



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in  
**Ferns** for the week was **€391.20**  
 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. Gregory The Great  
 Pope, Doctor  
 Feast Day September 3rd*

Chosen Pope in 590, St. Gregory achieved so many reforms and wonders in his fourteen year pontificate that he is one of the most commanding figures in world history. Among his great deeds is that of sending St. Augustine and forty monks to bring about the conversion of England.

#### Prayer

*St. Gregory, zealous writer, defender of good government, protector of the poor, pray for us!  
 Amen.*

### THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

Bishop Ger has written a Pastoral letter on Lay Ministry and the future of the Church in our diocese. He explains the context and content in an interview. As the 'Season of Creation' begins, we have a homily by Bishop Martin Hayes and an article about water as the source of life. The newsletter insert is a quote from 'Laudato Si' that inspired the establishment of the 'Season of Creation'. As we mark the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Francis' visit for the World Meeting of Families in 2018, we look back on that historic occasion. We include the Pope's prayer intention for September which is 'For People Living on the Margins' and a helpful article on how the Church can become more synodal and what that means. Finally, a few resources for schools and chaplains of schools as a new academic year begins. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)



# Ferns Parish Newsletter



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2nd & 3rd September 2023

22nd 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)

### A Student's Prayer at the Beginning of School Year

We give you praise, O God, for everything that is new and beautiful, for everything which holds promise and brings us joy.

Bless us as we start this new year with our friends and teachers Help us to make the most of every chance we have to start afresh.

May we show love to one another and to all. May the new beginning of this school year remind us that you give us chances to start over again and again.

Help us to forgive others as we receive your forgiveness. Help us to learn and to work together. Help us to listen when we should and to know the best words when we speak and when it is better not to speak.

We thank you for our friends. Help us to be good friends this year.

Help us to be patient with ourselves and with others.

Bless our school and keep us safe. Be with us as we travel each day.

Help us to be aware of your love shown to us in the people around us.

Bless all those who care for us in school and at home.

Help us show our care for them and to say sorry when we need to.

May the Blessed Mother Mary protect us and help us to live as well as we can, giving thanks and glory to God as she did.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Ferns Bowls Club

Is under the auspices of the Active Retirement Association of Ireland, and is age and gender integrated.

Ferns Club, located in St. Edan's Hall (opposite Berryfields houses) in Ferns Village, is open to new members whether beginners or those wishing to return after an absence. There is no fee, but a contribution of €5.00 is expected on Wednesday to cover cost of tea/cake and insurance. Friendly and experienced members are always on hand on

Monday & Wednesday at 2pm to you and to provide support, advice and an introduction and coaching to the game. Play takes place 2pm to 4pm both days every week.

Please drop in to see us or have an initial chat with our Chairperson, Pat @ 087 2644071

**Mass Time & Intentions  
This Weekend**

**2nd & 3rd September 2023**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Sadie & Peter Nolan, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy formerly of Tinnashrule Ferns  
Margot Kinsella, Effernogue, Anto Roche, Rosemary Heights, (Month's Mind)

**8.30am:** Katie Anne & Aidan Doyle, Kilbride, The Ballagh, Breda Curran, Blackwater & Thomas Cash, Blackwater & Doris Stephenson, Ballybeg, Ferns

**11.00am:**

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Mary Walker, Ballyduff

**CLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:** People of the Parish

**Mass Time & Intentions  
Next Weekend**

**9th & 10th September 2023**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15 pm:** People of the Parish

**8.30am:**

**11.00am:** Kevin & Mary Quigley, Pairc Mhuire

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:**

**CLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:** Fergus Whelan, "Jasmin", The Forties, Ferns

**Ferns Prayer Group**

Ferns Prayer Group will be meeting in the Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 6th September at 7.30 p.m.

**All are very welcome.**

**9th & 10th September 2023**

**Ministers of the Word**

**6.15pm:** Ena Gray

**8.30am:** Theresa Nolan

**11.00am:** Ailish Davitt

**Ministers of Holy Communion**

**6.15pm:** Maire Bernie & Mary Fortune

**8.30am:** A Volunteer

**11.00am:** Michael Breen & Patricia Keenan

**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 087/6817648.

**St. Vincent De Paul Society**

**Saturday 9th September 2023**

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

**Cost : Bus and Two Meals**

**Adults: €70.00**

**Children: €40.00**

To book your place contact:  
**Sean Kinsella (053) 9123819**  
**or Neil Foley (087) 9740120.**

**All are welcome.**

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the faith  
**Lilah Carrie Murphy**  
**&**  
**Isla Lily Cahill Healy**  
who were baptised recently.

**Shopping in The Parish Office**

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

**Pastoral Letter on Lay Ministries from  
Bishop Ger Nash**

Bishop Ger has issued a Pastoral Letter inviting committed lay people to participate in training and formation for new ministries as part of a renewal of mission to facilitate the future flourishing of faith in the Diocese. The roles will include Catechists, Pastoral Care Workers, Prayer Leaders, Parish Leaders and Facilitators with Accord. The letter is available near the doorway of the Church. Information sessions will be held in September.

***Bishop Ger has asked that we pray for  
fine weather for the harvest.***

**Prayer for fine weather**

***"God our loving Father, we know that  
you care deeply for us. We ask you to  
bless us with the good weather we so  
badly need at this time. Bless the work  
and efforts of all your people so that  
their endeavours may produce the re-  
sults they need. Grant success to the  
work of our hands. We make this  
prayer through Christ our Lord,  
Amen."***

**So what are your plans for the Au-  
tumn?** Take up cycling, swimming, hik-  
ing, sky diving.... None of these for you!  
Well how about SINGING.. yea that's it-  
have you always wanted to sing and join  
a Choir. Well Enniscorthy Gospel Choir  
might be just the ticket. We resume re-  
hearsals on Wednesday September 6th at  
8pm in the IFA centre, Millpark Road,  
and every Wednesday. Why not come  
along and see what you think, no audi-  
tions and no experience necessary. If you  
can hold a note we will be very happy to  
see you there. Contact Pauline on 087  
1305639 for more information.

A sum of money was found on the  
Coolbawn Road in Ferns.  
Please contact 086 0647928 to claim  
same.

**Our Lady's Island – Pilgrimage 2023**

Sunday September 3 – Recovery from  
Loss

Mass at 3pm on Island. Followed by  
Rosary Procession

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – A Time to Heal  
– 7.30pm

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 7.30pm Ecumenical  
Service with Bishops Nash and Wilkinson  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September – 3pm Mass in  
Church

Official Closing of Pilgrimage at 7pm  
followed by Torchlight Procession

All services scheduled for outdoors will  
be weather permitting

Broadcast will also available in Church  
Daily Mass during season will be at 3pm  
& 7.30pm in Church

Blessing of the Sick each Wednesday &  
Friday after 3pm Mass

Adoration after 3pm Mass Mon and Thurs  
with Benediction at 5pm

Availability of confessions will depend on  
priests present

Musicians will be taking part in daily  
Masses along with many invited speakers  
Parishes and Organizations are invited to  
come for individual pilgrimages (Prior  
Booking)

**Coffee Shop and Gift Shop staffed by  
voluntary workers open daily during  
Pilgrimage**

Web-Cam will be available from Island  
Altar. Daily services from Church Web-  
cam Ourladysisland.ie

Enquiries: Ann on 0876464198 or Kevin  
on 0862075027

Director of Pilgrimage: Fr Jim Cogley PP  
Lady's Island Phone 086 2471063

Pilgrims Welcome to Our Lady's Island  
Place of Pilgrimage for 1400 years.

**Harvest Dues Envelopes**

Harvest Dues Envelopes are now  
ready for collection from the Parish  
Office.

Thank you to the distributors for your  
cooperation in delivering the Harvest  
Dues Envelopes.