



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in  
**Ferns** for the week was **€395.00**  
 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.*

### St.Aidan's/ Gorey CC Mini Cricket Fundraiser Six – a – side

**Mini—Blitz Cricket Competition**  
*Live a satisfied life, empowering people with a  
 wide range of learning and associated  
 disabilities*

Town Park, Gorey  
 Saturday 29th July 2023 from 10 to 4 pm  
 Sixty Euro per team or €10 per person  
*We all rise by lifting others Camolin, Ferns,  
 Ballyhast, Wells, Ardamine, Coolatin*  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
 Contact: [al.fitzgerald8@yahoo.com/](mailto:al.fitzgerald8@yahoo.com/)  
 086 1599074  
*for more information.*

### THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

Many young people are walking away from belief today because a perceived clash between faith and science. But are they incompatible? The first of a two-part series investigates. We have a homily for the Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary where Jesus shocks his listeners with his demands of loyalty to him. The Pope's prayer intention for July is that Catholics place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives. 'Poetry, Beauty and the Shock of Grace' is a wonderful video talk by Irish Dominican Fr Paul Murray. Finally, we have articles for the feast days of both St Thomas and St Maria Goretti. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)

### ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

**Very Rev Paddy Cushen. P.P.** Tel: 053-9366152 / Mobile: 087 2387559.

E-mail: [frpaddycushen@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.fernsparish.ie)



# Ferns Parish Newsletter



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1st & 2nd July 2023

13th Sunday Ordinary Time

### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd July 2023

1. At a first reading the demand of Jesus sounds selfish 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me.' It only makes sense when we realise that Jesus will never be outdone in generosity.
2. Jesus never wanted suffering for anyone but he knew that if a we are going to follow in his footsteps, promoting love and respect for every person, we will meet with opposition. Fidelity has its price, but also rewards. Would you agree?
3. The passage is a call to both radical and practical discipleship. When have you found that in order to achieve a certain objective you had to make it a priority, and then take the practical steps necessary to reach your goal? What were the benefits to you when you did this?
4. 'Hate' is prophetic exaggeration for the uncompromising loyalty Jesus seeks in disciples. There may be times when people make demands in conflict with fidelity to another relationship. This can be painful. When have you found that being clear about your priorities helped you in that situation?

### The Pope's Monthly Intention

*July – For a Eucharistic life:* We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie)

**Mass Time & Intentions  
This Weekend  
1st & 2nd July 2023**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15 pm:** Masie Jackman & her brother Stephen & deceased family members of the Jackman Family, Woodlands, Ferns Stasia Banville, Coolbawn & deceased family members of the Kirwan & Banville Families

**8.30am:** Nancy Doran, Coolatore

**11.00am:** Billy Curry, Pairc Mhuire & his wife Mary

Agnes Long, late of Dublin

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Paddy Hall, Kilthomas Tom Doyle, Ballyowen

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:** Mary Byrne, Milltown

**Mass Time & Intentions  
Next Weekend  
8th & 9th July 2023**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** James & Betty Power, Ballyboy Charles & Elizabeth Murphy, Coolpark & deceased family members

**8.30am:**

**11.00am:** Jack Cullen, Carnew Rd, Ferns (Months Mind)

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Sadie Brennan, Monasootha (Months Mind)

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:** Cornelis Hartevelde, Ballinakill (Months Mind)

**First Friday**

Invalids in the parish on the sick list will be visited on Friday 7th July with Holy Communion.

**8th & 9th July 2023**

**Ministers of the Word**

**6.15pm:** Ena Gray

**8.30am:** Denis Kinsella

**11.00am:** Eleanor Hawkins

**Ministers of Holy Communion**

**6.15pm:** Margaret Maguire & Michael Bernie

**8.30am:** A Volunteer

**11.00am:** Ann Swaine & Michael Breen

**The Rathnure Summer Musical  
Is back! "One Friday": The Musical**  
in Rathnure Hall on July 2nd and 3rd at 7.45pm nightly! Call 0876988004 or 0876790354 to book your tickets.

**Shopping in The Parish Office**

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

**Ferns Castle**

Beautiful Ferns Castle is open for the Summer. Free entry and free guided tours. Enjoy the breath-taking views of the lovely countryside and experience first-hand, the story of Ferns' extraordinary history.

**Patron Dates 2023**

**Clogogue**

30th July at 2.00 pm Mass  
1.15p.m. Ballymore Cemetery.

**Ballyduff**

13th August at 2.00pm

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the faith  
**Annie Tina Rita Redmond**  
who was baptised recently.



**Marriage**

*Congratulations to*

**Paul Foley & Ciara Nolan**

*who were married recently.*

*We wish them health and  
happiness in their future lives  
together.*



**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**.

**Graduation Ceremony**

A graduation ceremony took place on Monday last for 6th class pupils of Scoil Naomh Maodhóg. Congratulations to all who graduated and best of luck for the future.

**Pilgrimage to Knock**

Tuesday 11th July leaving Kilrush Church at 6.45am and Bunclody at 7.00am.

Cost €75 including Breakfast & Dinner.

Please contact: Margaret Murphy on 087 7612556

Fr. Cushen will be travelling with the group.

**Summer Camps**

"Designer Minds have 2 upcoming Summer Camps running in Wexford. Choose a Science Design & Technology Camp OR Art Camp (or try out both and receive a discount). For all boys & girls currently in Senior Infants up to 6th Class. Check Dates and Register online at [www.designerminds.ie](http://www.designerminds.ie) or call 087 631 0411"

*Someone once asked me, "Why do you always insist on taking the hard road?" I replied, "Why do you assume I see two roads?"*

*Unknown author*

**Summer Days**

Now that the children are all on holidays we wish them a very happy and care free time. Hopefully, the weather will be good with a little rain here and there. We are constantly being warned of the importance of sun screen, be careful not to get over exposed to the sun without protection, factor 50 is recommended.

**Iconography Retreat**

Iconography retreat led by

**Lucho Alvarez**

in Scoil Naomh Maodhóg Ferns

From Sat 1st to Thurs 6th July.

**For Info & Booking**

**Please phone Monica 087 6419960**

**Thought for the Day  
2nd July 2023**

The Gospel of Jesus is not only about a way of life founded on love and mercy, but above all about the person of Jesus himself. Today he claims a special place in our lives, more important than our dearest ones. Being a disciple is not a marginal aspect of my life, it is central. I ask for the grace to be a real disciple of Jesus, capable of taking up my cross and following him.

At the same time, Jesus assures us that even the smallest gesture of mercy to those in need will not go unnoticed. Let me reflect on the many such gestures that fill my life.

[www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie)

**St Joseph's Young Priests Society**

Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island on 23rd July.

Ceremonies begin at 3pm

**St. Maria Goretti Child Martyr  
Feast Day July 6th**

This little girl was brutally slain by a man who attempted to rape her. She infuriated him by her resistance and died rather than yield to him. It was her murderer who, repenting, confessed his crime and gave testimony to her sanctity.

**Prayer**

**St. Maria Goretti, pray for the youth of today who are subjected to violent temptations. Pray that by the grace of God and their own integrity, they may bring others to Christ. Amen.**