



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns for the week was **€420.00**

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

Chiropody Clinic

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

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.*

Accord now seeking marriage prepara- tion 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 Catho-
lic Church; and,
have the enthusiasm to be part of the Ac-
cord team that supports couples preparing
for the Sacrament of Marriage
... then Accord wishes to hear from you!
An Accord marriage preparation facilita-
tor 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 [marriagepre-
paration@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) and for further infor-
mation see www.accord.ie

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.

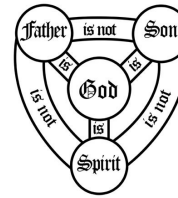
Ferns St. Vincent de Paul: Tel: 086 7219303

Safeguarding Officers: Denis Kinsella 087 2465720, Bernidina Roche 087 4455393

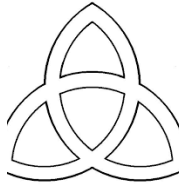
Ballyduff: Alan Byrne 086 8135149. Clogogue: Mary Skelton 087 6984703

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



Ferns Parish Newsletter



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25th & 26th May 2024

The Most Holy Trinity

The Holy Trinity

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Most Blessed Trinity, the three persons in the
one God. We celebrate God's own feast day. The doctrine of the Blessed Trinity is a
mystery for us human beings. We can try and explain it in various ways and yet it will
remain a mystery. For us Irish people the way attributed to St. Patrick of explaining the
trinity with a single piece of shamrock is one way to help us in some small way to under-
stand the Trinity. To have one piece of shamrock we need one stem and
three equal leaves. The one stem represents the nature of the one God and
the three leaves represent the three equal persons – Father, Son and Holy
Spirit.



▲ The Father created us, cares for us and keeps us in being.

▲ The Son came to redeem and save us.

▲ The Holy Spirit enlightens us and is constantly with us to guide us in
the ways of Goodness.

At Baptism we were baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In Confir-
mation we received the fullness of the Spirit with all his gifts. Every time we bless our-
selves we honour the Blessed Trinity – let us make sure our actions and words are a
prayer to give glory to God. In the Glory Be to the Father, we honour the Blessed Trini-
ty.

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 Mon-
day, June 3rd and will finish at Ferns Castle where there will be re-enactment and enter-
tainment 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 Maodhóg. All events are free –
thanks to grant funding from Fáilte 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:
festivalofferns@gmail.com.

Ferns/Camolin 'Meals On Wheels' Delivery Service

Is looking for volunteer drivers for the Ferns area. This is a valuable service which is much appre-
ciated 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 driv-
ers 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.

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

25th & 26th May 2024

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Joan McGrath, Ferns Upper
Months Mind

Johnny Kavanagh, Coolbawn & his
parents Lil & Bill Kavanagh, Strahart &
his sister Susan Halpin

Lorraine Jordan, Carnew Road

11.00 am: Jack & Sadie Short,
Ballycoog, Arklow

Jack Cullen, Carnew Road
Mary Collier, Ballintore

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Susan Byrne, Clonee Lane
Mick Murphy, Tincurry

CLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am: Aidan Breen, Mileshogue

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next 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
CLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am:

12pm: Mary Murphy, Clologue
Months Mind

**First Holy Communion
Ferns**

25th May at 11am

1st & 2nd June 2024

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Theresa Nolan

11.00am: Mark Ryan

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Ann Bernie & Mary Fortune

11.00am: Liz Villar & Patricia Keenan

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.

**Thought for the Day The Most Holy
Trinity 26th May 2024**

One of the key challenges today is that of individuality – when ‘I’ comes first, without thought of the other. I’m not surprised that we have lonely young people and lonely elderly people; it’s not surprising we have racist divisions – if ‘I’ is all that matters, I don’t need to worry about connecting to anyone else, or understanding anyone else, or being on the side of anyone else. Thinking about the Trinity brings us into a different way of thinking about ourselves and the world. When we enter into the mystery of the relationality of the Trinity, we can no longer exclude people. All are equally loved and valued by God.

Rev'd Dr Elizabeth Welch
www.standrewsaligurc.org

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
Harlow Furlong
who was baptised recently.

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 National School. All support would be greatly welcomed.

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.

Upcoming Events in Knock

On May 25th, we will officially launch the new Creation Walk and all are welcome to attend. 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. Further information is available on www.knockshrine.ie

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

Trocaire Boxes

**The total amount collected for Trocaire
this year was €2,250.**

Thank you for your generosity

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, Blessings and Benefits of Eucharistic Adoration”

12.00pm: Holy Mass

1.00pm: Lunch Break

2.30pm: Guided Holy Hour. “How to encounter 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**

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to The Barn Family on the death of Dervla McIntyre Barn, Hazelwood, Gorey and also Julie Breen & Family on the death of her mother Rita Crean, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy and to Sarah O'Neill & family on the death of her mother Kathy Kavanagh, Bolinrush 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 Praying Together

Ferns Praying Together will be meeting in the Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 29th May at 7.30 p.m. **All are very welcome.**