



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for **Ferns** for the week was **€682.00**

The amount received for

Ballyduff was €

The amount received from **Cloogue** for January was €

Thank you for your generosity

Church Lockdown

Although we are not allowed to attend Mass in the Church in person we are very fortunate to have Mass live streamed daily at 9.30a.m. plus Saturday at 6.30p.m., And Sundays 8.30a.m. and 11.00a.m. Please keep in touch with the local community of faith by joining in on Live stream, connection details below.

With our Parish website you can keep up to date with all that is happening in the parish by checking out www.fernsparish.ie

Each morning you can join in, Monday to Wednesday at 9.15 a.m. for **Stations of the Cross** before **Mass at 9.30 a.m.** The Church is open each day after Mass to 4.00.p.m, for private prayer or if people would just like to sit in the presence of the Lord or light a candle for ones intentions or the intentions of a friend.

SVP St Aidan's Conference Ferns

Whatever your reason for getting in touch, if you need support from the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul we are here to help you. There are a wide range of supports we can offer you, from practical help and advice, to a friendly ear all in the strictest of confidence.

Web: www.svp.ie/requesthelp

Email: StAidan.Ferns@svp.ie

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ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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Weekend Mass Times: Vigil Mass, Saturday 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

Weekday Mass Times: Monday to Saturday day 9.30am.

Convent: (Wednesday 7.00pm- not at present due to Covid 19) (Now Mon-Fri 9.00a.m.)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament daily from 8.00a.m. - 10.00p.m. (www.fernsadoration.com)

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 Sunday 9.30am **Eircode: Y21 FD 73**

ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH, CLOOGUE

Weekend Mass Time: Sunday 10.15am

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

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Ballyduff: Alan Byrne 086 8135149. Cloogue: Mary Skelton 087 6984703

St. Aidan's Church, Ferns

Has 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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Palm Sunday B

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 28 March 2021

The Journey of Discipleship

Our opening reading from Mark's Gospel captures the elation of the crowds who welcome Jesus in Jerusalem. They spread greenery on the road in front of him, they lift their voices in praise, singing 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!' But their hope and loyalty is short-lived, as we discover in our reading of the Passion. Jesus is left almost alone to face humiliation and death. His followers have heard his radical message of reversal and upheaval, but when it comes down to it, the challenge is too much. We are told 'they all deserted him and ran away'. While Peter follows Jesus at a distance, he is soon denying he even knows him. Soon, the crowds are shouting for Jesus to be crucified.

We are very familiar with the Passion Gospel and it can be tempting to allow ourselves to tune out, particularly when it comes to the unpleasant parts. We do not like to think of ourselves as part of the mob shouting 'Crucify him!' Yet if we enter fully into the experience, we can see ourselves in the story. When things are going well, it is easy to praise God and shout 'Hosanna!', and promise we will not lose faith. There are other times we fall asleep, become complacent. And then there are days when we struggle, when we are confused or do not know what God expects of us or whether we are able to handle the difficult times. We pull away from God. The different disciples display this range of human reactions and emotions. This week, Holy Week, we are the disciples walking with Jesus on a journey that leads to the cross. And yet here at the cross, we find Mary Magdalene and the other female disciples, and Joseph of Arimathea. We know the story is not over for these disciples, or for Peter and the others. The journey of discipleship is just beginning.

'We don't have to be able to articulate all the logic of what is happening now. But Christians walk on with the conviction that there is One who does make sense of the apparent madness of shattered human dreams.' (Bishop Donal McKeown)



Summer Time

Begins this Sunday morning at 1am.

Don't forget to put your clocks

forward by 1 hour!



Prayer for Palm Sunday

Lord Jesus, as we worship you today, save us from empty praise;
Save us from superficiality, save us from following the crowd;
Save us from being fickle, save us from pride;
Save us from ourselves, save us NOW we pray. Amen

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

27th & 28th March 2021

FERNS CHURCH

6.30pm: Nicolas & Chrissie Browne,
Piercestown

Kevin Rochford, Pairc Mhuire

8.30am: People of the Parish

11.00am: Colm & Molly O'Neill,
Main Street

Mary (Molch) Nolan, Carnew Road

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

3rd & 4th April 2021

FERNS CHURCH

7.30pm: Easter Vigil

8.30am: People of the Parish

11.00am: Patrick & Teresa Davitt & de-
ceased family members & William &
Sarah Plummer, Lodgewood
Louis, Annie & Pat Bolger, Station Road
& Cathal Mooney, New Ross
Noel Kinsella, Ballyduff

Irish Catholic

The Irish Catholic Newspaper has now increased its price to €2.50 as and from 1st February 2021. For those who pay for the year we will need an additional €24 to cover from February 1st to December 31st 2021. For those who pay weekly we will require a back payment of €2 to bring you up to date. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

St Martin Magazine

Money is now due for the St Martin Magazine. If anyone is interested please contact Rita Plummer on 087 7738966.

Holy Week in Ferns Church

Palm Sunday

Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30p.m.

Sun. Mass 8.30a.m. & 11.00 a.m.

Monday—Wed. Mass at 9.30a.m.

Holy Thursday

Mass of Last Supper at 7.00p.m,

Good Friday

Solemn Passion 3.00p.m.

Day of Fast & Abstinence.

Veneration of the Cross by bowing

Stations of the Cross at 7.00p.m.

Please do not touch or kiss the
Cross.

Holy Saturday

Vigil Mass 7.30p.m.

Easter Sunday

Mass 8.30a.m. and 11.00am

Confessions

In preparation for Easter there will be confessions on Sunday evening from 5.00p.m. to 6.00p.m. in St. Aidan's Church. There will be social distancing in operation. The venue will be the Mortuary Chapel or Front Porch. Please make an effort to attend.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
Mary Theresa Connors
who was baptised recently.



Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to Liam Dynan on the death
of his brother Murdoch Dynan, R.I.P.

*May the souls of the faithful
departed rest in peace.*

THE PRIEST ON DUTY

Rev. Ricky O'Connor C.C.

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HOLY WEEK 2021

Holy week is a very important week in the Church's year. During the week we will recall very significant events in the history of our salvation. We commence with **Palm Sunday** when we recall how Jesus went to Jerusalem and was acclaimed by the people waving their palm branches, as King. Mass will be in St. Aidan's Church, Ferns only, due to the Corona Virus. The Vigil Mass will be at 6.30p.m. on Saturday and on the Sun day at 8.30a.m. and 11.00 a.m. Blessed Palm will be available in the Church. **All ceremonies will be Live Streamed.**

This **Sunday** in **St. Aidan's Church Ferns** we will have **Confessions** from 5.00 p.m.—6.00 p.m.

On **Holy Thursday** we will celebrate the Lord's Supper, where we will recall how Jesus and his twelve Apostles sat around the table to break the bread of life and share it with his chosen followers. On that night he celebrated the first Mass, ordained his first Priests, knelt down and washed the feet of the Apostles, as a sign to them and to all of us that he had come not to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for all of us. As He celebrated the Eucharist he said to us his followers "**Do this in memory of me**". This ceremonies will be in **Ferns** at 7.00p.m. Every time we come to celebrate the Eucharist we are responding positively to Christ's invitation. Let us pray that we will be loyal to our Mass, appreciate the great gift it is and help those around us to appreciate and value it. On that night Judas one of his chosen followers betrayed him for thirty silver pieces.

On **Good Friday** we will recall how Jesus sacrificed his life out of love for us. What happened on Good Friday was, the Son of God freely gave his life out of love for us. He sacrificed himself for us so that we could get the rewards of eternal life. **The Solemn Passion** is in **Ferns** at 3.00 p.m. There will be **Stations of the Cross** at 7.00 p.m.

At the **Easter Vigil** we will recall the story of our salvation. How God sent various Prophets and Holy people to save us. We will have readings from the Old and the New Testaments. The ceremony will have four elements to it. The Ceremony of **Light**, the celebration of the **Word** of God, the celebration of **Baptism** with the blessing of Easter Water and the **Eucharist**. In Ferns at 7.30pm,

Easter Sunday Mass will be in Ferns at 8.30a.m. and 11.00a.m. Salt will be blessed on Easter Sunday after Mass. If you wish to have salt blessed please leave it in the Church on the steps of the sanctuary.

Easter Water

Bottles of Easter Water will be available in the Church for households.

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Trocaire Boxes

Please bring your generous box to
the Church as soon as possible.

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross
Mon., Tues. & Wed. at 9.15a.m.