



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in
Ferns for the week was **€762.60**
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 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/ferns-concert-2023-tickets-625190440437>. If you can't book online, you can drop into the Medieval Ferns Experience (opposite Scoil Naomh Maoldhóg). 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**

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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

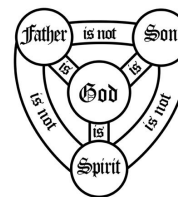
Ballyduff: Alan Byrne 086 8135149. Cloogue: Mary Skelton 087 6984703

St. Aidan's Church, Ferns

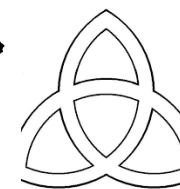
We have a live Webcam Streaming for all Masses. The camera is focused on the Altar & Sanctuary. You can watch Mass & Services live from St. Aidan's Church by going to YouTube and searching for Ferns Church or on Facebook at Ferns Church Live or on our Parish Website www.fernsparish.ie

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

Mary Beary is a member of Wexford parish who lost her son to drug addiction. She speaks to us in an interview about how her faith in God is a constant source of hope and strength and how she wants to share that hope with other parents and families suffering from addiction. For Trinity Sunday we have a homily and the newsletter insert that explores the mystery of God as a communion of love that draws us into itself. Thanks to CMT, we include interviews with young people from our diocese who recently went on pilgrimage to Medugorje – an experience that moved and surprised them. As June begins, we feature Pope Francis' prayer intention which is to end the horror of torture. Finally, we have an article on St Colmcille, one of the patron saints of Ireland, for his feast day on 9th June. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com



Ferns Parish Newsletter



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3rd & 4th June 2023

The Most Holy Trinity

The Holy Trinity

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Most Blessed Trinity, the three persons in the one God. We celebrate God's own feast day. The doctrine of the Blessed Trinity is a mystery for us human beings. We can try and explain it in various ways and yet it will remain a mystery. For us Irish people the way attributed to St. Patrick of explaining the trinity with a single piece of shamrock is one way to help us in some small way to understand the Trinity. To have one piece of shamrock we need one stem and three equal leaves. The one stem represents the nature of the one God and the three leaves represent the three equal persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

▲ The Father created us, cares for us and keeps us in being.

▲ The Son came to redeem and save us.

▲ The Holy Spirit enlightens us and is constantly with us to guide us in the ways of Goodness.

At Baptism we were baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In Confirmation we received the fullness of the Spirit with all his gifts. Every time we bless ourselves we honour the Blessed Trinity – let us make sure our actions and words are a prayer to give glory to God. In the Glory Be to the Father, we honour the Blessed Trinity.



Annual Patron in Ferns

The Patron will take place this **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."

Blessed Sacrament Procession

Next Sunday will be the feast of Corpus Christi. The Annual Procession will take place immediately after 11.00a.m. Mass. It will proceed up to the Square, down Bunclody Road, across New Road Coolbawn, back to 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.

Mass Time & Intentions This 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:

Mass Time & Intentions Next Weekend

10th & 11th June 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Bill Byrne, The Barracks, Effernogue

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

Patron Dates 2023

Clologue

30th July at 2pm

Ballyduff

13th August at 2pm

Corpus Christi Procession

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

10th & 11th June 2023

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Brendan Kenny

8.30am: Maureen Kavanagh

11.00am: Joe Sinnott

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Margaret Maguire & Michael Bernie

8.30am: A Volunteer

11.00am: Ann Swaine & Liz Villar

FESTIVAL OF FERNS

JUNE BANK HOLIDAY 2023

Sunday 4th — Concert in St. Edan's Cathedral 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 entertainment for all.*

Cathedral concert tickets €12 from
fernsvillage.ie

Further information from
ancientconnections.org

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith

Leah Cardiff

who was baptised recently.

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to Brigid Harteveld & Family on the death of Cornelis Harteveld, Ballinakill, also to Thomas Brennan & Family on the death of Sadie Brennan, Monasootha. R.I.P.

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

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.**



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

Medieval Ink Making Workshop

With David Begley

Sunday June 4th, 12pm - 3pm

Ferns Community Centre

Admission free 8 places only

Book your place:

davidbegleyartist@gmail.com

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.

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. KEVIN Abbot

Feast Day June 3rd

A native of Leinster in Ireland, educated by Saint Petroc, he is best remembered as the Abbot—Founder of Glendalough. Because of his charity and humility, many stories about his miracles have been written about him.

Prayer

St. Kevin, one of Dublin's patron saints, pray for your devoted petitioners all over the world. Amen.

The Holy Trinity

At the Last Supper, Christ explained to the Apostles that he could not teach them everything because they were not, during his lifetime, sufficiently receptive. The Holy Spirit will be charged with continuing Christ's work for all the days of the future Church. It is the love of the Father that gives us his Son, while the Holy Spirit is ever leading us to know more of the truth.

Shopping in The Parish Office

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



Making Space

Do not try to save the whole world or do anything grandiose. Instead, create a clearing in the dense forest of your life and wait there patiently, until the song, that is your life falls into your own cupped hands and you recognize and greet it. Only then will you know how to give yourself to this world so worthy of rescue. 'Clearing' by Martha Postlewaite