



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in
Ferns for the week was **€631.90**
 The amount received for **Ballyduff**
 for month of June was **€397.00**
 The amount received from **Cloogue** for the
 month of June was **€411.00**
Thank you for your generosity.

Thought for the Day 23rd July 2023 World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

Alzheimer's and dementia leaves people waiting patiently upon events around them, as they are recipients of what happens to them. I met some people in the Nazareth care home in Hammersmith, London, who had families, carers, and great achievements. Due to severe dementia, disability, and bouts of depression, they are confined, restricted, and deprived of the power of mobility. These patients embody a contemplative like silence on their beds, their bodies limp and the palms of their hands are opened in wordless prayer. their posture is one of total dependence. In a way, their beds become altars of offering, where the words 'this is my body' evoke a reality of awe.

John Cullen, Our Wounded God – Beyond, Beside and Within us (Messenger 2023)

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

"His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50) is the theme of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which takes place this Sunday 23rd July. We have Pope Francis' message which encourages every person and society to honour its elderly citizens. The newsletter insert is a reflection on the parable of the Sower and the Homily for this Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time is on the parable of the dandelion and the wheat. We have an article on how to recover a sense of awe and wonder in order to renew faith and news of a one-day retreat on 4th August on the Care of Creation. At a time when there is movement to re-define the family, there is evidence of social trends that are going in the wrong direction. Finally, a video interview from Word on Fire on knowing Jesus personally. Check out these and other resources available at

www.thehookoffaith.com

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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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



Ferns Parish Newsletter



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22nd & 23rd July 2023

16th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd July 2023 • World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

1. The owner of the field who allowed the wheat and the dandelion to grow together is a reminder to us to be patient with ourselves and with others when we see everything is not right. Sometimes a preoccupation with the negative (the dandelion) can blind us to seeing the positive in our own lives and in the lives of others. When have you found that a willingness to live with the messiness of the present created the conditions for future growth?
2. Have you ever found that it was through accepting the dandelion that you learned important lessons for life, e.g., learning by making mistakes, or asking stupid questions, or taking foolish risks?
3. The parables of the mustard seed and the leaven are reminders that seemingly insignificant things can have very positive results. Have you ever been surprised by the benefit to yourself or others of a kind gesture, a small initiative, or a word of encouragement?

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 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**

22nd & 23rd July 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Jack & Kathleen Murphy,
Charlesfort.

John Paul Cashe, Pairc Mhuire.

8.30am:

11.00am: Siobhan Dignam, Carnew
Road.

Deceased Family Members of the Doyle,
Ryan and Jordan Families and all souls in
purgatory

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Ned Nolan, Kilcloran

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Pat Murphy,
Clologue

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

29th & 30th July 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15 pm: Liam & Marcella Turner,
Tincurry

Kathleen & P.J. Fortune, Clobemon
Lil (Lillian) Thorpe, Rosemary Heights
(Months Mind)

8.30am: People of The Parish

11.00am: Deceased family members of
the Doyle Family

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Ann Nancy Gethings, Baylands

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am:

**St Joseph's Young
Priests Society**

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

Ceremonies begin at 3pm.

29th & 30th July 2023

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Ena Gray

8.30am: Theresa Nolan

11.00am: Ailish Davitt

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Mary Cullen & Dora Murphy

8.30am: A Volunteer

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins & Christopher Power

Shopping in The Parish Office

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

Ferns Prayer Group

Ferns Prayer Group is taking a break
for the Summer months. The next
prayer group will take place on
Wednesday 6th September 2023 in
the Pastoral Centre at 7.30 pm.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
Ann Theresa Cash
Link Raymond Lavery Murphy
Grace Caroline Fleming
who were baptised recently.

Patron Dates 2023

Clologue

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

Ballyduff

13th August at 2.00pm

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to the Family of
Muriel Fitzpatrick, Gorey, mother of the
late Fr. Jim Fitzpatrick, and to the Family
of John Murray, St. Mary's, Enniscorthy
Road, Ferns.

R.I.P.

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

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/
086 1599074

for more information.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

Join young people between 16 and 35
this August at the **Youth 2000 Summer
Festival**. The festival takes place in
Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co
Kildare from **Thursday 10th August to
Sunday 13th August 2023**. The festival
includes inspiring talks, music, prayer,
concert, workshops, dramas, share
groups, reconciliation and healing service
and Mass. Donation only and we have
buses going from all over Ireland. For
more information and to book your place
go to www.youth2000.ie

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 or call 087 631
0411"

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 experi-
ence first-hand, the story of Ferns'
extraordinary history.

**Prayer for Grandparents
(Pope Benedict)**

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world
over. Protect them! They are a source of en-
richment for families, for the Church and for
all of society. Support them! As they grow
older, may they continue to be for their fami-
lies strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardian of
noble domestic ideals, living treasures of
sound religious traditions. Make them teach-
ers of wisdom and courage, that they may
pass on to future generations the fruits of their
mature human and spiritual experience. Lord
Jesus, help families and society to value the
presence and roles of grandparents. May they
never be ignored or excluded, but always
encounter respect and love. Help them to live
serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years
of life which you give them. Mary, Mother of
all the living, keep grandparents constantly in
your care, accompany them on their earthly
pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all
families may one day be reunited in our heav-
enly homeland, where you await all humanity
for the great embrace of live without end.
Amen.

**St. Anne—Patroness of Motherhood
Feast Day—July 26th**

St. Anne is known by tradition as the privi-
leged grandmother of Christ and mother of
Mary. To her we may credit the early educa-
tion of Mary whose exquisite mind produced
the Magnificat.

Prayer

Good St. Anne,

Mother of her who is our life,

Our sweetness and our Hope,

Pray to her for us

And obtain our petitions.

Amen.



Friends of Calcutta

**Clothes Collection Supporting Friends
of Calcutta (CHY No: 13218)**

Wednesday July 26th. Collection in
Church Car Park all day up to 2pm.
Home collections most welcome. Please
contact Michael Hopkins 087-9073974.