



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in
Ferns for the week was **€687.50**
 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.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

On the great feast of Pentecost, we pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church and the whole world. The homily and newsletter insert focus on the importance of the Holy Spirit that comes to us with gifts that are made visible in its fruits. We feature the annual Novena for Life that coincides with the 5th anniversary of the repeal of the 8th Amendment. We include a video and an article that asks the questions that need to be faced about an issue that has not been resolved. For the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church and the Visitation, we reflect on Mary's role in a Church called to evangelise. Finally, in a video interview, Fr Brendan Kilcoyne reflects on the future of Ireland Catholicism and signs of hope. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

Ferns Concert: Sunday 4th June 2023

The concert is the opening event of the Festival of Ferns – to be held in St. Edan's Cathedral, on Sunday, June 4th at 7.30pm. Featuring *The Allabair Trio*, with Melanie O'Reilly on vocals, David Creevy on guitar, and Brewen Favreau on Uilleann Pipes/Low Whistle, with our very own *Chord on Blues* choir led by Mary Moulds. This concert is the final part of the original song cycle composed by Melanie which comprises new songs inspired by the connection between St. Aidan and St. David. Tickets @ €12 available on Eventbrite, search for Ferns Concert 2023 or <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/fern-concert-2023-tickets-625190440437>. If you can't book online, you can drop into the Medieval Ferns Experience (opposite Scoil Naomh Maodhóg). Enquiries to: fernsheritageproject@gmail.com.

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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27th & 28th May 2023

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday

28th May 2023

Jesus comes into a room full of fear. Sometimes it is fear itself that makes us close the door on others and on God. Occasionally a person comes along with the gift of breaking through our closed doors, a person who comes to be with us in our fears. Do you have memories of people getting through to you and being with you despite your closed doors? Who brought you peace in a time of anxiety?

Jesus showed his wounds to his friends. Moments of grace can occur when another shows us their vulnerable side, or when we do that with them. Let your memories speak of such experiences to you.

As Jesus was sent by the Father, so he sent out the disciples. We inherit this mission today. We live that mission by being a patient, kind, encouraging and compassionate presence wherever we are.

The mission also evokes images of receiving and handing on the things that give life: values, meaning, sense of purpose, love. Who are the people who gave you life by what they handed on to you? To whom have you handed on what is life-giving?

In our tradition the final verse reminds us of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but its meaning is broader than that. Spirit-filled people are people who forgive. You might like to recall memories of when you have forgiven, or retained, another's sins. What difference has it made to you and others when you forgave rather than hold sins against others?

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The feast of Pentecost celebrates the unseen, immeasurable presence of God in our lives and in our Church – the *ruah* that animates us to do the work of the Gospel of the Risen One, the *ruah* that makes God's will our will, the *ruah* of God living in us and transforming us so that we may bring His life and love to our broken world. God 'breathes' His Spirit into our souls that we may live in His life and love; God ignites the 'fire' of His Spirit within our hearts and minds that we may seek God in all things in order to realise the coming of His reign.'

Fr Antony Kadavil
www.vaticannews.va

Annual Patron in Ferns

The Patron will take place next **Sunday 4th June at 2.00p.m.** in the Cemetery on the Enniscorthy Road.

The **Patron at St. Peter's Cemetery** will be at **1.00p.m.** and behind the **Cathedral at 1.15p.m.**

This is a special time in every parish when we remember our dead and in gratitude thanking them for handing on the faith to us. Let us do our best each day to live it out by prayer, good works and weekend Eucharist.

When cleaning your family grave do clean your neighbours if there is no one alive to do so. This would be a great act of true charity and reverence for the resting place of our deceased people "We have loved them in life, let us not forget them in death."

Mass Time & Intentions This Weekend

27th & 28th May 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Linda O'Toole, Lodgewood
Mary Collier, Ballintore & deceased family
members

8.30am: People of The Parish

11.00am: Jack & Sadie Short, Ballycoog
Lorraine Jordan, Carnew Road, Ferns

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Susan Byrne, Clonee Lane
Mick Murphy, Tincurry, Ballycarney

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am:

Mass Time & Intentions Next Weekend

3rd & 4th June 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15 pm: Tom Breen, Tombrack & his
parents Mary & Pat & his sister Mary
The Moran Family, Killoggy
Anastasia Byrne, St. Aidan's
(Months Mind)

8.30am: People of the Parish

11.00am: The Jordan & Moorehouse
Families

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm:

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am:

First Friday

All invalids in the parish on the sick list
will be visited on Thursday 1st June &
Friday 2nd June with Holy Communion.

Corpus Christi Procession

Will take place directly after Mass on
Sunday 11th of June at 12pm.

3rd & 4th June 2023

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Mary Cash

8.30am: Carmel Doyle

11.00am: Maura Kelly

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Mary Cullen & Dora Murphy

8.30am: A Volunteer

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins & Christopher
Power

FESTIVAL OF FERNS

JUNE BANK HOLIDAY 2023

Sunday 4th — Concert in St. Edan's Cathed-
dral and Fringe Music Trail. *Music from local
musicians including ACKO, Ambassadors
Stories and many more in the local pubs of
Ferns, followed by The Allabair Trio concert
in the cathedral.*

Monday 5th — Parade at 12pm from St.
Edan's Cathedral and Family Fun in Ferns
Castle. *A festive parade making its way to
Ferns Castle for an afternoon of FREE en-
tertainment for all.*

Cathedral concert tickets €12 from
fernsvillage.ie

Further information from
ancientconnections.org

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to Mary Cullen & Family on
the death of Jack Cullen, Carnew Road
R.I.P.

*May God grant them eternal rest and
console the bereaved in their grief.*

Ferns Prayer Group

Next Prayer Group meeting in
The Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 31st May
from 7.30 pm. to 8.30 pm.
Everyone Welcome.

BEST OF LUCK

Best of luck to Maireád Breen from
Clogogue as she starts her new life in
Canada. May God go with her and protect her.

Calling all interested in advancing the protec-
tion of unborn babies from legal abortion in
Ireland:
Meeting in the Franciscan Friary Wexford on
Wednesday 31st May at 8pm

Lough Derg Pilgrimage

Tue. 4th July - Thurs. 6th July 2023



Bus leaving St. Peter's
Square, Wexford at 6.30am
[via Enniscorthy (Abbey sq.)

Ferns (Bus Stop),
Gorey (Hospital)]

return to Wexford Thursday at 6.00 p.m.

Island Fee: **€80.00** Bus: **€70.00**

Bookings:

Fr. P. Cushen, Ferns, 053-9366152

Mobile 087-2387559

Ferns Parish Office 053-9366514

Bookings taken and seat guaranteed
with deposit of **€50.00.**

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 Rosary, the Sta-
tions 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, Oylegate
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
disappointment. Ring Eileen : 087 9331809.

Knock Pilgrimage 2023

**"Ferns and Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrim-
age to Knock Shrine, Sun July 2nd
2023."** We are asking for volunteers from
each parish to organise a coach to bring
pilgrims to Our Lady's shrine on the day.
We are also asking for singers to join our
pilgrimage choir in singing simple, well-
known hymns during the ceremonies. For
more information about the Pilgrimage,
please contact the Sec on 087 2933545 as
soon as possible.

Ferns Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday, 2nd July 2023

Cost including 2 meals: €70.00

To book your place

Contact: SEAN KINSELLA
(053) 9123819 OR NEIL FOLEY
(087) 9740120

Trocaire Collection

We thank you for your generosity this
year. The amount raised is **€3,000.00.** If
you wish to make a contribution it will
always be most welcome.

EXAMINATIONS PRAYER

O Great St. Joseph of Cupertino, who by
your prayers, did obtain from God, the
grace to be asked at your examination,
the only question you knew. Obtain for
me, success like yours in the examination
for which I am preparing, and in return, I
promise to make your name known and
cause it to be invoked. Amen.

First Communions

The ceremonies for this year's First Com-
munion candidates have now taken place
for the three schools of our parish. All
the celebrations were a joy to be at and
the Teachers, Pupils and Parents are to be
congratulated on how the children were
prepared and turned out on the day. It
was a memorable occasion for all in-
volved and a milestone in the faith life of
the children. May they be encouraged to
come to Mass and received the Eucharist
regularly. It is an everlasting gift to us by
Jesus "let the little ones come to me."

Patron Dates 2023

Clogogue

30th July at 2pm

Ballyduff

13th August at 2pm

St. Joan of Arc - Feast Day May 30th

Called the "Maid of Orleans", she at age
17 obeyed the supernatural voices which
commanded her to liberate the French
from the English invaders. Her successes
ended when Charles VIII was crowned
at Reims. He weakly allowed her to be
captured by the Burgundians and sold to
the English, who had her burned at the
stake as a heretic. Fourteen years later,
her case was retired, and she was de-
clared not only innocent, but holy.