



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for

Ferns for the week was €631.50

The amount received for **Ballyduff** for the month of June & July was €1677.05

The amount received from **Cloogue** for the month of July €510.00

Thank you for your generosity

St. Helen, Empress, Widow Feast Day August 18th

Empress, Mother of Constantine, the first Christian Emperor. Through her zeal and faith, she discovered the true site of Calvary where the cross of Christ was buried.

Prayer

*St. Helen, pray for us,
That we who venerate
The Cross of Christ
May find salvation
Through His sacrifice.
Amen*

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

With the Pilgrimage Season at Our Lady's Island in full swing, we highlight the various events taking place including a 'VOCATIONS EVENING OF PRAYER' which takes place next Tuesday 20th at 7.30pm with Bishop Ger. It is a celebration of all Christian vocations as we try to create a culture of vocations in our diocese. We have resources for the 'Season of Creation' that takes place from 1st September until 4th October. We have a homily for the Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time as Jesus continues his teaching on the Eucharist. We have an article on God's love and the Mass and a speech given by Bishop Robert Barron at the recent Eucharistic Congress in America. For the Feast Day of St Bernard of Clairvaux on 20th August we have some of his best quotes and insights. Finally, we offer some more inspiring poetry from Philip Quirke. Check out these and other resources available at

www.thehookoffaith.com

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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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



Ferns Parish Newsletter



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17th & 18th August 2024

20th Sunday Ordinary Time B



St. Aidan's Church Golden Jubilee

This 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.

This weekend we give thanks to God for 50 years of faith and commitment to our church and parish

Church Building Central Committee



J. Bolger (Chairman), M. Breen (Vice Chairman), J. Murray (Hon. Sec.), D. O'Donnell (Treasurer), J. Bolger, P. Byrne, E. Davis, A. Doyle, T. Doyle, E. Dwyer, G. Kinsella, N. K. Ryan, A. Murphy, M. O'Toole, (Mrs.), E. Walsh, J. Whelan, Patsy P. Cowman, J. Gethings.

A file photo of the Church Building Central Committee. This weekend we remember with gratitude all who worked hard to see the project through.

Mass Time & Intentions

This 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.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am:

Mass Time & Intentions

Next Weekend

24th & 25th August 2024

Ferns Church

6.15pm: Paddy & Nan Kearney, Tincurry & deceased family members & Aidan & Winifred Mullet, Tincurry & deceased family members.

11.00am Johnny Byrne, Askamore. Michael & Mary Nolan, Station Road.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Thomas Brennan, Monasootha.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am:

Harvest Dues Envelopes

Harvest Dues Envelopes are now ready for collection from the Parish Office. Thank you to the distributors for your cooperation in delivering the Harvest Dues Envelopes. It is very much appreciated.

The Pope's Monthly Intention for August

For political leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

24th & 25th August 2024

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Mary Cash

11.00am: Mark Ryan

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Ann Bernie & Mary Fortune

11.00am: Ann Swaine & Eleanor Hawkins

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 commend ourselves and place our lives, our journey and our home into your safe keeping. This we ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

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 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.**

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.

**Knock Shrine Pilgrimage
St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Saturday 14th September 2024

Cost: Bus & 2 Meals

Adults: €70

Children: €40

To book your place contact:
Sean Kinsella (053) 9123819 or
Neil Foley (087) 9740120

All are welcome

Icon Classes in New Ross

What do you know about religious Icons? Well if you wish to find out more and have a chance to make (write) your own Icon, please contact Sr. Helen at the Carmelite Monastery in New Ross on 087 2181687. Sr. Helen is starting new courses for both beginners and experienced artists alike, on 11th September. The cost includes brushes, paints, boards and tuition. **Spaces are limited, so book early.**

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: 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: 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**

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 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@joewalstours.ie

**Thought for the Day
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
18th August 2024**

Every night I try to think of three things in the day that has passed that I can give thanks for. Sometimes it requires a bit of a struggle because something may have happened that has obscured any sense of gratitude. However there are always at least three things to be grateful for. The little bit of wisdom that 'gratitude is often the shortest-lived emotion' has forced me to dwell on those things I give thanks for, rather than swallow them quickly I savour them and dwell on them. I've often give this bit of advice to people who are struggling with a spot of depression and they've come back to me to say 'thank you.'

Alan Hilliard,

Dipping into Life (Messenger Publications)

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.

By the lakeside he called them and they followed him (Luke 5)

**Vocations Evening of Prayers at
Our Lady's Island.**

Tuesday 20th August

Mass at 7.30pm with **Bishop Ger Nash**, Followed by a prayerful walk around the Island and refreshments

All are Welcome