



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns for the week was **€490.00**

The amount received for **Ballyduff** for
month of February was **€1106.00**

The amount received from **Cloogue** for
the month of March **€315.00**

Thank you for your generosity

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday, Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Jesus is the one shepherd of one flock. "I am the good shepherd; I know my own and they know me ... and I will lay down my life for my sheep." We pray for all whom the Lord is calling to follow him as shepherds to His flock, laying down their lives in service as priests, deacons and religious, will hear his voice In their hearts.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

'Take the Risk for Christ' is the name of the year just ending that was dedicated to prayer for and promotion of the diocesan priesthood. As the year draws to a close on this 'World Day of Prayer for Vocations', we provide resources and ideas for how we can continue to create a culture of vocations. We have an interview with Sean O' Leary on the topic of vocations, an article on priesthood, vocational promotion videos and ideas of how we can promote vocations in our families and faith communities. We also include a homily for Vocations Sunday and Pope Francis' message for the day. What does Catholic Social teaching have to say about immigration? An excellent article explores the wisdom badly needed for the times in which we live. Finally, a discussion on the problem of social isolation and an article by Sean Byrne on Bishop Ger's prayer for favourable weather. Check out these and other resources available at

www.thehookoffaith.com



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20th & 21st April 2024

(Vocations) 4th Sunday of Easter

Fourth Sunday of Easter, 21st April 2024, Day of Prayer for Vocations

1. Our relationship with those 'in charge' of us changes when we sense that not only are they in charge, but they care. Remember the difference this made for you as a child and give thanks for the caring adults who were part of your life.
2. The good shepherd 'lays down his life for the sheep'. When has your care for another led you to 'lay down your life' for that person, e.g., as a friend, parent, spouse, son or daughter? When have you known another to do this for you?
3. Jesus speaks of the freedom of the Good Shepherd in laying down his life. Faced with the needs of others, we can at times feel trapped into looking after them, caught by duty, obligation, or guilt. We can become like the hired hands doing a job without care for the person. Perhaps you have experienced both attitudes, caring for others under duress and caring by your free choice. What difference did it make when you chose to care for the other, even in circumstances where you had little option?
4. What do these experiences of love and care in human relationships reveal to you about God's love for you?

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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Opening Hours: 9am-1pm & 2pm-4pm Mon-Fri

Weekend Mass Times: Ferns: Vigil Mass, Saturday **6.15pm** & Sunday **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 9.00am

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

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 Regina on 089 4294602 to book your place.

Trocaire Boxes

We ask you to please now return your Trócaire Boxes. We ask you to be mindful of those in the Third World who are in need of our help, support and generosity. A little will go a long way to help those in need. Your money will be most welcome in whatever form you decide to give. If possible we ask you to please convert the smaller coins you contribute to notes or large coins, this would be a tremendous help and would be deeply appreciated, when counting the money.

"The Lord loves a cheerful giver".

The amount collected so far is €1512.00

Prayer to Discover Your Vocation

Almighty God,

You have made me to know you,
To love you, and to serve you,
And thereby to find and fulfil myself.
I know that you are in all things
And that every path can lead me to you,
But, of them all, there is one path especially
By which you want me to come to you.
Since I will do what you want of me,
I pray you; send your Holy Spirit to me;
Into my mind to show me what you want of me;
Into my heart to give me the determination to do it,
And to do it with all my love, with all my mind,
And with all my strength, right to the end.
Amen.

Community & Volunteer Expo

Speak with community groups from across Co. Wexford. Discover volunteer opportunities.

Monday 13th May 2024, 5p.m.-9p.m.
Riverside Park Hotel, Enniscorthy,
Y21T2F4

Free Public Event

www.volunteerwexford.ie

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

**20th & 21st April 2024
Ferns Church**

6.15pm: Michael & Bridget Byrne,
The Barracks, Effernogue
Sean Donnelly, Castle Manor, Ferns

11.00am: Kathleen O'Connor,
Pairc Mhuire
Bena O'Sullivan (Month's Mind)

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Tommy Browne, Clonee
Bob & Martha Cleary, Kilcloran & their
daughter Pauline Doyle.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am: Bridie Skelton, Ballintore

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

**27th & 28th April 2024
FERNS CHURCH**

6.15pm: Stephen O'Leary, Ballymotey,
Monageer, formerly of Ferns
Pat Kinsella, Bolachoir
Kit Killeen, Pairc Mhuire, Ferns
(Month's Mind)

11.00 am: Aidan (Moses) Furlong
(2nd Anniversary), Knockreagh, Ferns
Breda Nolan, Rosemary Heights & Pat-
rick (Paddy) Gethings, Clobemon, Ferns
Matthew & Bridget Brennan, Croy

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Eddie Dreelan, Kiltown, Ferns
Annette Murphy (nee Browne)

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am:

**The Pope's Monthly Intention
For April**

For the Role of Women: We pray that the
dignity and immense value of women be
recognised in every culture, and for the end
of discrimination that they experience in
different parts of the world.

27th & 28th April 2024

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Maureen Kavanagh

11.00am: Frances O'Toole

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Marie Bernie & Mary Fortune

11.00am: Michael Breen &
Patricia Keenan

**Celebration of 158 years of Loreto
Sisters in Wexford**

There will be a celebration mass by
Bishop of Ferns, Most Rev. Ger Nash on
Friday April 26th in the Church of the
Immaculate Conception, Rowe St.
at 7pm. **All are welcome to attend.**

**The Irish Motor Neuron Disease
Association.**

A special birthday tea party will be held at
the home of Catriona, Joe, Tara & Leah Dix-
on, 39 Ard Lios, Gorey (turn Left after Gorey
Town Park) on Tomorrow Sunday 21st
April 11am to 5pm, to raise awareness &
vital funds for The Irish Motor Neuron Dis-
ease Association. They provide incredible
support to everyone effected by MNDA &
their families after a diagnosis. Plenty of tea,
coffee & delicious cakes so come along on
the day & bring a couple of friends. The link
to donate is [https://www.imnda.ie/fundraisers/
CatrionaDixon](https://www.imnda.ie/fundraisers/CatrionaDixon)

Communion Dates 2024

Tombrack

4th May at 11am

Ballyduff

11th May at 11am

Ferns

25th May at 11am

Patron Dates 2024

Ferns

Sunday 2nd June at 2.00p.m.

Clogogue

Sunday 28th July at 2.00p.m.

Ballyduff

Sunday 11th August at 2.00p.m.

Ballyduff NS

Would like to thank everyone who donated
clothes to their clothes collection fundrais-
er. It was a huge success and they are very
grateful.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations Will be
observed on Sunday, April 21st, 2024. It is
also known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' be-
cause the Gospel is always from John chapter
10 where Jesus speaks of himself as being a
caring shepherd. The purpose of this day is to
publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction when he
asked us: "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send
laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).
A whole year has been dedicated to prayer
and promotion of the vocation to the diocesan
priesthood. The theme of the year was entitled
'TAKE THE RISK FOR CHRIST'. Please
pray that young men and women hear and
respond generously to the Lord's call to the
priesthood and religious life and the Church
will always having pastors who care for God's
people with the heart of Christ himself. This
Sunday 21st April, at St. Aidan's Cathedral,
Enniscorthy, Vocations Sunday will be
marked by a holy hour of prayer. All are wel-
come. Please come and pray with us.

May Procession in honour of Our Lady on
Saturday 11th May 2024, Franciscan Friary,
Wexford town, Holy Mass 11am, Procession
gathers 11.30 am in the Friary carpark. Fol-
lowed by tea and coffee. **All Welcome!**

Important Changes to Mass Times in The Parish

There will not be Mass on Sunday mornings at 8.30am in Ferns, the only Mass will be the 11.00 am Mass each Sunday. Mass in Clogogue on Sunday mornings will now be at 9.00am instead of 9.45am.

Ferns/Camolín 'Meals On Wheels' Delivery Service

Is looking for volunteer drivers for the Ferns area. This is a valuable service which
is much appreciated by those who need it. It is a service which not only delivers pre-
prepared meals but is also a point of contact for our clients. As our client base is
extending, we are looking for volunteer drivers to help deliver meals to our clients.
Volunteers will work as part of a team and must have their own car. If interested,
please contact Catherine by email: fercammeals@gmail.com.

Lough Derg 2024

Three Day Pilgrimage

In the tradition of prayer, fasting & vigil. Friday 31st May until Thursday 15th August
(Pilgrims can begin pilgrimage on any day until Tuesday 13th August)
Admission €80. Booking advised. Concessions available for students, seniors and groups.

One Day Retreat

May: Sun 5th, Mon 6th, Sun 12th, Tues 14th, Sat 18th, Sat 25th, Mon 27th.

August: Sat 17th, Tues 20th, Sun 25th, Mon 26th, Sat 31st.

September: Wed 4th, Sat 7th, Tues 10th, Sat 14th, Sun 15th, Sat 21st, Sun 22nd.

Admission €45. Booking essential. Concessions available for groups.

Contact Lough Derg 071 9861518 or info@loughderg.org

**Synodality Explored: Facing the
Future Together**

Friday 19th and Saturday 20th April at St.
John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine. In
association with Notre Dame

University in Australia

**Keynote speaker on both days will be Cardi-
nal Mario Grech, Secretary**

General of the Synod of Bishops

Day 1 The Synodal: A Global View

**Day 2 The Synod : Ireland and
the World**

Speakers will include: **Julieann Moran** is
General Secretary of the Synodal Pathway in
Ireland. **Fr. Declan Hurley** served as Co—
Chair of the National Steering Committee for
the Synodal Pathway in Ireland and is Vicar
General of the Diocese of Meath. **Professor**
Renée Köhler-Ryan, Notre Dame University,
Australia, is a voting member of the 16th
General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops
representing Oceania.

Rev. Dr Dermot Ryan, Director of Adult
Faith Development for the Diocese of Ossory.
Invited lecturer at Maynooth University and
Carlow College.

www.knockshrine.ie

All welcome, no pre-booking required