



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns for the week was **€522.20**
The amount received for **Ballyduff** for
the month of **May** was **€304.80**
The amount received from **Clogogue** for
the month of **May** **€347.00**
Thank you for your generosity

*My Mission
Lord, help me to bear witness to
you. May I be kind to my
neighbour, just in my dealings
with others,
welcome the stranger
and the needy,
and walk humbly with you.
Amen.*

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

The Vatican recently approved of the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis that is expected to take place during the Jubilee Year of 2025. But just who was Carlo Acutis and why are many drawn to this young man who was only 15 when he died? An article explores these questions. The homily for the Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time connects the changing times in today's Church and Jesus request that his disciples NOT be burdened by things that leave them unfree to proclaim the Gospel. We have the usual newsletter inserts and the second part of the article on the place of beauty in catechesis. In a recent talk for the Iona Institute, Fr Chris Hayden clearly and pastorally spells out the Church's teaching on sexuality based on a Scriptural understanding of the human person. We have a video talk on 'Becoming like Little Child' and more light and inspiration from Lorcan Brennan. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com



Ferns Parish Newsletter



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13th & 14th July 2024

15th Sunday Ordinary Time B

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 14th July 2024

1. Jesus gave the disciples a share in his mission by sending them out ahead of him. It was a gesture of trust and confidence on his part, even though they did not fully understand his mission. Have you ever been surprised by the trust shown in you by others to speak or act on their behalf?
2. Jesus sent the disciples out two by two. Perhaps your experience gives you examples of the value of having another with you when engaged in an important task.
3. The apparently strange instructions given by Jesus were intended to counteract practices by bogus preachers who used preaching as a mask for money-making. True disciples of Jesus focus on the mission and not on their own comforts. Is it your experience that vested interests can impede a task, whereas having the right motives makes your mission more effective?
4. The task of the disciples was to call people to repent, (metanoia = conversion, change the way we look at God and at other people). Who have been the people in your life who have prompted you to be more trusting in God or more compassionate to people? To whom have you given this call?

Accord now seeking marriage preparation facilitators. Might this be you ... ?

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you: are supportive of marriage in the Catholic Church; and, have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team that supports couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage ... then Accord wishes to hear from you! An Accord marriage preparation facilitator is a personally fulfilling leadership role, blending life experience and faith. Successful applicants will receive professional training and be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie and for further information see www.accord.ie

Ferns Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 2024

Led by Spiritual Directors Fr Denis Browne & Fr Paddy Banville.
10th October 2024 for 7 nights , €899 per person sharing. Direct return flights from Dublin to Lisbon, 20kg bags included Return airport transfers in Fatima, 7 nights: Hotel Cinquentenário
Optional: travel insurance & single supplement €245. For information, please contact Fr. Denis Browne 086 8926260 & frdenisbrowne@gmail.com For Bookings, please contact: Joe Walsh
Tours (JWT) 01 2410800 & info@joewalshstours.ie

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.

The Pope's Monthly Intention for July

For the pastoral care of the sick: We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer on those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

Very Rev. Seán Devereux P.P. Tel: 053-9366152

Very Rev. Paddy Cushen Co P.P. Mobile: 087 2387559.

E-mail: frpaddycushen@gmail.com Eir Code: Y21 N9 W7

Parish Office: Tel: 053-9366514. E-mail: fernsparish@gmail.com Eir Code: Y21 X5 W9

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

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

**13th & 14th July 2024
Ferns Church**

6.15pm: Kathy Davitt, Croy.
Robert Kinsella, Coolroe & Bridget Carley
Coolroe & deceased family members.
Susie Bolger, Carnew Road.
Derry Moulds, Carnew Road,
Months Mind.

11.00am: James Cullen, Pairc Mhuire.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm:

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am:

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

**20th & 21st July 2024
FERNS CHURCH**

6.15pm: Jim & Betty Power, Ballyboy.
Jack & Kathleen Murphy, Charlesfort.

11.00 am: John Murray,
Enniscorthy Road.

Siobhán Dignam, Olcote, Newtown.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Ned Nolan, Kilcloran, Camolin.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am: Patrick Murphy, The Residence,
Clologue.

**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE
PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2024:**

7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you.

Tel. 01 4434510 or website

www.med-irishcentre.com

MEDJUGORJE: 00387 36 651 518

IRELAND: 00353 1 443 4510

Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Website: www.med-irishcentre.com

20th & 21st July 2024

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Theresa Nolan

11.00am: Frances O'Toole

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Marie Bernie & Mary Fortune

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins &
Mary Sinnott

Patron Dates 2024

Clologue

Sunday 28th July at 2.00p.m.

Ballyduff

Sunday 11th August at 2.00p.m.

Chiropody Clinic

Please contact Denis Kinsella, The Square,
Ferns Y21 N797 on 087 2465720. Available
to do house calls if necessary.

Items found in Graveyard

A purse and a key were left in the graveyard
after the Ferns Patron. For further information
please contact the Parish Office on 053
9366514 or drop in.

Clothes and Cash for Ballyduff NS

There is a clothes bank located outside
Ballyduff National School. All money
received from this clothes bank will go directly
to Ballyduff N.S. All support would be
greatly welcomed.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
Mary Anne Connors
Jimmy Paul Lancaster
who were baptised recently.

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to the family of David F. Bolger
(Former Chairman/ Director of John
Bolger & Co Ltd.) Millmount, Gorey
and to the family of the Very Rev. John
Jordan former Parish Priest of Oulart who
died recently, R.I.P.

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

Thought for the Day

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
14th July 2024**

Do we really need all the baggage we carry
through life? 'Those are really rich whose
needs are the least'. That is what Jesus is
teaching us. The disciples went off and did
the three central works of Jesus: They pro-
claimed the Kingdom and called for a radical
change of heart from people, so that
they might see life in the way that Jesus, the
Son of God, was proclaiming. They liberat-
ed many people from evil influences and
compulsions. They anointed the sick and
brought them healing and wholeness. This
is what we too are all called to do within
the circumstances of our life. Having little
but giving much.

www.livingspace.sacredspace.ie

**ONE DAY RETREAT LOUGH DERG
September 15th 2024**

Weekend trip to Donegal for the One Day
Retreat on Lough Derg leaving Wexford on
Saturday September 14th staying in Bally-
shannon Co Donegal, returning to Wexford on
Monday September 16th. Two nights Dinner,
Bed and Breakfast in the Imperial Hotel, Bal-
lyshannon, coach travel and the day on Lough
Derg €235 per person sharing.

**Further details and booking from
Helen Kirwan 087/6817648.**

Standing Orders

Many parishioners pay their Sunday
Envelopes through the Sunday Enve-
lopes each week. Some prefer to pay
by Standing Order. This can easily be
done online using the BIC & IBAN
for your parish.

Ferns Church No. 1 A/c.

BIC: BOFII E2D

IBAN: IE16 BOFI 9065 6678 0456 47

Ballyduff Church

BIC: BOFII E2D

IBAN: IE32 BOFI 9066 0382 1179 14

Clologue Church

BIC: BOFII E2D

IBAN: IE85 BOFI 9065 8260 5960 10

TFI Local Link Wexford

Would like to hear from you if you find it
difficult to access public transport in your
area. Would you use a service to Bunclody,
Enniscorthy or Gorey one or two days a
week? It would be a service that would be pre-
booked and pick you up from your home or
from a designated location. The services
would be open to people of all ages and ac-
cept free travel pass. Commencement of a
service will be subject to the level of inter-
est. Please contact our office on 053 9011828
or email wexford@locallink.ie.

**3 Day Residential Retreats 2024
Faith Formation based on the teachings of
the Catholic Church and
Inner healing Adoration**

Led by: Fr. Prince Clarence S.J.

Dates: 23rd-25th July

30th July-1st August

6th-8th August

Venue: De La Salle Retreat Centre,
Castletown, Co. Laois, R32 N6D8

Cost: €195 per person, per retreat

Contact: Margaret 087 2312066

Oonagh 086 1736181

Email: ruachministry@gmail.com

Facebook: ruachministry7

These retreats are strictly residential:

Arrive Tuesday 9.00am, leave

Thursday 5.00pm

Ruach Ministry Portlaoise

Lough Derg 2024

Three Day Pilgrimage

In the tradition of prayer, fasting & vigil.

Friday 31st May until Thursday
15th August. (Pilgrims can begin pilgrim-
age on any day until Tuesday 13th Au-
gust). Admission €80. Booking advised.

Concessions available for students,

Seniors and groups.

One Day Retreat

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**