



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns for the week was **€758.00**

The amount received for **Ballyduff** for
month of **May** was **€259.80**

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

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

'How do I find my vocation in life?' is a question many people ask, especially the youth as they search for the right path to follow. A video from the Catholic Truth Society is an excellent resource. As we return to Ordinary Time, we offer a homily for the Tenth Sunday where Jesus calls us to unity and has to contend with others who were convinced he was mad. We have a moving testimony on how forgiveness sets us free – given by a lady from Rwanda who survived the genocide that took place there 30 years ago this summer. We have a choice of newsletter inserts and a feature on St Anthony of Padua whose feast day falls on 13th June. As new members of the European parliament are elected, we offer the document 'A New Lease of Life for Europe' published by the bishops of Europe that seeks to breathe new life and vision into the European Union. Check out these and other resources available at

www.thehookoffaith.com



Ferns Parish Newsletter



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8th & 9th June 2024

10th Sunday Ordinary Time B

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th June 2024

1. Looking on at what Jesus was doing, some of his family thought he was out of his mind. When you think of successful initiatives that you took in your life, were there times when people thought you were a little crazy? Perhaps some regard your interest in faith, or church, in the same way? What sustained you in those circumstances?
2. Successful ventures can arouse jealousy as well as admiration. Jesus was often the target of the jealousy of religious leaders. They questioned his motivation. When have you seen your good efforts, or the good efforts of others, spoiled by the jealousy or hostility of some? Did it help when there were people prepared to stand together in face of the criticism?
3. For many people, their blood family provides an enduring, reliable and supportive network. Jesus had another family as well: those of one mind and heart with him in seeking to do God's will. When and where have you experienced encouragement from people of shared vision and faith?

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, CLOGOGUE

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 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

Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day

Full Religious Programme

Guided tours to Sanctuary & Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary

Visits to Aljustrel & Valinhos

Visit to Santarém, site of the Eucharistic Miracle

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

The Pope's Monthly Intention for June

For migrants fleeing their homes: We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

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.

**Mass Time & Intentions
This 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:

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next 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, Kilthomas
Mary O'Leary, The Square, Ferns

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Michael & Kathleen Kinsella,
Ballyduff

James O'Neill, Bolinaspect

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

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
Millie Sarah Nolan
who was baptised recently.

15th & 16th June 2024

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Maureen Kavanagh

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Margaret Maguire &

Mary Fortune

11.00am: Ann Swaine & Michael Breen

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.

Thought for the Day 9th June 2024

Having moved recently into grandmother
mode I'm out of step with the parents of
children sitting exams in the month of
June. One June I watched an elegant
grandmother sitting in a café, waiting for
her granddaughters. They arrived wearing
green school uniforms and looks of exam
weariness. She stood up and enfolded
them in large hugs and ordered hot choc-
olates with marshmallows on top. We can
do very little as parents as grandparents:
we can't live their lives for them: we
can't sit their exams; we can't expect
them to be like us; all that matters is for
them to be themselves and to like them-
selves. But we can offer hot chocolate
and hugs, and sometimes that's enough.

Anne Thurston

Small Wonders (Veritas Publications)

Ferns Praying Together

Ferns Praying Together will be meeting
in the Pastoral Centre on Wednesday
12th June at 7.30 p.m.
All are very welcome.

**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

Upcoming Events in Knock

On June 8th, we will host 'Seeing is Be-
lieving – Art as a Doorway to Mystery',
where we will gain personal insights into
the influence of Christian art on interna-
tional art experts. Guest speakers will be
Fr. Patrick Van Der Vorst, Caroline
Campbell, Director of the National Gal-
lery and Dr. Nora Donnelly. Further in-
formation is available on
www.knockshrine.ie

**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 Catholic 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

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
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**