



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in

Ferns for the week was **€846.05**

The amount received for **Ballyduff** for
month of **May** was **€1358.00**

The amount received from **Cloogue** for the
month of **April** was **€592.45**

Thank you for your generosity.

Ferns Prayer Group

Next Prayer Group meeting in
The Pastoral Centre on Wednesday
14th June from 7.30 pm. to 8.30 pm.
Everyone Welcome.

The Pope's Monthly Intention

For the abolition of torture: We pray that
the international community may commit
in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition
of torture and guarantee support to victims
and their families.

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

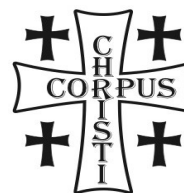
St. Aidan's Church, Ferns

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

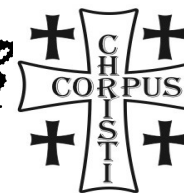
Parish Website **www.fernsparish.ie**

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

The great feast of Corpus Christi this
Sunday is a time to give thanks for the
gift of the Eucharist and its place in the
life of every Christian and faith commu-
nity. We have a homily and the newsletter
insert on this sublime sacrament. The new
census statistics seem to show faith in
Ireland is in retreat – or is it? An article
explores. We have a reflection on devo-
tion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the
feast on 16th June which is also the
'World Day of Prayer for the Sanctifica-
tion of Priests'. We feature a new video
on the life of the late Donal Walsh whose
tenth anniversary passed on 12th May.
Finally, a few tips on how we can help
change a culture of contempt and not suc-
cumb to polarisation and division. Check
out these and other resources available at
www.thehookoffaith.com



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10th & 11th June 2023

Corpus Christi

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

11th June 2023

Jesus tells us that to have life we need more than physical nourishment. How have you been aware
of deeper hungers? What has met that deeper longing in you?

Jesus tells us that it is not just something he gives us which will give us life, but himself in his life,
death and resurrection. How has your faith in the person of Jesus fed you?

Jesus speaks about 'drawing life' from him. In day to day living what are the practices which sup-
port your faith and help you to draw life from Jesus?

The Eucharist is one of the ways in which we draw life from Jesus. Recall with gratitude how the
Eucharist has been a source of nourishment and life for you.

Perhaps you can also think of human examples of people drawing life from one another. From
whom have you drawn life? Who has been able to draw life from you?

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Each year, the First Communion class in Scoil Mhuire, Clarinbridge write letters to Jesus.
These lines are compiled from writings of recent years.

What's it like in heaven? Can you see my house from there?

How do you watch everyone at once?

You are so cool and wonderful, You are the best!

How is God and your mum?

Will you please help me not be angry?

Is Nana still painting in heaven?

Is God nice to you? Does he ever ground you?

What age are you? Do you have a best friend?

At night when I feel like I am alone I put out my hand and it feels like you are holding it. Thank
you for the world
Stolen Moments, John Quinn (Veritas)

Diocese of Ferns Pilgrimage to Fátima, Portugal October 2023

11th October 2023 for 7 nights. (Present for the Feast Day Celebrations of 13th of Octo-
ber). €899 per person sharing. Includes Flights Dublin-Lisbon; 20kg Bag; Airport trans-
fers Lisbon-Fátima; 7 Nights Hotel; Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day. Full
Religious Programme. Guided Tours of: Sanctuary, Basilica, Village of Aljustrel &
Valinhos, & visit to town of Santarém (site of Eucharistic Miracle).

Spiritual Directors: Fr. Denis Browne & Fr. Paddy Banville.

More information: Fr. Denis Browne 086 8926260

For Bookings Contact: Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410800 & info@joewalstours.ie

Blessed Sacrament Procession

The Annual Procession will take place this Sunday immediately after 11.00a.m. Mass. It
will proceed up to the Square, down Bunclody Road, across New Road, Coolbawn, back
to the Square and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on the lawn to
the side of the Car Park. People are asked to decorate the route as usual and please take
part in the procession.

Order of Procession.

1. Cross bearer and Candles. 2. Ferns area. 3. Ballyduff. 4. Band. 5. Choir. 6. Amplifica-
tion. 7. Cloogue & Tombrack. 8. First Communicants. 9. Canopy & Blessed Sacrament.

Mass Time & Intentions This Weekend

10th & 11th June 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Bill Byrne, The Barracks, Effernogue

Adelaide Lacey (Months Mind) & her husband Peter Lacey whose anniversary occurs around this time

8.30am: Luke O'Connor, Pairc Mhuire / Kiltown

11.00am: Mary Nolan, Ballyboy, Ferns & deceased family members

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm:

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: People of the Parish

Mass Time & Intentions Next Weekend

17th & 18th June 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15 pm: Dr. Dan Purcell, Ballybeg & his sister in law Philomena Purcell Jimmy, Patricia & Donal Levingstone, Pairc Mhuire

8.30am: Luke O'Connor, Kiltown

11.00am: Louis O'Toole, Kilthomas

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Michael & Kathleen Kinsella, Ballyduff

Margaret O'Neill, Monasootha & John Murphy, Monasootha

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Johnnie Sinnott, Ballintore

Patron Dates 2023

Clologue

30th July at 2pm Mass

1.15p.m. Ballymore Cemetery.

Ballyduff

13th August at 2pm

17th & 18th June 2023

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Ena Gray

8.30am: Theresa Nolan

11.00am: Ailish Davitt

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Maire Bernie & Mary Fortune

8.30am: A Volunteer

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins & Mary Sinnott

Tombrack School Clothing Collection & Sponsored Walk

Tombrack N.S. are holding a clothing collection in the school, bags can be left into the container in the Community Garden before June 22nd. Clothes, bed-linen, shoes, bags and soft toys are all acceptable in good condition.

Pupils of Tombrack N.S are participating in a sponsored walk on Thursday 15th June, the pupils will be walking from the school to the Old Post Office in Ballycarney.

Church Gate Collection

In aid of Multiple Sclerosis will be held at all Churches on the weekend of 17th & 18th of June. Your generosity would be appreciated.

Enniscorthy & Monart Union of Parishes

Summer Fete & Family Fun Day

In Enniscorthy Showgrounds Y21 XP63 on Saturday 10th June from 2-5pm.

Lots of fun for all the family.

Shopping in The Parish Office

Ferns Parish Office has now got a card reader. We can now take contactless payments in the office.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith

Ollie Kinsella Alford

who was baptised recently.

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.

with **€50 non-refundable deposit.**

Knock Pilgrimage 2023

"Ferns and Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage 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

Alliance of the Holy Family International Family Retreat

Alliance of the Holy Family International Family Retreat, Saturday-Sunday, June 17th-18th, 9am-6pm, Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth. Theme: "Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Eucharistic Reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus". 30 euro 1 day, 40 euro 2 days. Ages 18 & under: free. Priests & Religious: free
Bus contact: 087 9331809.

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.

St. Anthony of Padua

Doctor, Confessor

Feast Day: June 13th

Known as the Hammer of Heretics because of his eloquent power in preaching, he is also a wonderworker because of the many miracles wrought by his intercession. He was born in Lisbon, Portugal, but died at Padua, where his relics are jealously guarded. He is one of the great glories of the Franciscan Order.

Prayer

St. Anthony, finder of things lost, pray that the heretics of this present day may find peace and joy in the Truth. Work in us wonders of grace, so that we may all be joined through Grace in the Kingdom of Christ.

Diocesan Nurse

The Diocese of Ferns requires a Nurse to provide an advocacy and support service to Priests in the Diocese of Ferns. The Diocese consists of 49 parishes in Wexford and Wicklow.

The post will be part-time, flexible and initially for a three year period.

The ideal candidate must be:

- *A registered General Nurse (ideally with Community experience)
 - *Self-motivated and have the ability to co-ordinate care planning in a community based environment
 - *Possess excellent communication skills.
 - *Competency in time management.
 - *Full clean driving licence and own transport are essential.
- Please email your application to adm@ferns.ie or by post to The Secretary, Diocesan Office, Bishop's House, PO Box 40, Wexford.
Closing date for applications is Friday 30th June 2023.