethargy. - *Pope Francis*

The Pope's Monthly Intention

For parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
Lexi Maria Power

who was baptised recently.
We wish her every blessing.