



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for Ferns for the week was €1,456.00

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

The amount received from Clologue for the month of May €347.00

*Thank you for your generosity*

#### *St. Maria Goretti, Child Martyr Feast Day July 6th*

This little girl was brutally slain by a man who attempted to rape her. She infuriated him by her resistance and died rather than yield to him. It was her murder who, repenting, confessed his crime and gave testimony to her sanctity.

#### *Prayer*

*St. Maria Goretti, pray for the youth of today who are subjected to violent temptations. Pray that by the grace of God and their own integrity, they may bring others to Christ. Amen.*

### THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

To mark 'International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking', Pope Francis spoke out about the evil of drug abuse – a problem that is having an impact in every village, town and city of our country. We have a homily for the Fourteen Sunday of Ordinary Time where St Paul gets in touch with his own 'thorn in the flesh' and realises the power of God's grace for: 'When I am weak, I am strong'. Neil Foley shares another article with us and Mgr. James Shea talks about how we can bring the Gospel to a Post-Christian world. On the feast of St Benedict who is co-patron of Europe, we revisit the original vision for the European Union and what it means for citizens of individual countries today. Finally, we explore the place of beauty in catechesis and how the beauty found in creation, music, art and the lives of the saints can draw us closer to the source of beauty who is God. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)



# Ferns Parish Newsletter



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14th Sunday Ordinary Time B

### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 7th July 2024

1. Personal prejudices and agendas can block us from listening to what another person has to say. Who do they think they are? Perhaps you have experienced this. What difference has it made to you when you were able to focus on the content of what was being said and leave to one side your own prejudices about the speaker?
2. It has been said that there is nothing as useless as the right advice at the wrong time. We may want to reach out to another but may be unable to because at that moment the other person is not ready to be helped. Like Jesus we can 'do no deed of power'. As Jesus had to be patient and wait for another opportunity, so do we. What have you learned about the importance of patience in working with others?
3. Religion easily brings up prejudices. Some dismiss religion as superstition, old hat, or based on an outdated world view. Even among believers, prejudice can make it hard for individuals to listen to an alternative way of looking at things, to consider a different way of celebrating liturgy, or to live at peace with difference. Yet a closed mind can lead to a stagnant faith. When have you found that a willingness to consider a different perspective led to a deepening and strengthening of your faith?

### 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](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) and for further information see [www.accord.ie](http://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](mailto:frdenisbrowne@gmail.com)  
For Bookings, please contact: Joe Walsh Tours (JWT) 01 2410800 & [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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. Clologue: 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](http://www.fernsparish.ie)

**Mass Time & Intentions**

**This Weekend**

**6th & 7th July 2024**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Stasia Banville, Coolbawn & deceased family members of the Kirwan & Banville families.

Daniel & Sarah O'Connor, The Glen, Effernogue.

**11.00 am:** Michael & Margaret Bolger, Bolachoir.

Patrick Breen, Milltown, Ferns.  
Breda Roche, Carnew Road, Ferns.

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:**

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.00am:**

**Mass Time & Intentions**

**Next Weekend**

**13th & 14th July 2024**

**Ferns Church**

**6.15pm:** Kathy Davitt, Croy.

Robert Kinsella, Coolroe & Bridget Carley Coolroe & deceased family members.

Susie Byrne, Carnew Road.

Derry Moulds, Carnew Road, Months Mind.

**11.00am:**

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:**

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.00am:**

**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.**

**13th & 14th July 2024**

**Ministers of the Word**

**6.15pm:** Brendan Kenny

**11.00am:** Mark Ryan

**Ministers of Holy Communion**

**6.15pm:** Margaret Maguire &

Mary Fortune

**11.00am:** Ann Swaine & Liz Villar

**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 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 **Lottie Marie Power-Sinnott** who was baptised recently.

**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.

**Thought for the Day**

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7th July 2024**

Over-familiarity is a common and usual danger to all of us. It is due to the limitations of our human condition that can lead us to take many things, even the important ones, for granted. Instead of seeing God in everything and being amazed and excited about it, we only see the externals and go through some routine that usually has the bad trait of deadening our sensibilities, if not our faith, then our hope and charity. We have to aggressively cultivate the art of always being amazed at God and at all his works. That should be the proper state for us to be in.

*Fr Roy Cimagala*

*www.dailyguardian.com*

**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 Ballyshannon Co Donegal, returning to Wexford on Monday September 16th. Two nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast in the Imperial Hotel, Ballyshannon, 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 Envelopes 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: BOFIII E2D**

**IBAN: IE32 BOFI 9066 0382 1179 14**

**Clogogue Church**

**BIC: BOFIII 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 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](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup> May until Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

(Pilgrims can begin pilgrimage on any day until Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August).

Admission €80. Booking advised.

Concessions available for students, Seniors and groups.

**One Day Retreat**

**August:** Sat 17<sup>th</sup>, Tues 20<sup>th</sup>, Sun 25<sup>th</sup>, Mon 26<sup>th</sup>, Sat 31<sup>st</sup>.

**September:** Wed 4<sup>th</sup>, Sat 7<sup>th</sup>, Tues 10<sup>th</sup>, Sat 14<sup>th</sup>, Sun 15<sup>th</sup>, Sat 21<sup>st</sup>, Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Admission €45. Booking essential.

Concessions available for groups.

**Contact Lough Derg 071 9861518 or [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)**