



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns for the week was **€970.60**

The amount received for

Ballyduff was €

The amount received from **Cloogue** for
March 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**

The Church is open each day after Mass to 4.00p.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.

Sympathy

Is offered to the relatives and friends of Jean O'Byrne (nee Bolger), Dublin and formerly of the Square, Ferns R.I.P.

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.fernسادoration.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

Safeguarding Officers: Denis Kinsella 087 2465720, Bernidina Roche 086 0786100

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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10th & 11th April 2021 Divine Mercy 2nd Sunday of Easter

11 April 2021 • Divine Mercy Sunday

Shalom

We do not come through suffering and difficult times unscarred. We are changed by them. Often it brings some sort of growth into our lives and usually it is not a pleasant experience. We only have to think of the past year of lockdowns and isolation and fear. In Pope Francis' new book, *Let us Dream*, he says *'To enter into crisis is to be sifted. Your categories and ways of thinking get shaken up; your priorities and lifestyles are challenged. You cross a threshold, either by your own choice or by necessity, because there are crises, like the one we are going through, that you can't avoid.'*

Today's Gospel shows us that even the most difficult situations can be transformed. The Risen Christ stands amongst the disciples even though the doors were firmly closed. The peace that he gives them (*Shalom*) is a peace of body, of mind and of spirit and it moves the disciples from despair and being 'locked away' to 'rejoicing'. Jesus then asks the disciples to be an unending witness to God's love. They, and we, are invited to be for others what Jesus has been for them. The Risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us, but we must be careful not to close ourselves off or let fear take over. John tells us that he writes these things so that we may come to believe and have life. Our call is to bring this peace and joy to others, 'so I send you'. Who can you reach out to today?

We ask you to please now return your Trócaire Boxes. We ask you to be mindful of those in the Third World who are in need of our help, support and generosity. A little will go a long way to help those in need. Your money will be most welcome in whatever form you decide to give. If possible we ask you to please convert the smaller coins you contribute to notes or large coins, this would be a tremendous help and would be deeply appreciated, when counting the money.



Collection so far is €1,135.27

"The Lord loves a cheerful giver".

Divine Mercy Sunday Live-Streamed

Mass and Divine Mercy Chaplet & Blessing of Divine Mercy Picture will be live-streamed from St. Aidan's Church, Ferns this Sunday 11th April at 3.00 p.m.

Celebrant: Very Rev. Paddy Cushen P.P.

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend
10th & 11th April 2021**

FERNS CHURCH

6.30pm: Ferdinand & Louise Ralph & their sons Seán & Tom, Tombrack
8.30am: People of the Parish
11.00am: John Kennedy, Clologue

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend
17th & 18th April 2021**

FERNS CHURCH

6.30pm: Breda Nolan, Rosemary Heights & Patrick (Paddy) Gethings, Clobemon
Bridie Skelton, Clologue
8.30am: People of the Parish
11.00am: Kathleen O'Connor, Pairc Mhuire
Kitty O'Toole, Ballingale, Ferns

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.

Family Prayer

Down through the years the people of Ireland had great devotion to Mary the Mother of God in good times and especially in times of crisis, as a family at this time, it would be lovely to restore this beautiful tradition. If you have not been praying as a family try praying one decade of the rosary daily 2/3mins. As a family try and unite at the 'Angelus' time and pray it as a family. God bless & a very Happy Easter Season.

THE PRIEST ON DUTY

Rev. Ricky O'Connor C.C.
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BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
Cathal Kevin Farrell
who was baptised recently.

Easter Prayer

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.

Schools reopening

All schools in the parish will reopen on Monday. This will be an important term for those preparing to finish their primary education in preparation for secondary school and it will be a very special time for the children in Second Class who will be preparing for First Penance & First Holy Communion. We ask all in the parish to pray for those involved and their families.

Ceremonies

Holy Week & Easter Sunday

Grateful thanks to all who prepared and decorated the Church for the ceremonies. To the Ministers of The Word, Sacristan and Floral decorators for having enhancing the ceremonies and having the Church looking so beautiful for the occasions. To Paul Morris for supplying Easter water bottles. Above all grateful thanks to all who joined in on Live-Stream and participated reverently in the ceremonies, recalling and celebrating these events in our salvation history. May our participation in these events touch our lives to be more Christ like each day and have real meanings for us in the future. God bless all and thanks.

NOTICE TO ENVELOPE DISTRIBUTORS

The Easter Dues envelopes are now available for distribution for all areas. We would be grateful if all distributors would collect them at their convenience. Many thanks for your continued help.

**Prayers for
Divine Mercy Sunday**

Hear us Risen Lord, Our resurrection and our life. O Lord, our hearts overflow with sounds of exultation and victory. We will say it again and again, "Jesus has triumphed! Jesus is exalted!" This is your doing, O God who is our strength and salvation, yours alone, And it is marvellous in our eyes. Behold, you have made your people to dwell in unity, And have given us the blessing, life forevermore. On this day, you have acted; We will rejoice and be glad in it. Amen

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it. Amen.

God of mercy, you wash away our sins in water, you give us a new birth in the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate Christ's resurrection, increase our awareness of these blessings, and renew your gift of life within us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! To all our followers and friends, we extend Easter greetings and blessings. On the most important day of the Church's year, the homily proclaims the Good News of Jesus' resurrection which restores our hopes and joy. We have the usual newsletter insert and a new parish resource page on the Irish Catholic bishops' website called 'Digital Hub'. An article explores the parallels between modern 'cancel culture' and Jesus' condemnation and death. Finally, we feature a video lecture by Fr Vincent Twomey entitled 'Church of Mercy, Church of Standards' that sheds light on an often disputed topic. Check out these and other resources available at:

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