



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in
Ferns for the week was €1454.15
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. Henry— Emperor and Confessor Feast Day July 13th

Ruler of the Holy Roman Empire, famous for his building of monasteries and churches, he was zealous in advancing the interests of religion and of education among his people; he gives us a shining example of integrity. At his death, he willed his personal wealth to the Cathedral Church of Bamberg, where he is buried.

Prayer

*St. Henry, pray for those in high places of authority that they might discharge their civic and religious duties in the spirit of faith, honour and zeal.
Amen.*

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

Bishop Ger has appointed Dr Sean O'Leary as Director of Pastoral Development for the diocese of Ferns. In an article, he offers a reflection on the scope of pastoral development for the times we live in and looks forward to the challenges ahead. In the Gospel for the Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Jesus invites us to come to him, especially those who are struggling and who are tired. We have the second part of a reflection on faith and science where examples are offered of natural processes that mirror deeper spiritual realities. We have a reflection by Pope Francis on the life of Blaise Pascal on the four centenary of his birth and finally an article on St Benedict for his feast day and how he challenges any attempts to marry seamlessly the spirit of the age and the radical Gospel message. 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, CLOLOGUE

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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8th & 9th July 2023

14th Sunday Ordinary Time

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th July 2023

1. For Jesus the key to a personal knowledge of God and relationship with God is not primarily through academic study but through a mind and heart open to learn. Recall moments when you had a sense that your relationship with God took a significant step forward. What kind of dispositions prepared you for that growth?
2. Jesus was dealing with a society in which people were very conscious of status, dignity, and external appearances. He wanted to break down the barriers this created so that all would be aware of their worth and dignity. Perhaps you can recall someone who was not highly thought of in human terms, but who was a light to you.
3. In v.27 Jesus lets us into the secret of his relationship with his Father, one of total trust. This trust freed him from anxiety and worry about himself. As a result, he was a person of gentle and humble heart and was able to bring rest to those who were overburdened. Recall people whose trust in God enabled them to be supportive to others who were stressed or burdened. Perhaps you have experienced this yourself?
4. Recall and give thanks for people who, like Jesus in the story, were able to combine challenge with sympathetic support and understanding. Perhaps you have been able to do this for others at times also.

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
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 (Months Mind)

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Sadie Brennan, Monasootha (Months Mind)

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Cornelis Hartevelde, Ballinakill (Months Mind)

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend
15th & 16th July 2023**

FERNS CHURCH

6.15 pm: Kathy Davitt, Crory Annie Doyle, Davidstown and formerly Tombrack & deceased family members of the Doyle Family

8.30am:

11.00am: Susie Bolger, Carnew Road James Cullen, 31 Pairc Mhuire

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Fr. Aidan O'Leary, Augustinian, New Ross whose anniversary occurs around this time

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am:

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to The Family of Lillian Thorpe, Rosemary Heights. R.I.P.

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

15th & 16th July 2023

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Mary Cash

8.30am: Carmel Doyle

11.00am: Maura Kelly

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Maire Bernie & Mary Fortune

8.30am: A Volunteer

11.00am: Michael Breen & Patricia Keenan

Shopping in The Parish Office

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

Sincere Sympathy is extended to the Family of Oliver Cahill, Askinamoe, Ferns. R.I.P. Funeral Mass on Saturday at 11 am in St. Aidan's Church, Ferns with burial afterwards in St. Aidan's Cemetery, Ferns.

May his gentle soul rest in peace.

Patron Dates 2023

Clogue

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

Ballyduff

13th August at 2.00pm

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.

**FERNS & DISTRICT ACTIVE
RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION**

The monthly meeting will be held in the Pastoral Centre on Thursday, 13th July, 2023 at 2.30 p.m. Active Retirement Association helps retired people to enjoy a full and active social life. New members are always welcome.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
Emily Mary Moorehouse
who was baptised recently.

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"

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

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

Ceremonies begin at 3pm

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

**Mass on Tuesday 11th July in
St. Aidan's Church, Ferns will take
place at 9.15 am.**

Pro-Life Mass

And talk in The Friary, Wexford on Monday, 10th July at 7 pm
with Fr. Stephen Imbarrato.
All welcome.

Thought for the day—9th July 2023

We all know the times of carrying heavy burdens of failure, pain, loss, shame, guilt, depression, hopelessness. Only in honestly admitting our big needs can we find the rest of soul which we need. A soul at rest can share with many the peace of God.

A saying of Saint Catherine of Siena was 'Where we see sins, God sees weakness'. She points to the reality that many people try to do their best but find their faults and failings often overcome them. God sees the heart and sees our efforts to do good, even though these efforts do not always succeed. God's Spirit, given with many gifts and energies for the world, also brings the gift of Divine forgiveness.

www.sacredspace.ie

St. Benedict (548-547)

Abbot, Founder

**Father of Monasticism – Patron of Europe
Feast Day 11th July**

Born of a noble family, he fled from the moral dangers that beset him in the world, and retired to a cave near Subiaco to live as a hermit. His disciples flocked to him and he founded a community of monks afterward called the Order of St. Benedict. Their ideal is to labour and to pray.

Prayer

St. Benedict, Patriarch of Labour, Father of Peace, teach us to labour and to pray in the true spirit of Christian Charity.

Amen.

'The sleepy like to make excuses.'

'Be careful to be gentle, lest in removing the rust, you break the whole instrument.'

'Prayer ought to be short and pure, unless it be prolonged by the inspiration of Divine grace.'

'Idleness is an enemy of the soul.'

'One who never stops talking cannot avoid falling into sin.'

'Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ, for He is going to say, 'I came as a guest, and you received Me'
(Matt. 25:35).

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.

Everyone Welcome.