



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in
Ferns for the week was **€692.21**
The amount received for **Ballyduff** for
month of May was **€1358.00**
The amount received from **Cloogue** for the
month of May was **€487.25**
Thank you for your generosity.

A letter writer asks – What's the good about retirement? For what it's worth here's my reply.

R is for Rest from the treadmill of a work career.

E is for Engagement with issues, people, the world!

T is for Time to live your life.

I is for Interests – cultivate new ones, rediscover old ones.

R is for Routine – establishing one eases the transition.

E is for Education – which is for life.

M is for Meander where you will, at your pace.

E is for Enjoyment. Find it in fleeting moments, the smallest things.

N is for Novelty. Seek it, take risks!

T is for Travel. There's a big, beautiful world out there. *Stolen Moments, John Quinn (Veritas).*

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

This Sunday, 18th June, is the annual 'Day for Life' in Ireland, England Wales. We have resources for this important day when the dignity of human life and especially vulnerable life is celebrated. We have a homily for the Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time as Jesus summons friends who would share in his mission and continue it for all times and places. The Lord asks us this weekend to 'ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest' and so we feature the theme of vocation for this year of 'Take the Risk for Christ'. We honour the Irish Martyrs whose feast falls on 20th June and also the joint feast of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More on 22nd June. Finally, a video explores the wonders and limits of science. Check out these and other resources available at

www.thehookoffaith.com



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11th Sunday Ordinary Time

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th June 2023

Jesus allowed himself to be touched by the needs of the crowd. When you are with people, what difference does it make to the way you relate to them when you have empathy with them?

The commission Jesus gave the twelve 'to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness' is a reminder to us that we all have the capacity to be an influence for good in the lives of others. In this we continue the mission of Jesus (cf. St Teresa's Prayer). When have you experienced yourself as having a healing or life-giving influence on another person? Who has had that influence on you?

At a first glance it might seem that Jesus made some bad choices in his twelve apostles. One will deny Jesus, another will betray him and others are only interested in who will be first. All of them will run away in the end. This reminds us that all kinds can share in the mission of Jesus, no matter how we see ourselves.

The instructions Jesus gave the disciples before he sent them out have a note of urgency about them. What difference does it make for you when you approach a task with a sense of urgency? He also tells them their service should be 'without charge', keeping in mind what they have received without charge from God. Remember when you have received generous and undemanding love from another.

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY Diocese of Ferns

Thurs 3rd – Sun 6th August, 2023

World Youth Day Gathering with Pope Francis

Subsidised Price : €450

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 accommodation in a city centre hotel in Lisbon.
- Meals (lunch and 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.

To enquire please contact:

Ferns WYD Pilgrimage Director: Fr Brian Whelan

FernsWYD@gmail.com 053-9428163

Diocese of Ferns Pilgrimage to Fátima, Portugal October 2023

11th October 2023 for 7 nights. (Present for the Feast Day Celebrations of 13th of October). €899 per person sharing. Includes Flights Dublin-Lisbon; 20kg Bag; Airport transfers 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@joewalshstours.ie

**Mass Time & Intentions
This 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: Johnny Sinnott, Ballintore

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

24th & 25th June 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Alice, Aidan & Pdraig Earle, Pairc Mhuire

Mick & Josie Kenny, Pairc Mhuire Tom Guinan, Coolroe

8.30am: Breda Roche, Carnew Road, Ferns

11.00am: Joseph Morris, St. Anne's Rita Brosnan, Enniscorthy Road

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: James O'Neill, Bolinaspect

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am:

People of the Parish

Patron Dates 2023

Clogue

30th July at 2pm Mass

1.15p.m. Ballymore Cemetery.

Ballyduff

13th August at 2pm

24h & 25th June 2023

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Mary Cash

8.30am: Richard Cotter

11.00am: Irene O'Toole

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Ann Bernie & Mary Fortune

8.30am: A Volunteer

11.00am: Liz Villar & Patricia Keenan

Tombrack School Clothing Collection

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, bedlinen, shoes, bags and soft toys are all acceptable in good condition.

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.

The Rathnure Summer Musical

Is back! "One Friday": The Musical

runs for six performances only in Rathnure Hall on 25th, 26th, 28th, 30th June & July 2nd and 3rd July at 7.45pm nightly! Call 0876988004 or 0876790354 to book your tickets.

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.

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
Méabh Elizabeth Murphy
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.

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.

**Blessed Sacrament Procession
Gratitude**

It was beautiful to see such a good crowd at the procession which was the first one for four years, due to Covid 19 and the inclement weather last year.

All areas were represented and it was most gratifying to see a great number of First Communicants taking part with their parents and flower/petal guides. The Choir and Band always adds greatly to the occasion. Grateful thanks is due to the Stewards, Canopy bearers, Sacristan, Flowers decorators. The residents of Coolbawn had the area beautiful. Thanks to the Parish Council for providing the tea which was enjoyed by all who came.