



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for Ferns for the week was €1,421.00

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

The amount received from Cloogue for the month of June €251.00

Thank you for your generosity

St. Clare, Virgin, Foundress Feast Day August 12th

She was famous as a disciple of St. Francis of Assisi with whom she formed a holy friendship. But later she became famous in her own right, being consulted by Popes, cardinals and bishops, even in the attempted retirement of her monastery. She founded an austere community of nuns afterward called the Poor Clares.

Prayer

St. Clare, pray for us, that by your example of simplicity and poverty, we may attain to the peace that surpasses all understanding. Amen.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

Pope Francis has just published a teaching document on the place of literature in Christian formation. He explains how some of the best literature contains the wisdom and truth of the Gospel. At a recent National Eucharistic Congress in the United States, Cardinal Tagle gave a wonderful homily at the closing Mass on how the Eucharist is a both a gift and teaches us to be a gift for others.

The homily for the Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time continues our reflection on Jesus's teaching on 'the Bread of Life'. As the Fleadh Cheoil concludes in Wexford, we have an article on 'Music, Beauty and the Life of Faith'. As we celebrate the feast day of St Maximilian Kolbe on 14th August, we reflect on his extraordinary witness of charity. We have a homily for the Feast of the Assumption on 15th August and finally an article on the controversial opening ceremony at the Olympics. Check out these and other resources available at

www.thehookoffaith.com



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10th & 11th August 2024

19th Sunday Ordinary Time B

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 11th August 2024

1. Faith is reasonable but we cannot reason our way into faith. We have to be 'drawn by the Father'. We must be 'taught by God'. What opens your mind and heart to God's message?
2. When we label others disparagingly, we close our minds to what they are saying. The Jews did this to Jesus. Have you ever had the experience of being surprised by the wisdom of another when you laid aside your prejudices about her/him to listen to what s/he was saying?
3. 'No one has ever seen the Father except the one who is from God'. As Jesus put a human face on God and God's love, so God's love today is mediated to us through one another. How have other people been sacraments of God's love for you? For whom have you been that kind of a sacrament?
4. The way in which Jesus became a source of life for us was by giving himself. It is when we truly give ourselves that we can be life-giving to one another. If we do not give of ourselves, what do we have to offer? How have you discovered the importance of self-giving, in yourself or in others?

The Diocese of Ferns are recruiting for the following position:

Vetting Liaison Officer (Permanent Part-time 14 hours per week)

Duties of the role include but are not limited to, processing Vetting applications and disclosures for ancillary staff and volunteers etc. in Primary Schools in the Diocese under the Patronage of the Bishop of Ferns, updating Principals and Boards of Management on relevant legislation, answering queries in relation to applications.

The Candidate will require:

- An ability to work in an accurate and methodical manner, ensuring confidentiality at all times
- An understanding of the importance of accuracy and validation when inputting data
- Excellent MS Office skills including a high proficiency in MS Excel, ·Excellent planning and organisational skills
- Knowledge and experience of using an email system effectively

Please submit a letter of application together with a Curriculum Vitae to

Patricia Murphy, Diocesan Secretary, Bishop's House, Summerhill, Wexford, Y35 X9C4

Or by email to adm@ferns.ie

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

Seán Devereux P.P. Tel: 053-9366152

Very Rev. Paddy Cushen Co P.P. Mobile: 087 2387559.

E-mail: frpaddycushen@gmail.com Eir Code: Y21 N9 W7

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



St. Aidan's Church Golden Jubilee

On Sunday August 18th our community will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of our parish church.

The celebration will begin with us gathering with Bishop Ger Nash for the celebration of a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11 am.

We give thanks for all who supported the faith development of this community.

We are thankful for the many blessings our community has received borne out of the tradition of deep faith and prayer that is part of the fabric of the parish of Ferns.

Above all next Sunday will be a day for all to celebrate as a community. Following the celebration of Mass there will be refreshments and entertainment for children on the green.

A commemorative booklet has been produced and will be on sale at €2 each.

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

**10th & 11th August 2024
Ferns Church**

6.15pm: Anto Roche, Rosemary Heights,
& Sheila Cooney & Frank, Nancy &
Theresa Roche, Tombrack.

Ann Byrne nee Nolan, Leyland,
Lancashire & formerly Kiltown, Ferns.

11.00am: Micheal O'Neill, Tombrack &
deceased family members of the
O'Neill family.

Liam Mullet, Tincurry.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Bill Tomkins, Kilbora &
deceased family members.

William & Mary Carton, Clonee Upper &
their son Denis & grandson.

CLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am:

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

**17th & 18th August 2024
FERNS CHURCH**

6.15pm: Michael Bernie, Killoggy House.
John Lancaster, Ballyboy & deceased
family members.

Bridie & Pat Turner, formerly
Newtown, Ferns.

11.00 am: Mick Redmond, Lodgewood.
May & Paddy Finn, Ballyrankin.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Sandy Murphy, Kilbora.
Mary Walker, Ballyduff.

CLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am:

Chiropody Clinic

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

Ferns Castle : The castle in Ferns has now
reopened for the Summer season.

17th & 18th August 2024

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Ena Gray

11.00am: Ailish Davitt

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Maire Bernie & Mary Fortune

11.00am: Michael Breen &
Patricia Keenan

Prayer For Safe Holiday Travel

Loving Lord, as we prepare to leave for our
journey, we pray for travelling mercies over
land and sea, and place ourselves under your
protective care. Be with us as we set out for
our holiday, and we ask that you would keep
us safe every step of the way, as we journey to
our destination. Go ahead of our route we
pray, and we ask that you would prevent any
unnecessary hindrances or delays on our travel
arrangements. Guard us from the evil one
we pray, and stand guard over our home while
we are away. Father, into Your hands we com-
mend ourselves and place our lives, our jour-
ney and our home into your safe keeping. This
we ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

[www.prayer.knowing-jesus.com/Prayers-for-
Holidays](http://www.prayer.knowing-jesus.com/Prayers-for-Holidays)

**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 Bally-
shannon Co Donegal, returning to Wexford on
Monday September 16th. Two nights Dinner,
Bed and Breakfast in the Imperial Hotel, Bal-
lyshannon, coach travel and the day on Lough
Derg €235 per person sharing.

*Further details and booking from
Helen Kirwan 087/6817648.*

Feast of the Assumption B.V.M.

Thursday 15th August

A Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass Times Wednesday:

Ferns 6.15p.m. Ballyduff 7.30p.m.

Mass Thursday: **Ferns 9.30 a.m.**

Clogogue 10.30 a.m.

Patron

This Sunday 11th August at 2.00p.m. in
Ballyduff.

Marriage

*Congratulations to
Joseph Guing & Anne Miley
who were married recently.
We wish them health and happiness
in their future lives together.*

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
**Charlie O'Neill
John Patrick Levingstone**
who were baptised recently.

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to The Moynihan Family on the
death of Fr. Jimmy Moynihan who died
recently.

R.I.P.

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

Standing Orders

Many parishioners pay their Sunday
Envelopes through the Sunday Envelopes
each week. Some prefer to pay by Stand-
ing 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: BOFII E2D

IBAN: IE32 BOFI 9066 0382 1179 14

Clogogue Church

BIC: BOFII E2D

IBAN: IE85 BOFI 9065 8260 5960 10

Lough Derg 2024

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. Con-
cessions available for groups.

**Contact Lough Derg 071 9861518 or
info@loughderg.org**

Icon Retreat & Workshop FERNS

Sunday 11th August to
Thursday 15th Aug.

*Come on a Spiritual Journey, to
create a beautiful image in an ancient
method, in a prayerful atmosphere, with
teachings on the spirituality
and history of icons.*

Contact: Monica 087 6419960

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 Cinquentenario

Optional: travel insurance & single supple-
ment €245. For information, please contact Fr.

Denis Browne 086 8926260 &

frdenisbrowne@gmail.com For Bookings,
please contact: Joe Walsh Tours (JWT) 01

2410800 & info@joewalstours.ie

Thought for the Day

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Two hermits lived together for many years
without a quarrel. One said to the other 'Let's
have a quarrel as other men do.' The other
answered, 'I don't know how a quarrel hap-
pens.' The first said, 'Look here, I'll put a
brick between us and I'll say 'that's mine.'
Then you say, 'No, it's mine. That's how you
begin a quarrel.' So they put a brick between
them and one of them said, 'That's mine.' The
other said, 'No, it's mine.' He answered, 'Yes,
it's yours. Take it away.' They were unable to
argue with each other.

Rowan Williams

Where God Happens –

Discovering God in One Another

Members of the Pioneer Association

are invited to Mass at Our Lady's Island
on Saturday 17 August at 7:30pm.

Celebrant Fr Robert McCabe (Spiritual
Director of the Pioneers).

Prayers will be included for families who
are living under a shadow of addiction,
for those who value the Serenity prayer
or who wish to explore the Pioneer
pledge.