



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns for the week was **€295.00**

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

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

Thank you for your generosity

St. Dymphna, Virgin & Martyr Feast Day: May 15th

The story of this saint is buried in legend. It is claimed that she was the daughter of a British king. Alarmed by the unnatural passion of her father toward her, she fled to Antwerp, then to a nearby town of Gheel, where she tried to establish an oratory. Her father pursued her, and when his spies resisted his command, he himself beheaded her. *Prayer: St. Dymphna, pray for us and for those seriously afflicted with nervous and mental disorders. Amen.*

The Ferns Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 16th to 21st May. The opening Mass for the Pilgrimage takes place in St. Aidan's Cathedral on Monday 13th May at 7.30pm. All welcome to attend.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

'Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart' is the title of Pope Francis' message for the 58th World Day of Social Communications. We have a homily for the feast of the Lord's Ascension and the usual choice of newsletter inserts. We have a prayer and message for road safety and the homily given by Bishop Kevin Doran before last Monday's March for Life. Sean O'Leary offers a few thoughts on our shared destiny as a synodal Church and we have an article on how Ireland needs new Catholic politicians. Tony Foy, founder of NET Ministries gives an excellent interview on 'Re-Evangelising Ireland' and another article highlights the dignity of people with disabilities. Finally, Caoimhe de Barra speaks on the unfolding famine in Gaza and Colm Flynn reflects on 'Infinite Dignity' – the latest document from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

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, CLOGOGUE

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. Clogogue: 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



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Ascension Sunday

The Ascension of the Lord, 12th May 2024 • World Communications Day

1. In the preceding verse Jesus had rebuked the apostles for their lack of faith. Despite this he commissioned them to bring the Good News to the whole world. Witnesses to the Good News do not have to be perfect. There is encouragement to us in this. The lockdown during the coronavirus pandemic prompted many to reach out to others in new and welcome ways. To whom have you brought good news? Who has been a messenger of good news to you?
2. Jesus then tells them that their witness will have quite dramatic effects, helping people to overcome demons, bring them peace and healing. Things happen when we have belief in ourselves and in God. Strong faith can enable us to meet and overcome difficulties, in ways that waverers cannot do. Perhaps you have had experience of this?
3. The ascension marked the end of the visible presence of Jesus with the disciples, but he would be with them in other ways. 'The Lord worked with them'. Sometimes we can experience that death is not the end of the presence of someone significant to us. We can experience the unseen presence and influence of a parent, a friend, or an inspiring leader, after they have died. Has this happened for you? Have you also experienced the hidden presence of the Lord working with you?

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 €2,187

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.**

Ferns Praying Together

Ferns Praying Together will be meeting in the Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 15th May at 7.30 p.m. **All are very 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.

Coming Together in a Special Prayer for Peace in the World

Saturday 18th May 10am-12.30pm. In The Diocesan Offices, St Peter's, Summerhill Road, Wexford, Y35 XFN8.
All are Welcome

Mass Time & Intentions

This Weekend

11h & 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: Andy & Nancy Hayden, Monasootha

The O'Neill Family, Newtown

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am:

Mass Time & Intentions

Next Weekend

18th & 19th May 2024

Ferns Church

6.15pm: Charlie & Bridie Murphy, Ferns Upper

Jim & Lizzie Byrne, Castlelands

Andrew O'Neill, Main Street

Linda O'Toole, Lodgewood

11.00am: Nora & Andrew Morris, Pairc Mhuire & deceased family members

Adelaide Lacey, Ballyandrew

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm:

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am:

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

18th & 19th May 2024

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Mary Cash

11.00am: Joe Sinnott

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Margaret Maguire & Mary Fortune

11.00am: Ann Swaine & Liz Villar

Communion Dates 2024

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.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith

Elizabeth Moorehouse

Teddy Thomas Thorpe

Isabelle Faye Earle

Alice Allay May Connors

Isabella Bridget Sheila Curran

who were baptised recently.

**Ferns Community Centre
Development Fundraiser**

Friday May 17th 2024 In The Courtyard @ 8.30p.m. Table of 4 -€40

Cash Prizes on the night, Come along and support the development of The Community Centre.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Leaving Sunday 19th May and returning on Monday 20th May. Staying at Knock House Hotel. Cost €190pp sharing. Single supplement €40. Includes breakfast en route on Sunday, dinner at Knock House Hotel & breakfast on Monday. *For information or to book a place, contact May Kelly 087 7468742 or John Candy 087 2632324.*

Stephen O'Leary Memorial 5k

We would like to thank everyone who came out and supported our Memorial 5k on Sunday 5th May. Your kindness and generosity was greatly appreciated. A big thank you to everyone who helped out in any way and to all the sponsors. On the initial count we raised €6,000 with a few euro still to come in. This money will be shared equally between Monageer First Responders, First Lights Barry O'Malley Fund and Talk To Tom.

All Ireland Rosary Rally in Knock

The All Ireland Rosary Rally will take place on Saturday June 1st from 1pm in Knock. It will include Holy Mass 3pm, Stations of the Cross 2pm and Rosary Procession 2.30pm and talks in St John's Centre and the Basilica. The Main Celebrant for the Holy Mass is Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan. A bus will leave from Clonard, Wexford at 6.30am. Oylegate Bus Stop - 6.45am, Enniscorthy Promenade - 6.55am, Ferns Church - 7.10am, Camolin Bus Stop - 7.15am, Gorey Monument at - 7.25am, Arklow - 7.40am. Return to Wexford at approx. 9.30pm Please book your seat early to avoid disappointment. Ring Eileen : 087 9331809 or 087 6846908.

May—The Month of Mary -Prayer

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.

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: 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

St Peter's College Past Pupils Union

To celebrate 70 years in existence the PPU are holding a family afternoon on Saturday May 18th from 4pm. All pupils past and present are welcome with family and friends. The celebrations will include strawberries and cream on the lawn at 4:30pm, a tour of the school at 5.00pm and refreshments in the Pugin room at 6.30pm. The event will conclude with the conferring of Honorary Membership on Mr Patrick Prendergast, former Provost of Trinity College Dublin.

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to Nell Kelly and Family on the death of her sister Philomena Brannigan also to the Murphy Family on the death of Mary Murphy,

The Residence, Clogogue and to Phil Murphy, Milltown on the death of her sister Patricia Jones

all of whom died recently

R.I.P.

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