



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in  
**Ferns** for the week was **€676.20**  
 The amount received for **Ballyduff**  
 for month of August was **€202.70**  
 The amount received from **Cloogue** for the  
 month of August was **€458.00**  
*Thank you for your generosity.*

### Prayer of Cardinal Newman 9th October

May the Lord support us all the day  
 long,  
 Till the shades lengthen and the even-  
 ing comes,  
 and the busy world is hushed, and the  
 fever of life is over,  
 and our work is done.  
 Then in his mercy may he give us a  
 safe lodging,  
 and holy rest, and peace at the last.  
 Amen.

### THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

11<sup>th</sup> October marks the 374<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a massacre that took place in Wexford town, perpetrated by the soldiers of Oliver Cromwell. The victims included priests, religious and laity. We recall the events of that fateful day and remember the witness of our ancestors in faith. The homily for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time is about clarity whether we are owners or stewards of both our own lives and the vineyard of the created world in which we live. We include the Pope's prayer intention for October which is for the Synod in Rome which has just begun. Archbishop Eamonn Martin recently offered a reflection on the Church's role at the time of the Civil War that we post. We reflect on the implications of a recent vote by the European Parliament to sell human embryos. Finally, some inspirational quotes from Pope St John 23<sup>rd</sup> and St John Henry Newman whose feast days fall this week. 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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7th & 8th October 2023

27th Sunday Ordinary Time

### Feast of Our Lady of Fatima 13th October 2023

To celebrate the occasion there will be Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after Mass on Friday Morning. All are encouraged to attend.

### Icon Retreat

**Retreat Master: Lucho Alvarez**

Ferns, Co. Wexford: Monday 30th October-Saturday 4th November

Course Fees: €250

Full Kit €150 includes all materials needed: Total €400. No art experience needed.

For further information needed contact: Monica 087 6419960 or email [luchoiconretreats@gmail.com](mailto:luchoiconretreats@gmail.com)

### FERNS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The monthly meeting will be held in the Pastoral Centre on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 at 2:30PM. This coincides with the Annual General Meeting. All new and existing members are welcome to attend.

### Assembly for priests of the Diocese

This will take place from the 15th-18th October in Mount Wolseley. All priests of the Diocese will be attending to prepare for the future. This will mean there will not be morning Mass from Monday to Wednesday.

As happened last year there will be a service of The Word and holy communion conducted by Ministers of The Word and Eucharist.

This will enable people to Gather, Pray, Listen to The Word of God and receive Holy Communion.

Due to the lack of vocations and priests this will become a regular feature at Church in the future. We are blessed in our Parish to have lay ministers and we thank them for their great work. We will need many more in the future so please consider helping.

### Reach Ability Enniscorthy

Are currently recruiting for Community Employment Scheme

Participants for 19.5 hours per week

### Positions Available

Care Assistant / Multi – Task Attendant

HR Administration Assistant

Kitchen /Catering Assistant

Opportunity for practical work experience, training and development will be given Opportunities are available in Enniscorthy, Bree, Bunclody, Olyegate, Castlebridge & Monagear. Please check eligibility via your local Intreo Centre

Or contact: Email: [amy.walsh@reachability.ie](mailto:amy.walsh@reachability.ie) Telephone: 053 - 9233069

Mobile: 087 – 3487205

**Mass Time & Intentions  
This Weekend**

**7th & 8th October 2023**

**FERNS CHURCH**

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

Joe Harney, Castlelands

**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

**Mass Time & Intentions  
Next Weekend**

**14th & 15th October 2023**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Aidan Banville, Coolbawn &  
deceased family members of The Banville  
& Kirwan families

Bill Ellis, Tincurry, Ballycarney  
Joe Bolger, Coolbawn (Months Mind)

**8.30am:** Billy Reilly, Ballyandrew

**11.00am:** Richie & Peg Davitt, Coolbawn  
Paula Breen, Newtown & her Uncle Amby  
Martin

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Pat & Dora Kinsella, Kilbora  
Tom, Gretta & Pat Carton, Aidanswood,  
Sheila Doyle Coolnaleen

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:** People of The Parish

**Harvest Thanksgiving Mass**

7th & 8th October for all church areas.

**14th & 15th October 2023**

**Ministers of the Word**

**6.15pm:** Brendan Kenny

**8.30am:** Maureen Kavanagh

**11.00am:** Joe Sinnott

**Ministers of Holy Communion**

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

**8.30am:** A Volunteer

**11.00am:** Liz Villar & Patricia Keenan

**The Non-Violent Resistance Pro-  
gramme (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 behav-  
iours. The course is one hourly sessions  
and is for 6/8 weeks in Ferns Parish Paro-  
chial 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 behav-  
iours. 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

**Sincere Sympathy**

Is extended to the family of Bridget  
Cooney, Corah who died recently  
R.I.P.

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

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the faith  
**Joseph Anthony Moorhouse**  
who was baptised recently.

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
8th October 2023**

1. The target audience of this allegorical  
parable are the Jewish chief priests and  
elders portrayed here as rejecting Jesus and  
his teaching and, as a consequence, losing  
out on what God was offering them. It is a  
story of opportunity for life presented and  
rejected, and they lose out in the process.  
How important have you found it to recog-  
nise and accept opportunities for growth,  
development, and new life when these were  
presented to you?

2. The parable is also a cautionary tale  
about the destructive effects of greed – do-  
ing violence to the rights of others which  
eventually destroys the greedy themselves.  
What attitude towards possessions has  
helped you to be at peace with yourself and  
at peace with others?

3. The vineyard of the Lord is an image for  
God's people. As we look at the vineyard  
we have been given, we can ask ourselves  
'are we good tenants?' Recall times when  
you have been a good tenant and reached  
out caringly for those around you.

4. 'It was the stone rejected by the builders  
that became the keystone. This was the  
Lord's doing and it was wonderful to see.'  
Sometimes a person not highly regarded  
plays a key role in a project, and it is won-  
derful to see. Can you recall examples of  
this?

**Song of the Goldfinch: A Memoir**

To call oneself Roman Catholic is perfectly  
fine, but I prefer now to touch on the wider  
sense of catholicity, to see my faith as all-  
embracing, to include all people, all honest-  
ly held belief and unbelief, all work that  
moves to forward humanity in peace, jus-  
tice, and harmony. To be a Christian, then,  
is to be aware that the whole cosmos is  
moving and evolving as one, that all  
through time something new is being con-  
tinuously formed and re-formed through the  
force of evolution. To be part of this Chris-  
tian thinking is to be aware that creation has  
been moving forward from the first mo-  
ment, from the 'Big Bang' and that we are  
invited to be part of that wonderful process.

**John F. Deane, Veritas Publications**

**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 & din-  
ner each day.

Full Religious Programme.

Guided Tours of: Sanctuary, Basilica, Vil-  
lage 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 month-  
ly 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 re-  
gardless of the age your child died, the cir-  
cumstances 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 Gen-  
eral Meeting of Ferns Community Develop-  
ment Association (CLG) will be held  
on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.00pm in  
Ferns Community Centre. All are welcome.

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

Camolin Parish is now making a recita-  
tion 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/](https://churchmedia.ie/church-of-the-immaculate-conception-camolin/) or by  
searching for Camolin Parish on the  
Church Media website.