



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in  
**Ferns** for the week was **€683.70**  
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.*

*St. Jerome  
Confessor, Doctor  
Feast September 30th*

An ardent student of the classics, an extensive traveller, St. Jerome was secretary to the Pope; but finding himself the centre of controversy, he withdrew to a cave near Bethlehem. Here he spent the rest of his life translating the Bible and commenting on various passages.

#### Prayer

*Lord, You have given Your Church the most renowned among her teachers, in the explanation of Holy Scriptures. By his merits grant that we may put into practice what he taught by word and deed. Amen.*

### THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

The Homily for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary time reminds us of our call to be 'doers of the Word' of God – the Gospel must have roots in us that causes us to act differently. In a video interview, Bishop Robert Barron asks why we are so prone to distractions and restlessness. 'Take a Risk for Christ' is the title of this year dedicated to vocations to the diocesan priesthood and we have news of a 'Come and See' weekend in Maynooth in November. As the Synod on Synodality begins in Rome, we include video interviews with some of the Irish participants. In advance of their feast days, we have articles on both Blessed Columba Marmion and St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. Jim Thompson writes an article that marks the end of the 'Season of Creation'. 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**

**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)



# Ferns Parish Newsletter



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30th Sept & 1st October 2023

26th Sunday Ordinary Time

### Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer for Grandparents 6th October 2023

Lord Jesus,  
you were born of the Virgin Mary,  
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.  
Look with love on grandparents the world over.  
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment  
for families, for the Church and for all of society.  
Support them! As they grow older,  
may they continue to be for their families  
strong pillars of Gospel faith,  
guardians of noble domestic ideals,  
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.  
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,  
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits  
of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,  
help families and society  
to value the presence and role of grandparents.  
May they never be ignored or excluded,  
but always encounter respect and love.  
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed  
in all the years of life which you give them.  
Mary, Mother of all the living,  
keep grandparents constantly in your care,  
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,  
and by your prayers, grant that all families  
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,  
where you await all humanity  
for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!

### CHRISTIAN MEDIA TRUST PROGRAMMES on South East Radio 95.2-96.4fm

Sat 30th Sept - Tuesday 3rd Oct 2023. **Simply Divine**, Sat 30th Sept 10.04 -10.30am  
Maria Colfer speaks with Christian Journalist, Digital Marketer and Author, Stephen Kokx on his new book 'St Alphonsus for the 21st Century' - a handbook for holiness.

**Sounds for Sunday**, Sunday 1st Oct 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**

**Sunday Mass**, Sun 1st Oct 10am, St Michael's Church, Gorey

**Sunday Reflection**, Sun 1st Oct 8.30pm - 9pm

Dr Noel Culleton (Wexford parish care for the Earth group) speaks with Wexford Politician George Lawlor on the environment, our care of it and how we are managing that.

<https://carefortheearth.ie/>

### **Mass Time & Intentions**

#### **This Weekend**

**30th Sept & 1st October 2023**

##### **FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Miley Tyrell, Coolbawn

Dermot Cullen, Pairc Mhuire

**8.30am:** People of The Parish

**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)

##### **CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:**

### **Mass Time & Intentions**

#### **Next Weekend**

**7th & 8th October 2023**

##### **FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15 pm:** Anne Marie O'Gorman (Bolger),

Abbey Court

Joe Harney, Castletlands

**8.30am:** Jack Doran, Coolatore

Margaret Morris, Pairc Mhuire &

deceased family members

**11.00am:** Catherine Morris, St. Anne's &

deceased family members of the

O'Brien family

Declan Jordan, Berryfields

##### **BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Special Intention

Jack & Mary Murphy, Ballyandrew &

their son Timothy

##### **CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:** People of The Parish

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

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

**7th & 8th October 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:** Eleanor Hawkins & Mary Sinnott

### **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.

### **Confirmation Dates 2024**

Ferns 1st March

Ballyduff 8th March

Tombrack 15th March

### **Communion Dates 2024**

Tombrack 4th May

Ballyduff 11th May

Ferns 25th May

### **First Friday**

Invalids in the parish on the sick list will be visited on Thursday 5th October & Friday 6th October with Holy Communion.

### **Harvest Thanksgiving Mass**

Will take place on the weekend of the 7th & 8th October for all church areas.

### **BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the faith  
**Layla Anne Williams**  
who was baptised recently.

### **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.

### **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.**

### **St. Francis of Assisi** **Brother of all Living Creatures** **Feast October 4th**

Francis was born in Assisi, Italy and was the son of a wealthy merchant. He walked away from the materialism of wealth and turned to God for all his needs. He built a church and founded the Franciscan Order to serve the poor and to spread love and peace.

#### **Prayer**

**St. Francis, teach us to live and love all,**  
**as you showed us through your own**  
**example. Amen.**

### **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

or JWT below.

For Bookings Contact: Joe Walsh Tours  
01 2410800 & [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie)

**Anam Cara South East** will host its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 10th October at 7:15pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

### **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.

### **Sincere Sympathy**

Is extended to the family of Mary Byrne, The Barracks, Effernogue, Ferns & to the family of Richard Redmond, Scarawalsh who died recently  
R.I.P.

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