



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for Ferns for the week was €545.00
 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

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

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

This week, Wexford hosts Fleadh Cheoil 2024 and the Parish of Wexford has organised a number of events to welcome everyone and to share the gift of faith. The programme of events is included and published in full. We have a homily for the Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time where Jesus identifies himself as 'The Bread of Life'. We have an interview with the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem who talks about the tragedy of war in the Holy Land and the presence of Christians as instruments of reconciliation and peace. 'This is a great time to be a Catholic priest in Ireland' according to Archbishop Francis Duffy. We explore why so? 'Can I believe in God and accept evolution too?' is a very relevant question for our time. We explore the answer. We have an article on St Edith Stein to mark her feast day and finally, an article explores the insights of a Master of prayer and how she can help us to pray better. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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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



Ferns Parish Newsletter



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3rd & 4th August 2024

18th Sunday Ordinary Time B

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 4th August 2024

1. A key phrase in this chapter is that the work of God is to 'believe in the one whom God has sent'. Faith in Jesus is the gateway to vitality now and to life hereafter. In what ways has your faith in Jesus enriched and changed your life? How has Jesus satisfied your hungers or quenched your thirsts?
2. Jesus distinguishes between food that gives quick satisfaction and food that gives lasting nourishment. It is a mark of wisdom to be able to say 'no' to enticing but delusory attractions in order to choose things of lasting value. From your life experience what advice would you give to another about where things of lasting value are to be found?
3. Jesus reminds his listeners that God is the source of all good things. What difference does it make in your life when you are aware that life, the world, everything you have is gift, and you live in a spirit of gratitude?
4. As Jesus came down from heaven to give life to the world, so each one of us is here to be a source of life to others. Think of people who have been a source of life to you and give thanks for them. For whom have you also been a source of life?

Patron in Ballyduff

The annual Patron will take place next Sunday 11th August with Mass in Ballyduff 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.

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

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

**Mass Time & Intentions
This 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:

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am:

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next 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.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am:

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.

10th & 11th August 2024

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Carmel Doyle

11.00am: Joe Sinnott

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Margaret Maguire &

Mary Fortune

11.00am: Ann Swaine & Michael Breen

Patron

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

Marriage

Congratulations to

Diarmuid Hennessy & Lisa Fortune

who were married recently.

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

**The Transfiguration of the Lord
6th August 2024**

The Cross requires the exodus of Jesus,
his death, resurrection and glorification.
The disciples have to realise that he must
depart, just as they are now prepared for
his going up to Jerusalem to die.

**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.

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 educa-
tion each school day. For the past eleven years
we have walked to Knock Shrine to raise aware-
ness 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, col-
lect, 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 infor-
mation 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 Stand-
ing Order. This can easily be done online
using the BIC & IBAN for your parish.

Ferns Church No. 1 A/c.

BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE16 BOFI 9065 6678 0456 47

Ballyduff Church

BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE32 BOFI 9066 0382 1179 14

Clogogue Church

BIC: BOFIE2D

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**

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: 30th July-1st August, 6th-8th August

Venue: De La Salle Retreat Centre, Cas-
tletown, Co. Laois, R32 N6D8. **Cost:** €195

per person, per retreat

Contact: Margaret 087 2312066, Oonagh 086
1736181

Email: ruachministry@gmail.com

Facebook: ruachministry7

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

**Thought for the Day
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4th August 2024**

The hungry nations of the world cry out to the
peoples blessed with abundance. And the
Church, cut to the quick by this cry, asks each
and every [person] to hear his brother's plea
and answer it lovingly. Countless millions are
starving, countless families are destitute,
countless men are steeped in ignorance;
countless people need schools, hospitals, and
homes worthy of the name. In such circum-
stances, we cannot tolerate public and private
expenditures of a wasteful nature; we cannot
but condemn lavish displays of wealth by
nations or individuals; we cannot approve a
debilitating arms race. It is our solemn duty to
speak out against them.

*Saint Pope Paul VI, Populorum Progressio
(On the development of peoples),
1967, para. 3 & 53*

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 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@joewalshstours.ie

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