



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for  
**Ferns** for the week was €380.00  
 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. Ignatius, Founder, Feast Day July 31st

Being grievously wounded in battle, the founder of the Society of Jesuits, deprived of exterior activity, had a long time to consider the things of the spirit. As a result, he gathered about him companions whose sole object was to work for the greater glory of God under obedience to the Pope.

#### Prayer

*O God, Who for the greater glory of Your name gave to the Church Militant the help of a new army, grant that we may fight the good fight on earth and be crowned, through the merits of Your saints in Heaven. Amen.*

### THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

The Gospel for this Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time and for the next few weeks is taken from John and his teaching on the Eucharist. This week we have the miracle or the sign of the loaves and fish. We have a homily and a talk given by the actor Jonathan Roumie who plays Jesus in the series 'The Chosen'. In this talk he reflects on the Eucharist and its importance in his own life. The newsletter inserts are about the Eucharist and inspiring quotes from Pope Francis's recent message to grandparents and the elderly. We feature articles on Saints Ignatius of Loyola and Alphonsus Liguori for their feast days that fall this week. We feature the Pope's Prayer intention for August which is for our political leaders. Speaking of politics, an article from Word on Fire warns us away from the idolatry of politics. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)



# Ferns Parish Newsletter



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17th Sunday Ordinary Time B

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th July 2024, World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

1. At the heart of this story we are told that Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and distributed them. In our day this reminds us of the Eucharist, the bread of life, with which Jesus feeds us. Can you recall an experience of Eucharist that was especially significant for you? What was it that made it different? How did it influence your understanding of the Eucharist?
2. *Take, give thanks, distribute.* The actions of Jesus also suggest an attitude to time, gifts and living. We take what we are given, give thanks, and use what we have. Have you found that having a grateful heart for what you have been given has made it easier for you to share with others?
3. From what seemed meagre and inadequate resources many were fed. When have you found that when you gratefully use what little resources you have the results are beyond your expectations?
4. Jesus chose to involve those around him in feeding the people. Have there been times when you have experienced benefits from calling on those around you to use their gifts to help with a task?

The Miracle of the Loaves: - Food prices are estimated to have increased by 0.5% in the last month and risen by 3.7% in the last 12 months. Making ends meet is not always easy. As the summer weather seems more like autumn weather and families begin to think of children heading back to school and college the response of Jesus' disciples might resound in our own heads. Where will we find enough to manage, pay the bills and still have a little left over.

In a society that has become increasingly more self-centred maybe the parable of the loaves and fishes has something to offer this weekend. The narrative presents a boy with a picnic basket. The sharing of the food and the collection of what's left over. Let's look at the bigger picture. Jesus is in a place that is described as a wilderness. In desert-like climates wildernesses are hard places. In reality most of the people would not have gone to that place to hear Jesus without bringing something for the journey, a little nourishment to tide them over and a little water to quench the thirst. There would have been some who had nothing to eat. Maybe Jesus noticed people huddling over their own picnics, not willing to share them with others. The boy sharing from his picnic would have encouraged others to do the same.

In our world where there is a lot of inequality Christians are called to share, to be thoughtful of others, and to remember that we do not walk alone on life's journey.

Taylor Swift is quoted as saying:  
*'No matter what happens in life, be good to people. Being good to people is a wonderful legacy to leave behind'.*

Let's try this coming week to share what we can, to be kind to others and in doing so keep the message of Christ to the forefront of our lives.

#### Patron in Clogogue

The annual Patron will take place this Sunday 28th July with prayers in Ballymore Cemetery at 1.15p.m. and Mass in Clogogue Cemetery at 2.00p.m. Patron time is a very important occasion in every parish when we remember our dead relatives and friends and give thanks to God for their memories and witness to faith and Christian living.  
 It is because of their goodness that we gather to remember and pray for them.

### 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, 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](http://www.fernsparish.ie)

**Mass Time & Intentions  
This 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.

**CLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.00am:**

**Mass Time & Intentions  
Next Weekend**

**3rd & 4th August 2024**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Paddy Kavanagh,  
Ballingale, Ferns.

Sadie Donnelly, Castle Manor, Ferns.

**11.00 am:** Joe Nolan, Tombrack &  
John & Annie Lancaster, Tombrack.

Mylie Breslin, Coolbawn.

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:**

**CLOGUE 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.

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

**3rd & 4th August 2024**

**Ministers of the Word**

**6.15pm:** Maureen Kavanagh

**11.00am:** Maura Kelly

**Ministers of Holy Communion**

**6.15pm:** Mary Cullen & Dora Murphy

**11.00am:** Mary Sinnott & Tommy Davitt

**Patron Dates 2024**

**Clogue**

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.

**Marriage**

*Congratulations to*

*Oisín Dunbar & Sarah Curran*

*who were married recently.*

*We wish them health and happiness  
in their future lives together.*

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the faith

**Kevin James O'Hanlon**

who was baptised recently.

**Sincere Sympathy**

Is extended to Helen O'Leary & Family, Ballyfoley on the death of her mother Katie Doyle, Ballindaggin who died recently, R.I.P.

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

**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, Convoy, 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**

**Clogue Church**

**BIC: BOFII E2D**

**IBAN: IE85 BOFI 9065 8260 5960 10**

**Lough Derg 2024**

**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**

**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

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**Facebook:** [ruachministry7](https://www.facebook.com/ruachministry7)

*These retreats are strictly residential: Arrive  
Tuesday 9.00am, leave Thursday 5.00pm.*

**Thought for the Day—28th July 2024**

**World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly.**

Grandparents bestow upon their grandchildren the strength and wisdom that time and experience have given them. Grandchildren bless their grandparents with a youthful vitality and innocence that help them stay young at heart forever. Together they create a chain of love linking the past with the future. The chain may lengthen, but it will never part. Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure, The founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers, The keepers of traditions that linger on in cherished memory. Grandparents are the family's strong foundation. Their very special love sets them apart. Through happiness and sorrow, through their special love and caring, Grandparents keep a family close at heart.

**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.

**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.

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