



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in  
**Ferns** for the week was **€461.00**  
 The amount received for **Ballyduff**  
 for month of August was **€157.70**  
 The amount received from **Cloogue** for the  
 month of August was **€383.00**  
*Thank you for your generosity.*

### Thoughts of St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Memorial 23rd September

Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. Our Merciful Lord will listen to your prayer. Do not worry over things that generate preoccupation, derangement and anxiety. One thing only is necessary: to lift up your spirit and love God. If we are calm and persevering, we shall find not only ourselves, but our souls, and with that, God Himself. Continue to be patient – it will all be for your good. Even if the world were to capsize, if everything were to become dark, hazy, tumultuous, God would still be with us.

### THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

This Sunday is the 109<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees. We include Pope Francis' message which focuses on the freedom, or lack of it, for people to choose to stay in their homelands or to leave. Here in Wexford, we speak with Ms. Tanya Savelieva, a Ukrainian lady who works as translator and SNA at CBS Primary School. In the interview, she speaks of her experience of coming to Ireland and the circumstances that led to it. We have an article by Sean O'Leary, the Diocesan of Pastoral Development and a video on the life of Venerable Jerome Lejeune. As the Synod on synodality begins in Rome, we have prayers that Pope Francis asks every parish around the world to make. We have a focus on St Vincent de Paul on his feast day and have resources that help us to discern what our vocation might be. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)

### ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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E-mail: [frpaddycushen@gmail.com](mailto:frpaddycushen@gmail.com) **Eir Code: Y21 N9 W7**

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**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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23rd & 24th September 2023

25th 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.**



### 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.**

### Ferns Community Development Association

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Ferns Community Development Association (CLG) will be held on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.00pm in Ferns Community Centre. All are welcome.

**Mass Time & Intentions  
This 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.

**CLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:**

**Mass Time & Intentions  
Next Weekend  
30th Sept & 1st October 2023  
FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Miley Tyrell, Coolbawn  
**8.30am:**

**11.00am:** Catherine Nolan, Tombrack  
Nancy Whelan, Clone Road, Ferns

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Aidan & Margaret O'Neill,  
Ballybeg

Thomas Brennan, Monasootha  
(Month's Mind)

**CLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:**

**Shopping in The Parish Office**

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

**30th Sept & 1st October 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 & Mary Fortune

**8.30am:** A Volunteer

**11.00am:** Ann Swaine & Liz Villar

**Secular Franciscan Order  
Annual Retreat**

from 26th to 30th September starting at  
6.30 pm each evening with Adoration and  
Benediction and on the final evening  
Mass with anointing of the sick.

**Led by Fr. James Mary McInerney  
OFM Conv, everyone is very welcome.  
Franciscan Friary Wexford.**

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

The Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to  
Knock will take place on Sunday 24th Sep-  
tember. A bus will leave from Clonard, Wex-  
ford 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 disap-  
pointment. Cost, €35 Ring Eileen : 087  
9331809 or 087 6846908.

**Confirmation Dates 2024**

Ferns	1st March
Ballyduff	8th March
Tombrack	15th March

**Communion Dates 2024**

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

**Diaries**

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

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the faith  
**Aoibh Ellen Hill**  
who was baptised recently.

**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 sup-  
port in managing conflicts in the home envi-  
ronment and delivering life changing skills to  
manage abusive behaviours. Please phone Reg  
on 089 4294602 to book your place.

**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/)

**Daily rosary available via webcam from  
Camolin Parish**

Camolin Parish is now making a recitation of  
the rosary available on a twice daily basis at  
9.30am and 8pm. This can be accessed on  
this link: <https://churchmedia.ie/church-of-the-immaculate-conception-camolin/> or by  
searching for Camolin Parish on the Church  
Media website.

**The Harvest Thanksgiving Mass**  
will take place on the weekend of the  
of 7th & 8th October for all church  
areas.

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**24th September 2023**

**World Day of Migrants and Refugees**

1. 'I was there first'. Envy easily comes to the  
surface when faced with the good fortune of  
others, especially when compared to what seems  
less favourable treatment of ourselves. Can you  
recall that feeling in yourself and what it did to  
you? Can you also recall times when you were  
content with your lot, even though it seemed  
others had greater gifts, better opportunities, etc.  
2. A parent or teacher who gives a lot of time to  
a difficult child does not love the others less, but  
if we are one of those other children we may not  
see that. Recall a 'Jesus person' in your life who  
helped you to overcome feelings of envy and  
helped you appreciate that the apparently more  
favourable treatment of another did not mean a  
lessening of love for you.  
3. This leads us to the core message of this para-  
ble, namely, that God's love is a free gift, and  
not earned. Recall moments when you were  
particularly conscious of the gifts that God has  
given you by counting all the blessings that you  
have, no matter how small.  
4. 'It is too late now' are words sometimes ut-  
tered to justify doing nothing about a situation.  
This parable tells us that where love is involved,  
it is never too late. Can you recall times when  
you got a positive response after taking action  
when you thought it was 'too late'?

**Prayer for Migrants and Refugees**

Lord, make us bearers of hope,  
so that where there is darkness,  
your light may shine,  
and where there is discouragement,  
confidence in the future may be reborn.  
Lord, make us instruments of your justice,  
so that where there is exclusion, fraternity  
may flourish,  
and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing  
may grow.  
Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom,  
together with migrants and refugees  
and with all who dwell on the peripheries.  
Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is  
to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.

*Pope Francis*

**Ferns Prayer Group**

Ferns Prayer Group will be meeting in  
the Pastoral Centre on Thursday 5th  
October at 7.30 p.m. **(Please note that it  
is Thursday for this month only).**  
**All are very welcome.**