



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns for the week was **€475.00**

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

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

Thank you for your generosity

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

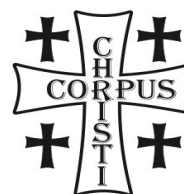
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Neil Foley (087) 9740120

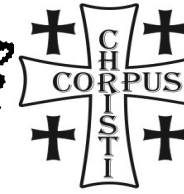
THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

This weekend we celebrate the great Feast of Corpus Christi and reflect on the gift of the Eucharist. We also explore reasons why many still stay away from the Mass and how those obstacles can be removed. We have a great testimony of faith from a Wexford University student who shares his story. Fr Lar O'Connor offers an article on the 'Basic Foundation for Pastoral Ministry' and we also feature Pope Francis' prayer intention for June which is for those fleeing their own country. We have articles for the Feast of the Sacred Heart on June 7th and that of the Immaculate Heart of Mary the following day. We offer a prayer and support for those who begin their exams next week and feature the words of Bishop Donal Roche following his ordination as auxiliary bishop of Dublin last weekend. Check out these and other resources available at

www.thehookoffaith.com



Ferns Parish Newsletter



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1st & 2nd June 2024

Corpus Christi

Annual Patron in Ferns

The Patron will take place this **Sunday 2nd June at 2.00p.m.** in the Cemetery on the Enniscorthy Road. The **Patron at St. Peter's Cemetery will be at 12.00 noon** and behind the **Cathedral at 12.00 noon.**

This is a special time in every parish when we remember our dead and in gratitude thanking them for handing on the faith to us. Let us do our best each day to live it out by prayer, good works and weekend Eucharist.

When cleaning your family grave do clean your neighbours if there is no one alive to do so. This would be a great act of true charity and reverence for the resting place of our deceased people "We have loved them in life, let us not forget them in death."

Festival of Ferns 2024 – Sunday, June 2nd & Monday, June 3rd

A Festival Parade and Inauguration ceremony of the King of Leinster are the highlights of this year's festival. The parade will start at St. Edan's Cathedral at 12 noon on Monday, June 3rd and will finish at Ferns Castle where there will be re-enactment and entertainment on an outdoor stage on the Castle grounds. The highlight on Sunday, June 2nd will be a Celtic Jazz concert at Ferns Castle at 7pm. There will be a number of family fun activities at the Community Park, behind Ferns Community Centre. Other activities and events include a busking competition on Main St, music in local pubs, a variety of guided walking tours and an exhibition in Scoil Naomh Maoldhóg. All events are free – thanks to grant funding from Failte Ireland, Creative Communities and Wexford County Council and local sponsors Roches Bus Hire, Irish Sea Contractors. Special thanks also to all the volunteers and to the Friends of Festival of Ferns for providing services and support. Follow Festival of Ferns on Facebook and Instagram. Enquiries by email to: festivofferns@gmail.com.

Blessed Sacrament Procession

This Sunday is the feast of Corpus Christi. The Annual Procession will assemble in the Church grounds at 1.15 pm and move off at 1.30 pm. It will proceed up to the Square, down Bunclody Road, across New Road Coolbawn and down to the Cemetery on the Enniscorthy Road for the Patron at 2 pm. People are asked to decorate the route as usual and please take part in the procession.

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.

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, CLOOGUE

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. Cloogue: 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**

**1st & 2nd June 2024
Ferns Church**

6.15pm: The Moran Family, Killoggy
Sean Kinsella, Coolroe

11.00am: Tom Breen, Tombrack &
deceased family members

The Jordan & The Moorehouse families
Patrick & Margaret Plummer, Coolbawn &
deceased family members

Peter Smith & The Jordan & Moorehouse
families

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Sadie Brennan, Monasootha

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am:

12pm: Mary Murphy, Clologue
Months Mind

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

**8th & 9th June 2024
FERNs CHURCH**

6.15pm: Jimmy, Patricia & Donal
Levingstone, Pairc Mhuire

Bill Byrne & Mary Murphy, The Barracks,
Effernogue

11.00 am: Luke O'Connor, Pairc Mhuire
& Kiltown

Mary Nolan, Ballyboy

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm:

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am:

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
Adam Jim Jim Molloy
who was baptised recently.

“What you are is God’s gift to you, what
you become is your gift to God”

8th & 9th June 2024

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Denis Kinsella

11.00am: Frances O’Toole

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Mary Cullen & Dora Murphy

11.00am: Mary Sinnott & Tommy Davitt

Patron Dates 2024

Ferns

Sunday 2nd June at 2.00p.m.

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

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. Availa-
ble to do house calls if necessary.

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to Nuala Murphy & Family
on the death of Lockie Murphy, The
Square, Ferns and the Family of Derry
Moulds, Carnew Road & The Family of
Sr. Dolores O’Brien, Belfast and
formerly of The Sisters of
Adoration, Ferns & to The Family of
Honor Kennedy (nee Murray)
Carlow who died recently
R.I.P.

*May the souls of the faithful
departed rest in peace.*

*May God and
Our Lady console the bereaved.*

First Friday

All invalids in the parish on the sick list
will be visited on Thursday 6th & Friday
7th June with Holy Communion.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate the 2nd
class pupils of Scoil Naomh Maodhóg
who celebrated their First Holy
Communion on Saturday.

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 ap-
prox. 9.30pm Please book your seat early to
avoid disappointment. Ring Eileen : 087
9331809 or 087 6846908.

Upcoming Events in Knock

On June 8th, we will host ‘Seeing is Believing
– Art as a Doorway to Mystery’, where we
will gain personal insights into the influence
of Christian art on international art experts.
Guest speakers will be Fr. Patrick Van Der
Vorst, Caroline Campbell, Director of the
National Gallery and Dr. Nora Donnelly. Fur-
ther information is available on
www.knockshrine.ie

**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 facilita-
tors. If you: are supportive of marriage in the
Catholic Church; and, have the enthusiasm to
be part of the Accord team that supports cou-
ples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage
... then Accord wishes to hear from you!

An Accord marriage preparation facilitator is
a personally fulfilling leadership role, blend-
ing life experience and faith. Successful ap-
plicants will receive professional training and
be part of a team delivering marriage prepara-
tion programmes locally. Contact Aisling on
01 505 3112 or by email to [marriageprepara-
tion@accord.ie](mailto:marriageprepara-
tion@accord.ie) and for further information
see www.accord.ie

Clothes and Cash for Ballyduff NS

There is a clothes bank located out-
side Ballyduff National School. All mon-
ey received from this clothes bank will go
directly to Ballyduff National
School. All support would be greatly
welcomed.

Encounter The Risen Lord

Fr. John Mockler, P.P. Askeaton,
Co. Limerick. Member of The Padre Pio
Institute, Servants of The Suffering.
Nominated by Pope Francis (2021) as
consultant of saints.

**St. Aidan’s Church, Ferns
Saturday June 15th, 2024**

10.30am: Rosary

11am: Fr. John Mockler: “The Graces, Bless-
ings and Benefits of Eucharistic Adoration”

12.00pm: Holy Mass

1.00pm: Lunch Break

2.30pm: Guided Holy Hour. “How to encoun-
ter Jesus in a Personal Hour of Adoration”


3.30pm: Blessing and Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration Apostolate Ferns Diocese.

Contact: Monica 087 6419960 or
Patricia 087 6283405

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**
with **€50 non-refundable deposit.**

Lough Derg 2024 Three Day Pilgrimage

In the tradition of prayer, fasting & vigil. Fri-
day 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**