



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns for the week was **€550.00**
 The amount received for **Ballyduff** for
 the month of **May** was **€304.80**
 The amount received from **Clogogue** for
 the month of **June** **€251.00**
Thank you for your generosity

*St. Mary Magdalene, Penitent
 Feast Day July 22nd*

She is mentioned in all four Gospels as one of the most devoted of Our Lord's followers. Many identify her with Mary the sinner, who anointed Our Lord's feet as He sat at dinner in the Pharisee's house. What is certain is that she stood with Mary, His Mother, at the foot of the Cross, and that she was the most glorious herald of His Resurrection.

Prayer

*St. Mary Magdalene, intercede for us, that we may imitate your spirit of penance and your unwavering devotion to Christ our Saviour.
 Amen.*

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

Recent statistics showed that the number of abortions in Ireland in 2023 exceeded 10,000 for the first time. It's time for a sombre reflection on the tragedy happening in our country that we were told would never happen. Continuing with the theme of life, we have a podcast interview with a doctor who discusses euthanasia and other life issues. We have a homily for the Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time where Jesus encourages his disciples to rest while he sets about to teach them. 'Five Animating Principles for Evangelisation' from Word on Fire help us to focus on our mission as Church today. We look forward to Catholic Grand-Parents Day on 26th July and include Pope Francis's message whose theme focuses on the need to protect the elderly from loneliness and abandonment. Finally, we feature the working document for the second 'Synod on Synodality' which takes place in October this year. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com



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16th Sunday Ordinary Time B

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 21st July 2024

1. The apostles reported to Jesus all that they had done and taught. Perhaps you have had the experience of being able to check in with somebody and share an experience. What have you learned from such conversations?
2. Jesus saw that the apostles needed to rest and eat. What has been your experience of finding a restful place after a busy day? What kind of nourishment have you found necessary in order to maintain energy and enthusiasm?
3. When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and reached out to them. Who has been a Jesus person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus person in that way?
4. It sometimes can be difficult to strike a balance between responding to the needs of others and meeting our need for rest and nourishment. What has helped you to keep the balance right?

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 and for further information see 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 For Bookings, please contact: Joe Walsh
 Tours (JWT) 01 2410800 & 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.

Welcome Fr. Seán

This weekend we are delighted to welcome Fr. Seán Devereux to the Parish as our Parish Priest. We wish him every happiness and blessing as he ministers among us. He has been serving in Cushinstown prior to coming to Ferns and has spent a number of years working in the Gambia, as well as ministering in Wexford town. He will be residing in the Parochial House across from the Car Park. I am sure he will soon endear himself to all parishioners and wish him many very happy years in Ferns.

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, 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

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

20th & 21st July 2024

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Jim & Betty Power, Ballyboy.
Jack & Kathleen Murphy, Charlesfort.

11.00 am: John Murray,
Enniscorthy Road.

Siobhán Dignam, Olcote, Newtown.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Ned Nolan, Kilcloran, Camolin.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am: Patrick Murphy, The Residence,
Clologue.

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

27th & 28th July 2024

Ferns Church

6.15pm: Larry O'Connor,
Pairc Mhuire.

11.00am: Tom Martin, Clone.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Ann (Nancy) Gethings,
Baylands, Camolin.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am:

**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE
PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2024:**

7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you.

Tel. 01 4434510 or website

www.med-irishcentre.com

MEDJUGORJE: 00387 36 651 518

IRELAND: 00353 1 443 4510

Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Website: www.med-irishcentre.com

Ferns Castle Reopening : The castle in Ferns is reopening from 18th July for the Summer season.

27th & 28th July 2024

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Denis Kinsella

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Ann Bernie & Mary Fortune

11.00am: Liz Villar & Patricia Keenan

Patron Dates 2024

Clologue

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
**Michael Faolán
Cunningham Roche**
who was baptised recently.

**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.**

Mary's Meals— Charity Walks 2024

My name is Fr Eamonn Kelly, and I am parish priest in the parish of Raphoe, (Donegal). I also help with Mary's Meals, a charity that presently feeds 2,429,182 children in their place of education each school day. For the past eleven years we have walked to Knock Shrine to raise awareness of, and funds for, Mary's Meals. We are now launching Step by Step to Feed the Next Child 2024. We have walks originating in Malin (Donegal), Thurles, Cavan, the Spire (Dublin), Kilkenny, Longford, Limerick and N Ireland. All walks go from 7th August to 15th August. We are seeking people to help us create new walks, join us for a day or half day or a few hours, collect, take a sponsor card or promote the walk. It cost €22 to give a child a meal each day in school for a school year and every eleven cents raised provides a meal. This is a great way of gaining a bit of fitness and doing great work at the same time. If you would like more information or to get involved, I would love to hear from you. My contact details are: Eamonn Kelly (Rev), Parochial House, Convooy, Co Donegal, eamonnkelly1949@gmail.com or 0879077985.

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

Clologue Church

BIC: BOFII E2D

IBAN: IE85 BOFI 9065 8260 5960 10

Our Lady's Island

Persecuted Christians and the Church in Need Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island: Sunday 28th July, 3pm Holy Mass followed by Procession around the Island afterwards, in conjunction with St Joseph's Society for Young Priests.

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.

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](https://www.facebook.com/ruachministry7)

These retreats are strictly residential:

Arrive Tuesday 9.00am, leave

Thursday 5.00pm

Ruach Ministry Portlaoise

Grateful Thanks

Fr. Manuel of the Comboni Fathers sends his extreme gratitude for the most generous contributions he received for the missionary work of his community. The amount collected was €1,610.00. This has been forwarded to him and he assures all who generously supported his appeal an inclusion in Masses and prayers of the community. We wish him and all missionaries every blessing and prayers.

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.

Concessions available for groups.

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