



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for  
**Ferns** for the week was **€903.00**

The amount received for  
**Ballyduff** was **€225.00**

The amount received from **Clogogue** 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.

### 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](http://www.svp.ie/requesthelp)

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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](http://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, CLOGOGUE

**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. Clogogue: 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**



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3rd Sunday of Easter

# Ferns Parish Newsletter



## 'You are Witnesses of these things'

Today's Gospel is one of the resurrection accounts from St Luke's Gospel. It begins with the disciples recalling their experience on the road to Emmaus and how they recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The Gospel continues into another account of the

Risen Jesus with his disciples. Jesus interrupts the disciple's story and greets them with 'Peace' (Shalom) yet, in this account, they are terrified by this. Jesus shows them his wounds and Luke tells us that they are full of joy, but they still can't believe it and think it is a ghost. Jesus shows them that he is no ghost as he asks for food and eats fish with them. Jesus then journeys with them back through the scriptures in order to open their minds. He speaks to them compassionately, trying to relieve their anxiety and fear.

Jesus tells the disciples that 'you are witnesses of these things'. Luke wants to establish an important point, that these disciples are witnesses to the Resurrection, they ate with Jesus after his death and he opened their minds. The Resurrection accounts in the Gospels are not fantasy, they are the actual experiences of Jesus' disciples. So often in Luke's Gospel Jesus conveys his message through food and banquets, moments of celebration. The Risen Christ brings compassion and joy into difficult spaces. Today let us share with Jesus the situations in our lives which need an injection of compassion and Easter joy.

*'Every year the dull and dead in us meets our Easter challenge: to be open to the unexpected, to believe beyond our security, to welcome God in every form, and trust in our own greening.'*

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".**

**TROCAIRE**  
Working for a Just World

**Mass Time & Intentions  
This 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.

Tommy Browne, Clonee, Camolin

**Mass Time & Intentions  
Next Weekend**

**24th & 25th April 2021**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.30pm:** Bridget Byrne, The Barracks,  
Effernogue

Seán Donnelly, Castlemanor.

**8.30am:** People of the Parish

**11.00am:** Chrissie Breen, Tinashrule  
(months mind)



**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the faith

*Michael Gerard*

*Furtune-Murphy*

*Tuiren Tracey Anne*

*Mimnagh-Gannon*

*Elizabeth Berry*

*John Gerard Cash*

who were baptised recently.

**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.

**THE PRIEST ON DUTY**

**V. Rev. Patrick Cushen P.P.**

**053 93 66152/087 238 7559**

**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.

***Sincere Sympathy***

Is extended to The McDonald Family,  
Monasootha on the death of Nancy  
Kehoe (Nee McDonald), Ballyroebuck  
R.I.P.

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

**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.

**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  
Third Sunday of Easter**

Mighty God,

in whom we know the power of redemption,  
you stand among us in the shadows of our time.  
As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life,  
uphold us with knowledge of the final morning  
when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son,  
we will share in his resurrection,  
redeemed and restored to the fullness of life  
and forever freed to be your people. Amen.

Living God,

long ago, faithful women  
proclaimed the good news  
of Jesus' resurrection,  
and the world was changed forever.  
Teach us to keep faith with them,  
that our witness may be as bold,  
our love as deep,  
and our faith as true. Amen.

Creator of the universe,

you made the world in beauty,  
and restore all things in glory  
through the victory of Jesus Christ.

We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured  
by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed,  
the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.

**Reflection for weekend 17th & 18th April 2021**

**The Pope's appeal to the world: we all must work together**

Regrettably, many efforts to seek concrete solutions to the environmental crisis have proved ineffective, not only because of powerful opposition but also because of a more general lack of interest. Obstructionist attitudes, even on the part of believers, can range from denial of the problem to indifference, nonchalant resignation or blind confidence in technical solutions. We require a new and universal solidarity. [...] All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents. (14) {Pope Francis}

**Easter blessing**

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear. And may Christ, Our Risen Saviour, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide. Lord we lift our hearts to you.

**Brought to you by the Diocesan Pastoral Council**