



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for Ferns for the week was €1451.00

The amount received for Ballyduff for month of March & April was €1496.00

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

Thank you for your generosity

May—The Month of Mary

May is the month to remember Mary in a special way. Mary was a very special person, because God chose her, above all other women, to be the mother of his Son, Jesus. Here is a special prayer that you can say at home with your child during the month of May.

Thank you Mary, for saying 'yes' to God. Help us to remember that you love us, and that your Son, Jesus, loves us too.

We know that he wants to be our friend.

Bless us, and keep us all safe. Amen.

www.saintmarys.ie

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

'Synodality Explored: Facing the Future Together' is an article by Jim Thompson who recently attended a conference on synodality in Knock. The homily for the Sixth Sunday of Easter focuses on the fundamental vocation we all share in common, namely to love one another as Christ has loved us. 'For the Formation of Men and Women Religious and Seminarians' is the Pope's Prayer intention for May and we ask the question of whether we Catholics still love the Eucharist and why. Fr Eamonn Conway summarises a recently report on attitudes and behaviours in Catholic schools that highlights the importance of education as a formative experience. In advance of the 'Day for Life' celebrated on 16th June, Lord Alton explains the reasons why we should be concerned about the protection of life and why a recent programme on Ireland's abortion laws was hopelessly imbalanced. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com



Ferns Parish Newsletter



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4th & 5th May 2024

6th Sunday of Easter

Sixth Sunday of Easter, 5th May 2024

1. A commandment of love is something of a contradiction in terms. Love is a free choice. That is what gives the thrill to the experience of being loved. Recall times when you received gestures of love from another –

- a spontaneous embrace from a husband or wife;
- a wave from a friend;
- words of comfort and affirmation

not because the other person felt obliged to reach out to you but because they wanted to let you know that you were loved. What effect did that have on you? Did it bring you joy? Perhaps you have had a glimpse of the truth of what Jesus said, that it is in loving that our joy is complete.

2. Often love and friendship make demands on us. Parents give freely of their times and energy to the care of their children but sometimes it requires a lot of effort. Also, in responding to the needs of friends or spouses we can be challenged to 'lay down' our own 'lives' at least for a time. Can you recall when a time when putting yourself out for others bore fruit for them and for you?

3. 'I chose you'. Have you had the experience of being 'chosen' by someone? What was it like for you to be chosen? What is it like for you to consider yourself as one chosen by Jesus? That is what we are – chosen by Jesus and commissioned to bear fruit through our love.

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 €2022.00

Flames of Hope

A week of guided prayer in preparation for The Feast of Pentecost
Come Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and our Community

This retreat can be made while we go about our ordinary work and activities. We invite Jesus and the Holy Spirit in a special way into all our life. It is designed to help us pause in our busy lives, see where we are heading, who we are becoming and to grow closer to our God. By praying with the scriptures we see how they can nourish our lives and open our hearts to the graces of the Holy Spirit. The commitment is to personal prayer daily (30Min) and a daily meeting with a guide at a time and place convenient to you.

Retreatants usually meet as a group for introduction and again for celebration at the end.

Offered: May 12th-May 18th. For more detail or to book contact Sr. Stephanie IBVM 087 4475434 stephanieobr@gmail.com on or before may 5th

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

Very Rev. Paddy Cushen. P.P. Tel: 053-9366152 / Mobile: 087 2387559.

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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**

**4th & 5th May 2024
Ferns Church**

6.15pm: Anastasia 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

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am: Baby Fionn Ryan, The Square,
Ferns

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

**11th & 12th May 2024
FERNS CHURCH**

6.15pm: Jimmy Kearney, Tombrack and
his late parents Mike & Liz, Corah
Bridget & Oliver Cahill, Askinamoe
Mrs. Elizabeth Ralph, Tombrack
11.00 am: Peg Davitt & Richard Davitt,
Coolbawn

Liam & Marcella Turner, Tincurry

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm:

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am:

**The Pope's Monthly Intention for May
For the formation of religious and semi-
narians:** We pray that religious women
and men, and seminarians, grow in their
own vocations through their human, pas-
toral, spiritual and community formation,
leading them to be credible witnesses to
the Gospel.

**11th & 12th May 2024
Ministers of the Word**

6.15pm: Ena Gray

11.00am: Maura Kelly

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Mary Cullen & Dora Murphy

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins & Christopher
Power

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!

**Important Changes to Mass Times in
The Parish**

There will not be Mass on Sunday morn-
ings 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.

**Tea & Coffee Morning
In Aid of The Irish Kidney Association**

Saturday 11th May 11am-3pm

Old Post Office

Ballycarney

Y21 H1K2

Raffle on the day

All are very welcome



**Stephen O'Leary
Memorial Run**



Timed 5k Fun Run/ Walk

All proceeds in aid of Monageer First Re-
sponders, First Light and Talk to Tom. Sun-
day 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 after-
wards.

Thought for the Day—5th May 2024

If I have all faith so as to move mountains, but
do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away
everything I own, and if I hand my body over
so that I may boast but do not have love, I
gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It is
not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated,
it is not rude, it does not seek its own inter-
ests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not
brood over injury, it does not rejoice over
wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It
bears all things, believes all things, hopes all
things, endures all things. Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13 4-6

**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 be-
haviours. 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.

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