



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns for the week was **€325.00**

The amount received for **Ballyduff** for
the 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

'Hope Does Not Disappoint' is the theme of Pope Francis' message to the Church in advance of the Jubilee year of 2025. We feature the whole document and include some extracts as newsletter inserts. We have a homily for the Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time where Jesus calms the storm and some more resources for this 'Year of Prayer'. In an article entitled 'Miracles at Knock: Encounter, Art and Healing', Jim Thompson reflects on a recent visit to our National Shrine. We reflect on the witness of Saints John the Baptist, Peter and Paul in advance of their feast days and offer an article on St Irenaeus and why he is still a pivotal player in how we understand Christian faith today. As summertime begins, we have an article on the importance of rest and renewal. Bishop Robert Barron shares advice to young priests to follow their gifts and conclude with 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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22nd & 23rd June 2024

12th Sunday Ordinary Time B

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 23rd June 2024

1. The image of a boat in a stormy sea is a symbol of life in difficult times and is an image of the inner turmoil, anxiety and high emotions we then experience. Has your faith in the presence of the risen Jesus been a help to you? Recall the memory and give thanks.
2. The image can also be applied to a family, a community, a parish, or any other group. Perhaps a 'Jesus-person' in the group came to your assistance and calmed you down? Remember people who have had a gift of bringing you peace in troubled situations.
3. The significance of miracles in the gospels is that they show Jesus as one who brings God's power to bear on human need and suffering. Have there been times when you have been a channel for this healing power of God, holding a crying child in your arms, calming the anxiety of a friend, or being a peacemaker in a group to which you belong?

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

Mission Appeal Comboni Missionaries Verona Fathers

Takes place in all Churches on Saturday 28th June and Sunday 29th June.
"Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation" (Mk. 16,15)

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**

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: People of the Parish.

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

29th & 30th June 2024

Ferns Church

6.15pm: Alice, Aidan & Pádraig Earle,
Pairc Mhuire.

John Paul Cashe, Pairc Mhuire.

Nancy Doran, Coolatore.

Lockie Murphy, The Square, Ferns,
Month's Mind.

11.00am: Cornelis Hartevelde, Ballinakill
Patrick & Theresa Davitt & deceased
family members & William & Sarah
Plummer & deceased family members.
Rita & Paddy Brosnan, Enniscorthy
Road.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Paddy Hall, Kiltomas &
deceased family members.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am: Mary Byrne, Milltown.

"What you are is God's gift to you, what
you become is your gift to God"

29th & 30th June 2024

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Ena Gray

11.00am: Joe Sinnott

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Ann Bernie & Mary Fortune

11.00am: Ann Swaine & Eleanor Hawkins

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 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 out-
side Ballyduff National School. All money
received from this clothes bank will go direct-
ly to Ballyduff N.S. All support would be
greatly welcomed.

Ferns Praying Together

Ferns Praying Together will be meeting
in the Pastoral Centre on Wednesday
26th June at 7.30 p.m.

All are very welcome.

**We will be taking our summer break
after this meeting and will be back
in September.**

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to the family of Ann
Smith, Cavan and formerly of Craan,
Ferns, who died recently, R.I.P.

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

**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

**Thought for the Day
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
23rd June 2024**

Christ the Friend James: He was in our boat.
He was with us when we encountered a storm.
He came to our rescue when we had nowhere
else to turn... How often I remembered this
experience in the years that followed. It al-
ways spoke to me so powerfully – and it al-
ways made such an impression on people who
were hearing about the Lord for the first time!
It was an image for me of the life of every
Christian. Christ is always with each one of
us, and he has the power to protect us from
every evil, to bring us safely through the most
trying of times.

www.catholicexchange.com

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**

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith

Elliot Layne Walsh

who was baptised recently.

Friends of Local People with MS would like to thank those who collected and support-
ed their church gate collection last weekend. The amount collected between Ferns, Bal-
lyduff and Clologue was **€571.13**. **Thank you very much for your generosity.**

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.

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.**

**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