



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in
Ferns for the week was **€485.00**
The amount received for **Ballyduff**
for month of **August** was **€157.70**
The amount received from **Clogogue** for the
month of **July** was **€362.20**
Thank you for your generosity.

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, emotional 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.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

This Sunday 10th September is 'World Suicide Prevention Day'. We have reflections and resources that speak of hope for all who are struggling. The Homily for the Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time is about the delicate challenge of fraternal correction that Jesus presents to us in this Sunday's Gospel. Our interview this week is with one of the young people who travelled with the diocese for World Youth Day in Lisbon who speaks of the experience of celebrating faith with young people from all over the world. We have a homily for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on 14th September and Our Lady of Sorrows on the following day. Finally, a review of the new film 'The Sound of Freedom' which sheds light on the evil trade of child trafficking. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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Assistant: Very Rev. Pat Stafford, 086 234 4674

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, CLOGOGUE

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. Clogogue: 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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9th & 10th September 2023

23rd 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.



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th September 2023

1. At the time Matthew was writing his gospel local church communities would have numbered no more than fifty people. They would be known to one another. Matthew presents the instructions of Jesus for dealing with people whose behaviour disrupted and harmed the community. Note the steps suggested. Simple directions but many of us do otherwise. We avoid difficult confrontations. We talk about the faults of others to everyone but themselves. We go over the head of someone who displeases us and make complaints. In your experience, which approach is life-giving for you and for others?

2. While Jesus is referring to a group situation, the advice can be applied also to personal difficulties and problems with others. What lessons has life taught you about constructive ways of dealing with conflict?

3. As individuals and communities we have the power to bind and to loose, to exclude people from relationship, or to open up and include others in relationship. When have you found it important to acknowledge this power in your own life?

4. Jesus also promises to be with his followers when they gather together. What does that mean to you? How have you experienced the presence of Jesus in his followers gathered together? During the recent lockdown due to the coronavirus, how did you experience the presence of Jesus in your faith community?

FERNS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The monthly meeting will be held in the Pastoral Centre on Thursday, 14th September, 2023 at 2:30PM. Active Retirement Association helps retired people to enjoy a full and active social life. New members are always welcome. Come along to ensure the association continues to provide an enjoyable outlet.

**Mass Time & Intentions
This 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:

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

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

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next 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:

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
Michael James Breen
who was 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.

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

16th & 17th September 2023

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Mary Cash

8.30am: Richard Cotter

11.00am: Irene O'Toole

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Ann Bernie & Mary Fortune

8.30am: A Volunteer

11.00am: Ann Swaine & Eleanor Hawkins

**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 week-
end calls. Duties include assisting clients with
all aspects of day to day living. QQI qualifica-
tion desirable but not essential and full train-
ing provided. Own transport required. Email
CV to 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 087/6817648.

**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 Clon-
ard, 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 dis-
appointment. Cost, €35 Ring Eileen : 087
9331809 or 087 6846908.

**Church Car Park
Lining of spaces**

The relining of the car park will take
place on Monday afternoon. To facili-
tate this work we ask people to vacate
the car park from Sunday evening.
School children will be facilitated to be
dropped off and collected but not al-
lowed to park due to the work.
We apologise for any inconvenience
caused, but this work is essential.

CMT on South East Radio 95.2-96.4fm

Simply Divine Sat 9th Sept 10.04 - 10.30am
Join host Mary Ellen Hawkey in a special
interview with former President of Ireland
Mary Robinson. Mary Ellen Hawkey speaks
to Mary Robinson on climate injustice and
project Dandelion.
Sounds for Sunday Sunday 10th Sept 09.04 -
10.00am Presented by Patricia McNally with
reflection from Reverend Ian Cruickshank and
includes listeners requests, hymns, and music.
**Text line for requests 089-2700688.

So what are your plans for the Autumn?

Take up cycling, swimming, hiking, sky di-
ving.... None of these for you! Well how about
SINGING.. yea that's it-have you always
wanted to sing and join a Choir. Well En-
niscorthy Gospel Choir might be just the tick-
et. We resume rehearsals on Wednesday Sep-
tember 6th at 8pm in the IFA centre, Millpark
Road, and every Wednesday. Why not come
along and see what you think, no auditions
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.

**Celebrate the Season of
Creation & Thanksgiving**

Ballyvaloo Centre (Y21 X392)
Guest Speaker: Canon Trevor Sargent
Thursday 21st September at 7pm

Communion Dates 2024

Tombrack 4th May 2024
Ferns 25th May 2024
Other dates to be confirmed.

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 Vil-
lage, is open to new members whether begin-
ners or those wishing to return after an ab-
sence. 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.

**St Ciarán of Clonmacnois
Memorial 9th September**

Growing up, Ciarán was renowned for his
love of animals and vice-versa.
When he went to study with Finian of Clon-
ard, he brought his own cow with him to the
monastery, a common enough practice in
itself. The milk yield of the cow was any-
thing but common, however, and she pro-
duced sufficient for the whole monastery!
When he was dying Ciarán remained down-
to-earth and unsentimental, his missionary
zeal undiminished. He told his disci-
ples: *'Go ye, let my relics bleach in the sun
like the bones of a deer; better for you to
dwell in heaven with me, than here with my
relics.'*

Prayer to St Ciarán

*Watch over your people, Teacher and
Friend, Help us to see God's presence
Prayerful youth, inspire the young
Pilgrim for God, be with all Missionaries,
Steep us in Gospel ways, Protector and
patron, Confirm our faith so that we may
walk anew with Christ. Amen.*

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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.