



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for Ferns for the week was €

The amount received for Ballyduff for month of March & April was €1426.00

The amount received from Clologue for the month of March €315.00

Thank you for your generosity

Prayer of St Catherine of Siena, 29th April

Eternal God, eternal Trinity, You have made the Blood of Christ so precious through His sharing in Your Divine nature. You are a mystery as deep as the sea; the more I search, the more I find, and the more I find, the more I search for You. But I can never be satisfied; what I receive will ever leave me desiring more. When You fill my soul, I have an ever greater hunger, and I grow more famished for Your light. I desire above all to see You, the true Light, as you really are. Amen.

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THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

The homily for the Fifth Sunday of Easter unpacks one of the most beautiful images Jesus used to teach about our connection with God and the life he shares with us, namely that of the vine and the branches. We have two video interviews – one courtesy of I-Catholic with Cardinal Mario Grech on synodality and the second with Bishop Phonsie Cullinan on vocations. We have articles on Saints Catherine of Siena and Athanasius whose feast days we celebrate this week and an interview with Jordan and Tammy Peterson after her reception in to the Catholic Church at Easter. We feature a ‘State of the Nation Podcast’ by the Irish Catholic and another video on climate change. Finally, some of the best films available on YouTube on the lives of the saints. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com



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5th Sunday of Easter

Fifth Sunday of Easter 28th April 2024

1. In a relationship, connectedness is important. Relationships cannot be taken for granted and need time and care to be life-giving. What does your experience tell you of the truth of this in your relationships with God, with your friends, with your family and with communities or groups to which you belong?
2. Just as a vine is pruned in order to be fruitful, so we will be pruned when we accept the give and take of healthy relationships. When have you found that a relationship grew when you were able to consider the needs of the other as well as your own?
3. In *THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL* Pope Francis wrote ‘I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.’ He goes on to suggest that when individuals, or groups, focus on Jesus there is an increase of energy and vitality. Have you seen this happen?
4. The parable also reminds us that we are not the source of our own life. It is a gift from God, from our parents, and from all who have nourished us. Give thanks for those who have been a source of life for you.

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 Trocaire 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 €

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

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, CLOLOGUE

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. Clologue: 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

**Mass Time & Intentions
This 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 & Patrick (Paddy) Gethings, Clobemon, Ferns
Matthew & Bridget Brennan, Croy

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

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

CLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am:

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

4th & 5th May 2024

Ferns Church

6.15pm: Annastasia Byrne, St. Aidans
Jim Lawlor, Castle Manor

11.00am: Richard & Maureen Nolan,
Askinamoe
John Levingstone, Rosemary Heights,
Ferns

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Baby Michael Kehoe, Raheen
Aidan Doyle & deceased family
members, The Heath, Clonee

CLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am: Baby Fionn Ryan, The Square,
Ferns

**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.

4th & 5th May 2024

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Carmel Doyle

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Ann Bernie & Mary Fortune

11.00am: Ann Swaine & Eleanor Hawkins

**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.**

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.

Procession of The Blessed Sacrament leaving
Church car park at 1.30p.m.

Clogogue

Sunday 28th July at 2.00p.m.

Ballyduff

Sunday 11th August at 2.00p.m.

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.
Followed by tea and coffee.

All Welcome!

Ferns Praying Together

Ferns Praying Together will be meeting
in the Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 1st
May at 7.30 p.m.

All are very welcome.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
**Ian Thomas Redmond
Brooke Earle**
who were baptised recently.

National Pilgrimage for Life

The first *National Pilgrimage for Life*,
organised by the Council for Life of the
Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will
be celebrated on Saturday 4th May in
Knock Shrine with Mass at 3.00pm in the
Basilica. Anointing of the Sick will take
place during Mass. Main celebrant and
homilist will be Archbishop Francis
Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock
to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for
the protection of all human life.

**Thought for the Day
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Trees**

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

Joyce Kilmer

www.abranchinthevine.com

Ferns/Camolin '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: fercammals@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



**Stephen O'Leary
Memorial Run**



Timed 5k Fun Run/ Walk

All proceeds in aid of Monageer First Responders, First Light and Talk to Tom Sunday 5th May 2024 at 11.30am in Monageer. **Registration:** Monageer G.A.A Pitch from 10am. **Registration Fee:** Donations on the day. **Prizes:** First Ladies and Men plus spot prizes on the day. Refreshments served afterwards.

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to The McGrath Family on the death of Joan McGrath (nee Moulds), Bunclody Road, Ferns who died recently R.I.P.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. May God and Our Lady console the bereaved.

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.