



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns for the week was **€800.00**

The amount received for **Ballyduff** for
month of May was **€304.80**

The amount received from **Clogogue** for
the month of May **€347**

Thank you for your generosity

EXAMINATIONS PRAYER

O Great St. Joseph of Cupertino, who by your prayers, did obtain from God, the grace to be asked at your examination, the only question you knew. Obtain for me, success like yours in the examination for which I am preparing, and in return, I promise to make your name known and cause it to be invoked. Amen.
Please remember students in your prayers.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

On Father's Day we offer a few thoughts on what it means to be a Christian father and encourage all fathers to value the gift of faith they try to pass on to their children. This Sunday 16th June we celebrate the annual 'Day for Life' that focuses this year on the terminally ill. We offer resources and prayers. On the Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time we reflect on Jesus' parable of the mustard seed and offer inspiring Newsletter inserts and quotes. We include an article from Sean O'Leary on the 'Spirituality of Parish Meetings' and a poem from Philip Quirke on 'The Garden of Paradise'. We honour the Irish Martyrs whose feast day is on 20th June and offer a number of essential elements of Youth Ministry according to Pope Francis. Finally, a video on 'Life, Love and Witness' by Peter Kreeft. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com



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11th Sunday Ordinary Time B

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, 16th June 2024 • Day for Life

1. If you sow seeds, or watch plants grow, you have ample opportunities to pause in wonder at the whole process of growth. It takes place imperceptibly and comes to fruition in beautiful flowers, majestic trees and abundant harvests.
2. Jesus uses this example from everyday observation to teach about the growth of the Kingdom of God, the kingdom of right relationships with God and with one another. There too growth is slow, development is imperceptible, and then without realising it you have a mature relationship. Recall the stages of such development in your life of faith and in your friendships and give thanks.
3. In the second parable Jesus invites us to reflect on the importance and significance of relationships in our lives as they grow and mature. This is true both of our relationship with God and with others around us. When have you found a relationship in which you could 'make a nest in its shade'?

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

Clerical appointments

We are delighted to welcome the appointment of Fr. Seán Devereux P.P., Cushinstown as Co-Parish Priest of Ferns and the grouping of parishes in our Pastoral Area of Ferns, Bunclody and Kilrush. Fr. Seán has worked in Wexford and The Gambia. Fr. John Byrne P.P. Oylegate has been appointed as Co-Parish Priest of Bunclody. In the future all of us priests in the area will be Co-Parish Priests. God bless all in the future.

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: fercammals@gmail.com.

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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

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

Assistant: Very Rev. Pat Stafford , 086 234 4674

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, 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. 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**

**15th & 16th June 2024
Ferns Church**

6.15pm: Dr. Dan Purcell, Ballybeg & his sister Philomena Purcell Charles & Elizabeth Murphy, Coolpark Luke O'Connor, Kiltown, Ferns & his niece Christine O'Connor

11.00am: Louis O'Toole, Kiltomas Mary O'Leary, The Square, Ferns

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Michael & Kathleen Kinsella, Ballyduff

James O'Neill, Bolinaspect

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am: John & Ann Sinnott, Ballintore.

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

**22nd & 23rd June 2024
FERNS CHURCH**

6.15pm: Tom Guinan, Coolroe.

Maisie Jackman & her brother Stephen, Woodlands & deceased family members.

Lillian Thorpe, Rosemary Heights.

11.00 am: Joseph Morris, St. Annes, Ferns Lower.

Mick & Josie Kenny, Pairc Mhuire.

Peter Lacey, Ballyandrew.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Andrew Browne, Ballybeg.

Margaret O'Neill, Monasootha.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am:

**Church Gate Collection
Friends of local people with M.S.**

Ballyduff Sat 7.30pm

Ferns Sat 6.15pm & Sun 11.00am

Clogogue Sunday 9.30am

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th June

22nd & 23rd June 2024

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Carmel Doyle

11.00am: Maura Kelly

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Maire Bernie & Mary Fortune

11.00am: Michael Breen & Patricia Keenan

Patron Dates 2024

Clogogue

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 Patron. For further information please contact the Parish Office on 053 9366514 or drop in.

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to the family of Niall McNamara, Bolachoir, to the family of Anne Smith nee Jordan, Co. Cavan and formerly of Ferns and the O'Brien Family, Kiltown on the death of Theresa (Tess) Kavanagh, Ballyoughter, who died recently, R.I.P.

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

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.

**FERNS DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO
KNOCK SHRINE**

Sunday 7th July 2024

Cost including two meals: €70.00

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

CONTACT

Sean Kinsella (053) 9123819 or

Neil Foley (087) 9740120

16th June 2024 • Day for Life

Our care for the most vulnerable among us is a measure of our humanity. We see this very clearly in the healing ministry of Jesus. Down through the ages, the ministry of healing has always been an integral part of the mission of the Church. Doctors and nurses, chaplains and carers, family members and friends form communities of care around those who are sick at home or in hospital. Alongside dialysis, chemotherapy, the scans and the stents, people who are sick need to know, above all, that they are loved and that they will not be abandoned, whatever happens. That becomes especially important when there is nothing more that medical science can do. It is understandable that people facing chronic or terminal illness sometimes feel that they might be better off if they were dead. But a society which has nothing more to offer to people than to assist them in ending their own lives, has really lost its way. Through the time we spend with the sick, listening to them, providing essential care, sharing memories, and, perhaps, praying with them, that we continue the healing ministry of Jesus. In this way, we bear witness in action to the fact that there is no such thing as a life without value.

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

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**

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 accept free travel pass. Commencement of a service will be subject to the level of interest. Please contact our office on 053 9011828 or email wexford@locallink.ie.

Lough Derg Pilgrimage

Tue. 2nd July - Thurs. 4th July 2024

Bus leaving St. Peter's Square, Wexford at 6.30am

[via Enniscorthy (Abbey sq.)]

Ferns (Bus Stop),

Gorey (Hospital)]

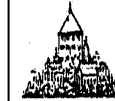
return to Wexford Thursday at 6.00 p.m.

Island Fee: **€80.00** Bus: **€80.00**

Bookings: **Fr. P. Cushen, Ferns, 053-9366152** Mobile 087-2387559

Ferns Parish Office 053-9366514

Bookings taken and **seat guaranteed**



**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