



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns for the week was **€702.30**
The amount received for
Ballyduff for month of April was **€453.30**
The amount received from **Cloogue** for
March was **€**
Thank you for your generosity

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
Phone: 086 721 9303

First Penance & First Communion

Dates are being arranged with the schools
at present for First Penance. We thank
parents and teachers for the great work
being done to prepare the children for the
sacraments.

As they have been deprived of attending
Mass for so long **please** bring them now
as our Churches are open.

'Let these little ones come to me'.

Encourage and guide them.

Patrons

As of last year the patrons will be live
streamed.

Ferns 6th June

(1st Sunday June)

Cloogue July 25th

(last Sunday July)

Ballyduff 8th August

(2nd Sunday August.)

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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15th & 16th May 2021

The Ascension of the Lord

Go out to the whole world

Today marks the 55th World Communications Day, and the theme for this year is 'Come and See: Communicating by encountering people where and as they are'. In his message to mark the occasion, Pope Francis emphasises the importance of meeting people where they are, just as Jesus did with those he encountered: 'We need to go and see them for ourselves, to spend time with people, to listen to their stories and to confront reality, which always in some way surprises us.' All communication, he says, should strive to be clear and honest, whether in the media, on the internet, in the Church's preaching, or in social interaction.

He has a particular message for all who use social media: 'Thanks to the internet we have the opportunity to report what we see, what is taking place before our eyes, and to share it with others. At the same time, the risk of misinformation being spread on social media has become evident to everyone... All of us are responsible for the communications we make, for the information we share, for the control that we can exert over fake news by exposing it. All of us are to be witnesses of the truth: to go, to see and to share.'

It is fitting that this day coincides with the Feast of the Ascension. Before he is taken into heaven, Jesus issues his final instruction: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation.' Our challenge is to communicate by encountering people, where they are and as they are. 'Teach us to go out and see, teach us to listen, not to entertain prejudices or draw hasty conclusions.'

Pope Francis' message
for the 55th World Communications Day

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

This Sunday's feast of the Ascension raises the ultimate question: where are we headed? To ever-lasting and loving union with God or to obliteration as if we never existed? Fr Michael O'Shea offers us a homily on this mystery of our faith. This Sunday is also 'World Communications Day' and we feature Pope Francis' message that urges us to communicate with people where they are and as they are. There is news of an online ACCORD counselling service to help couples and a recent statement from the Bishops on the care of Irish prisoners overseas. We have the usual newsletter insert, a reflection by Sean Byrne and another by Br. Solanus on a vocation to the religious life. Finally, we have the first five stations of the cross, seen through the eyes of St Joseph. Check out these and other resources available at

www.thehookoffaith.com

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

15th & 16th May 2021

FERNS CHURCH

6.30pm: Lorraine Jordan, Carnew Rd.
Andrew & Nora Morris and deceased family
members and Margaret Morris, Pairc Mhuire.

8.30am: People of the Parish

11.00am: James & Elizabeth Byrne,
Castlelands.

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

22nd & 23rd May 2021

FERNS CHURCH

6.30pm: Charlie & Bridie Murphy,
Ferns Upper.

8.30am: Eileen Kenny, Drogheda.

11.00am: Jack & Sadie Short, Ballycoog.
Theresa & Thomas Carter, Coolbawn and the
Carter Family.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Susan Byrne, Clonee Lane.
John Murphy, Monasootha.

9.30am:

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

10.15am: Aidan Breen, Mileslogue,
Camolin.

Adoration Convent

Wed. 7.00 p.m.

BAPTISMS



We welcome into the faith
Ellie Rose Higgins
Margaret Ann Connors
who were baptised recently.

Convent Chapel

The chapel is now open for daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and
Wed. Mass at 7.00 p.m.

THE PRIEST ON DUTY

V. Rev. Patrick Cushen P.P.

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22nd & 23rd May 2021

Ministers of the Word

7.30pm: Mary O'Brien

8.30am: Dermot O'Brien

11.00am: Frances O'Toole

Ministers of Holy Communion

7.30pm: Ann Bernie & Brid Breen

8.30am: Eileen Brickley & Sr. Cecelia

11.00am: Liz Villar & Patricia Keenan

Prayers Ascension Sunday

John 7:33

Heavenly Father, I thank You for sending Your Son who was with us only for a short time. Thank You for being the living water that quenches the thirst of all those who long for You. I give You praise for being Your resurrection power, it is because of You that we too can have everlasting life with You in heaven. I pray that we do not take for granted this special day, Amen.

Acts 1:6-11

Righteous God, I thank You for this ascension Sunday and for Your divine authority. Your Word says that You alone set the dates and times for things to happen and it is through You that we receive power. I thank You for the ascension of Your son Jesus, because of Him we are given divine authority and guidance here on earth through Your Holy Spirit. I give you thanks because I know that someday You will return from heaven in the same way You ascended from earth, Amen.

Luke 24:50-51

Oh Lord, thank You for Your benevolent nature. Whilst Your Son was taken up into heaven, He blessed us here on earth. I pray that I do not take for granted the blessings that You have given me, instead I receive them with my whole heart. So on this ascension Sunday, Father I give You the glory, honour and praise because of who You are and because of all that You have done, in Jesus' Name, Amen.



Collection now is

€3,203.00 which is very good considering

lockdown. During the last week we received €315.00. If you wish to contribute please leave your box in the Parish Office.

"The Lord loves a cheerful giver".

Parish Office

The Parish Office will re-open on
Monday 17th May to its usual hours
of 9am-1pm & 2pm-4pm
Monday-Friday.

We look forward to seeing you all again.

EXAMINATIONS PRAYER

O Great St. Joseph of Cupertino, who by your prayers, did obtain from God, the grace to be asked at your examination, the only question you knew. Obtain for me, success like yours in the examination for which I am preparing, and in return, I promise to make your name known and cause it to be invoked. Amen. Best of luck to all the young people of the parish who will be sitting examinations.

Life is about more than exam results!

Congratulations 102nd Birthday

On Tuesday last 11th May, Mrs. Siobhán Kinsella, Bolachoir celebrated her 102nd birthday, what a tremendous blessing. Siobhan for many years taught in Tombrack N.S., first as an assistant teacher and then as principal. We wish her every Happiness, Health and Blessing.

Marriage

Congratulations to

**Chris Byrne and Aoife Breen,
Tinnashrule**

who were married recently. We wish them health and happiness in their Marriage life..

Year of St. Joseph

This being the year of St. Joseph we ask you in your prayers to pray to him regularly. Below you will find two prayers.

St. Joseph

O, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage, to the most loving of Father's.

O, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name, and kiss his fine head for me, and ask him to return the kiss, when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, please pray for me.

**UNFAILING PETITION TO
ST. JOSEPH**

Holy St. Joseph! Spouse of Mary!

Be mindful of us,

Pray for us, watch over us,

Guardian of the paradise of the new Adam,

Provide for our temporal wants.

Faithful Guardian of the most precious of all treasures,

We beseech thee to bring this matter to a happy end,

If it be to the glory of God and the good of our souls.

O glorious St. Joseph for the love and glory of Jesus and Mary, come to my assistance.

Collection from Sunday Envelope Boxes

Vocations Donations €137.00.

Sick & Retired Priests €24.00.

Grateful thanks for your generosity.