



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for  
**Ferns** for the week was **€364.00**

The amount received for  
**Ballyduff** was **€585.00**

The amount received from **Cloogue** for  
March was **€108.25**

*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 4.00p.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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**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](http://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

**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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Easter Sunday

## Easter



Today, we celebrate the greatest feast of the Church's year, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. In the Old Testament we have the prophesy of Jonah, just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale for three days, so the Son of God was in the heart of the earth for three days, before he rose, as he promised. He said "Destroy this temple and in three days I will rebuild it", he was speaking of the temple of His own body which He rebuilt by rising on the first Easter Day. By rising from the dead Jesus proved beyond all doubt that he was the Son of God. Many who were at the foot of the cross on Good Friday looked on Jesus as a failure, they said "If you are the Son of God come down from the cross", others said "He saved others let him save himself, if he is the Son of God." When he died they walked sadly away. Just imagine what would have happened if Jesus had failed to rise from the dead! Christianity would have soon been forgotten. Jesus would have been remembered as a good man, but not who he claimed to be. The apostles would have gone back fishing, tax collecting, etc. We gather in Churches throughout the world today to celebrate the greatest event the world has experienced, the Resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God, from the dead. By rising he proved beyond all doubt he was the Son of God and made it possible for all of us to achieve what God wishes for us, that is, we will one day share in the resurrection. Each Sunday is a celebration of the Lord's Resurrection, let us come to our Church each weekend to praise, petition and thank God for sending his Son to save us. **Alleluia.**

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.

**"The Lord loves a cheerful giver".**

**TRÓCAIRE**  
Working for a Just World

## 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.

## **Mass Time & Intentions This Weekend**

**3rd & 4th April 2021**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**7.30pm: Easter Vigil**

**8.30am:** People of the Parish

**11.00am:** Patrick & Teresa Davitt & deceased family members & William & Sarah Plummer, Lodgewood  
Winifred Levingstone, Pairc Mhuire  
Louis, Annie & Pat Bolger, Station Road  
& Cathal Mooney, New Ross  
Noel Kinsella, Ballyduff

## **Mass Time & Intentions Next Weekend**

**10th & 11th April 2021**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.30pm:** Ferdinand & Louise Ralph & their sons Séan & Tom, Tombrack

**8.30am:** People of the Parish

**11.00am:** John Kennedy, Clologue

### **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.

### **THE PRIEST ON DUTY**

**V. Rev. Patrick Cushen P.P.**  
**053 93 66152/087 238 7559**

## **Sincere Sympathy**

Is extended to The Family of Chrissy Breen, Tinashrule, R.I.P.

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



### **BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the faith  
**Michael Anthony O'Connor**  
**Amelia-Rose Ann Rothwell**  
**Chinaza Ekpere Ngozi Chiaka**  
who were baptised recently.



*Wishing All in the  
Parish a Very  
Happy & Peace  
Filled Easter*

### **All In An April Evening Hymn**

All in the April Evening ,  
April airs were abroad;  
The sheep with their little lambs  
Pass'd me by on the road.  
The sheep with their little lambs  
Pass'd me by on the road;  
All in an April evening  
I thought on the Lamb of God.  
The lambs were weary, and crying  
With a weak human cry;  
I thought on the Lamb of God  
Going meekly to die.  
Up in the blue, blue mountains  
Dewy pastures are sweet:  
Rest for the little bodies,  
Rest for the little feet.  
Rest for the Lamb of God  
Up on the hill-top green;  
Only a cross of shame  
Two stark crosses between.  
All in the April evening,  
April airs were abroad;  
I saw the sheep with their lambs,  
And thought on the Lamb of God

## **Reflection for weekend 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

"The great gift of **Easter** is hope." (Basil Hume)

"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn." (Hal Borland)

"**Easter** is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal, and **new** life." (Janne de Giovanni)

"For I remember it is **Easter** Morn and life and love and peace are all **new** born." (Alice Freeman Palmer)

All creation sings God's praise but people are silencing it. If we approach nature and the environment without...openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs. By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously. (#11) (Pope Francis)

Let the peace and confidence in Christ encourage us, like the first disciples, to announce and live out the Good News that Christ is alive. In our present situation we have seen the light of the risen Christ shine out in the devotion and care shown by healthcare workers and others on the frontline reaching out to help the sick; in the kindness shown by neighbour to neighbour and in gentle and simple acts of compassion carried out by countless 'Good Samaritans'. We must never give up hope. His spirit is with us as sons and daughters of the Resurrection. "Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord" (John 20:20) - Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia. (Dr Eamon Martin Archbishop of Armagh)

### **THE DEEP END • OPEN THE DOOR**

‘Not knowing when the dawn will come I open every door’

The open tomb is a big part of the Easter story. When Mary of Magdala visits the tomb on the third day after Jesus is crucified, she finds that the stone has been moved away. Along with Peter and the other disciples, the realisation gradually dawns that something wonderful has happened. Jesus is risen from the dead!

Easter is a time for openness. The hearts of Mary and the disciples were opened that first Easter morning, and they suddenly understood what Jesus had been trying to teach them all along. In rising from the dead, Jesus had broken down their barriers. Are our hearts open?

Are we ready to hear the good news?

Look where the garden door is open wide!

Come to the garden, there's no need to hide.

God has broken down the fences

And he stands with arms wide open, come along inside! from ‘An Easter Carol’