



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in
Ferns for the week was **€927.00**
The amount received for **Ballyduff**
for month of April was **€1173.00**
The amount received from **Cloogue** for the
month of April was **€592.45**
Thank you for your generosity.

ST. DYMPHNA

Virgin, Martyr — Feast Day May 15th

The story of this saint is buried in legend. It is claimed that she was the daughter of a British king. Alarmed by the unnatural passion of her father toward her, she fled to Antwerp, then to a nearby town of Gheel, where she tried to establish an oratory. Her father pursued her, and when his spies resisted his command, he himself beheaded her.

St. Dymphna, pray for us and for those seriously afflicted with nervous and mental disorders.

Ferns Parish Office & Shop

Large selection of Communion Cards,
Beads, Prayer Books and gifts now in stock.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

'Well-Being' is a word that we hear more today and a concept that shapes education programmes in our schools and other institutions. But what does it mean? The newsletter insert offers a Catholic definition of the term. We have the webinar from Mgr. Stephen Rossetti's input on priesthood based on his new book 'Priesthood in a Time of Crisis'. We offer a homily for the Sixth Sunday of Easter that contemplates Jesus' farewell words at the Last Supper. We continue a video series that helps young believers discern what true love looks like. Bishop Robert Barron outlines five animating principles of the new evangelisation and finally, a few words of appreciation and a prayer as 'The Hook of Faith' celebrates its fifth birthday on 18th May. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

KILMYSHALL PARISH 10K & 5K FUN RUN / WALK

SUNDAY 21st MAY starting at 12:30
from Kilmyshall Community Hall.
Registration from 11:30am
Timed 10K & 5K.

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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13th & 14th May 2023

6th Sunday of Easter

Ballyduff National School Clothing Collection 16th May 2023

Please donate all your clean unwanted clothes also bed linen, towels, curtains, shoes, bags, belts and soft toys.

No duvets or pillows.

Please leave all donations in school bike shed before 16th May 2023

All support is greatly appreciated.

The Pope's Monthly Intention

For church movements and groups: We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

14th May 2023

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments', and specifically the commandment to love one another (cf. 13.34). How have you experienced the link between love of God and love of those around you?

Jesus is preparing his disciples for his imminent departure and for a future in which he would be with them in a different way. He would not 'leave them orphans' but send an 'Advocate' to 'be with (them) for ever'. 'He is with you, he is in you'. How have you experienced the presence of God with you in your life?

Perhaps you have also experienced the challenge of preparing another (a child, a friend) for a time when you would no longer be physically together. Recall how you gave the message of your ongoing support.

How have you experienced the presence and support of a loved one (parent, spouse, friend) when circumstances have separated you from them?

The proof of the ongoing presence of Jesus with his disciples is that 'I live and you will live'. Discipleship is about much more than rules and regulations. It is about being alive. How has discipleship helped you to be more fully alive?

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Easter makes us a hopeful people. We are hopeful because we know that, as St Paul puts it in his letter to the Romans, 'nothing that exists, nothing still to come ... can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord' —not even our own tendency to say 'no' to the Lord. The hope that we have does not come from anything in ourselves; it is rooted in the Lord's faithfulness to us. We are hopeful because we know that the Lord will never turn away from us; we are hopeful because we know that his 'yes' is always stronger than our 'no.'

Martin Hogan,

You Have One Teacher: Reflections on the Gospel of Matthew (Veritas)

Mass Time & Intentions

This Weekend

13th & 14th May 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Andrew O'Neill, Main Street,
Ferns

Mrs. Elizabeth Ralph, Tombrack

8.30am: People of The Parish

11.00am: Jim & Lizzie Byrne, Castlelands

Peg Davitt, Coolbawn & her husband
Richard

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm:

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am:

Mass Time & Intentions

Next Weekend

20th & 21st May 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15 pm: Charlie & Bridie Murphy,
Ferns Upper

Johnny Kavanagh, Coolbawn & his
parents Lil & Bill Kavanagh, Strahart
& his sister Susan Halpin

8.30am: Matthew & Bridget Brennan, Crory

11.00am: John Levingstone,
4 Rosemary Heights

Bridget Cahill, Askinmoe, also her son
Derek whose birthday occurs around this
time

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm:

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Aidan Breen,
Mileslogue

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
**Katie Sheila Doyle &
Emily Rose O'Toole**
who were baptised recently.

20th & 21st May 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: Michael Breen & Patricia Keenan

The Diocese of Ferns will be holding Safeguarding Information Sessions throughout May 2023

(Clergy and Parish Safeguarding Reps are
required to attend full day and refresher
courses)

These sessions are **particularly aimed at
staff and parishioners** involved in any
capacity in the life of the church; secretar-
ies, sacristans, cleaning teams, choir lead-
ers, catechists, altar server supervisors,
flower arrangers, readers, collectors etc.
However, **all who are interested are en-
couraged to attend.**

This short session (approx. 90 minutes) will
give you an insight into safeguarding in the
context of the Catholic Church, and through
the lens of our faith and community.

**Topics will include: What is safeguard-
ing? Why do we safeguard? Who safe-
guards?**

**Recognising, Responding, Reporting &
Recording knowledge, suspicions and
concerns of abuse**

Wednesday 17th May, Riverside Hotel,
Enniscorthy at 7.00pm

Wednesday 24th May, Brandon House
Hotel, New Ross at 7.00pm

Wednesday 31st May, Ashdown Park Ho-
tel, Gorey at 7.00pm.

Free to attend, no booking required.

For more information please contact:
Emma Fitzgerald on 053 9174972 or safe-
guarding@ferns.ie

Irish Catholic Price Increase

As and from the 1st of May, The Irish Cath-
olic will go up from €2.50 to €3.00.
That will mean anyone who has paid for the
year will need to pay an additional €18 to
cover from May 5th to Dec.29th.

Grow In Love

The final Mass of the programme for the
First Communion children will take place
in Ballyduff on Sat. 13th June at 7.30 and
Ferns Sun. 14th June at 11.00a.m.

Communion Dates 2023

Ferns

20th May at 11am

Double Success for Ferns Bowls

Ferns Indoor Bowls Club, one of the most
vibrant and active Bowls Clubs in Co. Wex-
ford, has had excellent success in two County
wide Competitions in season 2022/2023.

Its team "Ferns Warriors" won the Cup at the
recent Co. Wexford Annual Bowls Tourna-
ment, which was competed for by 16 teams
from across the County over two days in New
Ross.

Another of its team's "Ferns Phoenix" won its
section of the Co. Wexford season-long, Sep-
tember to April League.

Ferns Bowls Club is under the auspices of the
Active Retirement Association of Ireland, and
is age and gender integrated.

Ferns Club, located in St. Edan's Hall
(opposite Berryfields houses) in Ferns Village,
is always open to new members whether begin-
ners or those wishing to return after an ab-
sence. There is no fee, but a contribution of
€5.00 is expected on Wednesdays to cover cost
of tea/cake and insurance.

Friendly and experienced members are always
on hand on Monday & Wednesday at 2pm to
welcome you and to provide support, advice
and an introduction and coaching to the game.
Play takes place 2pm to 4pm both days every
week.

So please drop in to see us or have an initial
chat with our Chairperson,
Pat @ 087 2644071.

All Ireland Rosary Rally in Knock

The All Ireland Rosary Rally will take
place on Saturday June 3rd from 1pm in
Knock. It will include Holy Mass, the Ro-
sary, the Stations of the Cross and a talk by
Bishop Oliver Doeme. The Main Celebrant
for the Holy Mass is Archbishop Eamon
Martin. A bus will leave from Wexford
6.30am, Oyelgate 6.45am, Enniscorthy
6.55am, Ferns 7.10am, Camolin 7.15am,
Gorey 7.25am and Arklow 7.40am. Please
book your seat early to avoid disappoint-
ment. Ring Eileen : 087 9331809

Trocaire Collection

We thank you for your generosity so far.
The amount raised is **€2830.70**. If you
wish to make a contribution it will al-
ways be most welcome.

Rosary for May

May and October are the two months
dedicated to Our Lady. The Rosary is
recited after 9.30a.m. Mass each morn-
ing, please consider joining to pray for
the month of May.

On Saturday 13th May the Fatima group
will hold a procession at 4.00pm in the
Church grounds.

All are welcome to attend.

HOMESTAY OPPORTUNITY

This coming June and July the Irish Ar-
chaeological Field School will be return-
ing to Ferns to continue their exciting
excavations and investigations into St.
Aidan's monastery. Joining them will be
international students who come to expe-
rience and learn all about excavation, as
well as Irish culture and heritage.

People are being sought who maybe in-
terested in providing a homestay this
coming summer to the international stu-
dents who will be literally digging into
our past to discover more on St. Aidan's
monastery. This is a fantastic opportunity
for both parties to experience and learn
from each other while showcasing our
hospitality.

This years programme runs for 4 weeks
from the 11th June - 8th July and a week-
ly remuneration is provided.

Applications are also open to Homes out-
side the village.

If you think you might be interested in
taking part please phone or text Barry at
0872783335

Patron Dates 2023

Ferns

4th June at 2pm

Clogogue

30th July at 2pm

Ballyduff

13th August at 2pm