



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in  
**Ferns** for the week was **€857.20**  
 The amount received for **Ballyduff**  
 for month of August was **€157.70**  
 The amount received from **Cloogue** for the  
 month of July was **€362.20**  
*Thank you for your generosity.*

**St. Robert Bellarmine**

**Bishop, Doctor**

**Feast Day September 17th**

St. Robert is one of the illustrious lights of the Jesuit Order. At an early age, he held professorships in Greek, Hebrew, and Theology. But his humility far outstripped his learning, and his zeal for the cause of the Church was outstanding.

*Prayer*

*O God,*

*Through the example of St. Robert,  
 Grant that we may consecrate our talents,  
 However small,  
 To your greater honour and glory.  
 Amen.*

### THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

The Homily for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time is about one of the most demanding challenges of the Gospel – forgiveness. The gripping film ‘The Sound of Freedom’ is reviewed in a video with Fr Mike Schmitz and in an interview with the movie’s director. We have a review of the State’s new RSE course by the Iona Institute and an article on the beauty of creation in this ‘Season of Creation’. We have news of an upcoming conference on the Church’s role in the Civil War and a selection from Padre Pio’s best known quotes as we honour his feast day on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Finally, a young Wexford girl looks back on the recent death of her mother and how the old traditions around death helped her and her family get through it all. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)



# Ferns Parish Newsletter



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16th & 17th September 2023

24th Sunday Ordinary Time



## St. Pio of Pietrelcina Healing Mass

Individual Blessings with the

Glove/Relic of **Saint Pio**

**St. Aidan’s Church Ferns**

**Friday 29th September at 7.30pm**

Confessions will take place during the blessings.

Religious items will be blessed on the night.

Early attendance is advised, as large crowds are expected

Celebrants: Fr. Brian Shortall OFM Cap.

Very Rev. Paddy Cushen P.P.

All are very welcome.



### ST. AIDAN’S PARISH INFORMATION

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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)

### New Volunteer Ministries in The Diocese of Ferns

The Diocese of Ferns is developing openings for new lay volunteer ministries in the Diocese. Training programmes will begin soon. These new ministries, open to women and men, will be of interest to those already involved or those wishing to be more involved in the life of their local Church community. They will involve lay people working side by side with priests in key ministries in parishes and pastoral areas.

You are invited to attend one of the following Information Sessions on Lay Ministry

1. Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept – Camolin Parish Hall at 7 pm
2. Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept – Seamus Rafter Suite, Riverside Park Hotel, Enniscorthy at 7.30 pm
3. Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct – New Ross Pastoral Centre at 7.30 pm
4. Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct – Pastoral Centre, Rosslare Strand at 7.30 pm
5. Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Pugin Room (access through main tower), St. Peter’s College, Wexford at 7.30 pm.

### Novena To Saint Pio

**Began on September 14th**

*To obtain graces through the intercession of Saint Pio.*

Almighty God, you gave the Capuchin Priest, Saint Pio of Pietrelcina the immense privilege of sharing in a unique way, the Passion of your Son. Grant me through his intercession the graces that I ardently desire, And above all at the hour of my death grant me the grace of being reconciled to the will of Jesus and united with him in the glory of his resurrection. Amen.

**We ask all in your prayers to pray the Novena prayer and maybe attend morning Mass on 23rd September, his feast day.**

### **Mass Time & Intentions**

#### **This Weekend**

**16th & 17th September 2023**

#### **FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Maureen Fortune, Primrose Cottage, Ferns  
Micheál O'Neill, Melrose, Tombrack (Month's Mind)

**8.30am:**

**11.00am:**

#### **BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:**

#### **CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:**

### **Mass Time & Intentions**

#### **Next Weekend**

**23rd & 24th September 2023**

#### **FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15 pm:** Jimmy Dunbar, Coolbawn John Roche, Tombrack & deceased family members  
Michael Bernie, Killoggy House, Ferns (Month's Mind)

Chris Murphy, Tincurry & deceased family members

**8.30am:**

**11.00am:** Mary Nolan, Tombrack Kathleen & Thomas Fortune, Ballyandrew, Ferns

#### **BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Kitty Murphy Kilbora Garrett & Eileen O'Leary, Clonee Upper & deceased family members of the O'Toole & Murphy families.

#### **CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:**

### **BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the faith  
**Jax James Donal Keating Wall**  
who was baptised recently.

**23rd & 24th September 2023**

#### **Ministers of the Word**

**6.15pm:** Brendan Kenny

**8.30am:** Dermot O'Brien

**11.00am:** Frances O'Toole

#### **Ministers of Holy Communion**

**6.15pm:** Mary Cullen & Dora Murphy

**8.30am:** A Volunteer

**11.00am:** Eleanor Hawkins & Christopher Power

#### **Make A Difference in Your Community with Home Instead**

We are currently recruiting experienced CAREGivers for the area. Positions are part-time and can include some evening and weekend calls. Duties include assisting clients with all aspects of day to day living. QQI qualification desirable but not essential and full training provided. Own transport required. Email CV to [recruit.wexford@homeinstead.ie](mailto:recruit.wexford@homeinstead.ie) or call 053 918 4042.

#### **ONE DAY RETREAT LOUGH DERG September 23rd 2023**

Weekend trip to Donegal for the One Day Retreat on Lough Derg leaving Wexford on Friday September 22nd staying in Ballyshannon Co Donegal, returning to Wexford on Sunday September 24th. Two nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast in the Imperial Hotel, Ballyshannon, coach travel and the day on Lough Derg €225 per person sharing. Further details and booking from Helen Kirwan 87/6817648.

#### **Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock.**

The Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 24th September. A bus will leave from Clonard, Wexford at 6.30am, Oylegate Bus Stop - 6.45am, Enniscorthy Promenade - 6.55am, Ferns Church - 7.10am, Camolin Bus Stop - 7.15am, Gorey Monument at - 7.25am, Arklow - 7.40am. Return to Wexford at approx. 9.30pm Please book your seat early to avoid disappointment. Cost, €35 Ring Eileen : 087 9331809 or 087 6846908.

### **Diaries**

For 2024 are now in. Anyone wanting to book a Mass in Ferns, Ballyduff or Clologue can now do so by contacting The Parish Office on 053 9366514 or dropping into the office.

### **Celebrate the Season of Creation & Thanksgiving**

Ballyvaloo Centre (Y21 X392)

Guest Speaker: Canon Trevor Sargent

Thursday 21st September at 7pm

#### **The Non-Violent Resistance Programme (NVR)**

Are you Walking on eggshells around your child ? The NVR programme is for parents or carers who are experiencing child to parent violence, intimidation, emotionally abuse or controlling behaviours. The course is one hourly sessions and is for 6/8 weeks in Ferns Parish Parochial House or in your home. Experienced NVR Practitioner offering support in managing conflicts in the home environment and delivering life changing skills to manage abusive behaviours. Please phone Reg on 089 4294602 to book your place.

### **Marriage**

*Congratulations to  
**Tomás Hawkins & Mary Roche**  
who were married recently.  
We wish them health and  
happiness in their future lives  
together.*

#### **Confirmation Dates 2024**

Ballyduff	8th March
Tombrack	15th March
Ferns	To be determined

#### **Communion Dates 2024**

Tombrack	4th May
Ballyduff	11th May
Ferns	25th May

### **Sincere Sympathy**

Is extended to the family of Joe Bolger, Coolbawn, Ferns who died recently R.I.P.

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

**St Joseph's Young Priests Society**  
Monthly meeting on Monday night at 8.00pm in The Pastoral Centre.

### **Diocese of Ferns**

**Diocesan Youth Leadership Course**  
An 8 week course including residential weekend commencing October 2023.

**LEARN HOW TO BECOME  
AN EFFECTIVE FACILITATOR  
AND YOUTH LEADER.**

For more information and how to register please go to: <https://ferns.ie/diocese-of-ferns-youth-leadership-course-2023-2024/> Or contact: Colette O'Doherty  
Director of Religious Ed &

Youth Ministry

Phone: 053 9145511

Email: [fernsda@ferns.ie](mailto:fernsda@ferns.ie)

Ferns Diocesan Centre, Redmond House, Summerhill, Wexford.

[www.ferns.ie/youth-matters/](http://www.ferns.ie/youth-matters/)

### **Kinbark Nurseries**

*Join us for a delightful coffee morning at Kinbark Nursery!*

We're hosting a special morning filled with aromatic coffees sponsored by Bewley's Ireland and the tranquil beauty of our garden nursery. Best of all, it's all for a great cause.

**Date: Thursday 21st September 2023**  
**Time: 10am-2pm**

#### **Location: Kinbark Nursery**

The purpose of this event is to raise funds and awareness for Irish Hospice foundation a remarkable organization dedicated to bereavement support. During this coffee morning, you'll have the opportunity to explore our stunning nursery, filled with vibrant flowers, lush greenery, and a wide range of gardening essentials.

Let's come together, enjoy delightful company, sip coffee and make a positive impact!

See you at Kinbark Nursery the 21st.

### **Shopping in The Parish Office**

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