



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns for the week was **€831.00**
The amount received for
Ballyduff for month of April was **€453.30**
The amount received from **Clogogue** for
March was **€**

Thank you for your generosity

Ancient Connections

As you may be aware there is a display of five pieces of art on the boards at the Main St. side of the Church. One of these will be chosen by the people of the village for erection in the village. There will be a consultation process later on. Please view these so you can make an informed decision when the opportunity arrives.
The winning project will be erected in the village. Where? To be decided later.

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

Patrons

As of last year the patrons will be live streamed.

Ferns 6th June

(1st Sunday June)

Clogogue 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.fernсадoration.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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22nd & 23rd May 2021

Pentecost Sunday

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The Spirit will guide

In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus is comfortable with an element of mystery. Speaking to the disciples before his arrest, Jesus is preparing them for the gift of the Spirit. The word he often uses is 'Advocate', meaning helper or comforter, indicating the disciples will not be left to struggle on alone. We hear Jesus say that the complete truth is too much for the disciples now. The mysteries of his life, death and Resurrection, and the implications for his followers - all will become clearer in due course. The Spirit will guide you, he says. Not everything is revealed at once.

Then in our first reading from Acts, we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, just as Jesus promised. The disciples are gathered together when they have a powerful experience of the Holy Spirit, urging them out into the streets, proclaiming the Good News. The time has come. They must have remembered Jesus' promise then, finally understanding what he meant when he said the Spirit would lead them, when the time was right.

The Spirit is still at work in our world. As our journey continues - as humanity, as church, as individuals - the Spirit unveils God's message for our place and time. The Spirit is that life-giving force that animates our world, inspiring and energising us. Our task is to listen, to be awake to the many ways God speaks to us and calls us into the life of God.

'I have always pleaded for a deep listening to the voice of the artist in our midst, and also to the supreme artist who tries to lead us to completion, the Holy Spirit of God.'
(Mark Patrick Hederman)

Reflection for weekend 22nd & 23rd May 2021

The Dignity of Each Person

We are daughters and sons of God. We are family.

Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself your neighbour is

The holiest object present to your senses. Christ is present

In him or her (C.S. Lewis)

Every baptised person is a tabernacle, a temple, God's

dwelling place. What an awesome thought! Within each human being there is a basic goodness and decency. Good people bring out what is good in others.

Goodness is all around us. Life's treasures are people.

Always respect, even reverence the other person, and look for the good in others. People are precious, far more than money, success or power.

Never take away another's dignity. I work everything to them and nothing to you.

Instead of you God could have created an archangel, but he didn't. He created you in his own image. You are a sacred person, very special, unique. You are chosen.

The Father Son and Holy Spirit live in you. Never forget, even for a moment, how very special you are. (Fr Terence Harrington)

**Mass Time & Intentions
This 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.

John Levingstone, Rosemary Heights.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Susan Byrne, Clonee Lane.

John Murphy, Monasootha.

9.30am: Deceased members of the Kirwan
family, Ballybeg.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

10.15am: Aidan Breen, Mileslogue,
Camolin.

Adoration Convent

Wed. 7.00 p.m.

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

29th & 30th May 2021

FERNS CHURCH

6.30pm: Alice, Aidan & Pdraig Earl,
Pairc Mhuire.

Bill Byrne, The Barracks, Effernogue.

8.30am:

11.00am: Stephen O'Leary, Ballymotey,
Monageer.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm:

9.30am: Tom Doyle, Coolnaleen
(Months Mind)

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

10.15am:

THE PRIEST ON DUTY

Rev. Ricky O'Connor C.C.

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29th & 30th May 2021

Ministers of the Word

6.30pm: Ena Gray

8.30am: Sr. Eileen

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.30pm: Mary Cullen & Dora Murphy

8.30am: Eileen Brickley & Sr. Cecelia

11.00am: Mary Sinnott & Tommy Davitt

Golden Jubilee of Ordination

On Sunday 6th June Fr. Paddy will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood. To honour the event Bishop Brennan will celebrate Mass in St. Aidan's Church, Ferns at 7.30p.m. on Friday 4th June.

If under ordinary circumstances it would be held at one of the regular weekend Masses. Due to Covid 19, it would be very difficult to limit the congregation to 150 as at Saturday evenings there would usually be at least that number.

It was decided to move to the previous Friday so as not to deny anyone attending Saturday evening Mass.

Due to the Covid restrictions there will be just the celebration of Mass but no reception afterwards, not even for his family with the six people restriction as with a wedding. We must lead by example.

The important event is the celebration of Mass in thanksgiving for his 50 years of loyal service in the various parishes he served.

He served in Chiswick London (Diocese of Westminster) for just over 4 years, Murrinstown for 21 months, Wexford 20 years, Marshalstown 8 years and here in Ferns since August 2015, nearly 16 years. We wish him many more years of Health, Happiness and fruitful service in our parish.

Convent Chapel

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



Collection now is
€3,612.00 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

Open daily 9am-1pm & 2pm-4pm

Monday-Friday.

All are most welcome.

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!

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to Ena Kearney and Family on the death of Jimmy Kearney a loyal husband, father, grandfather and faithful parishioner. R.I.P.

***May the souls of the faithful
departed rest in peace. May God
and Our Lady console the
bereaved.***

First Confessions

For the pupils of Scoil Naomh Maodhóg on Thursday evening at 7.00p.m. in St. Aidan's Church. Please keep the children and families in your prayers.

Pentecost

This weekend we celebrate the Birthday of the Church, with the great feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. Last week end we celebrated the feast of Christ's Ascension into heaven. The Ascension took place 40 days after the resurrection (in the past this feast was held on a Thursday) nowadays it is celebrated on the Sunday after the forty days. Jesus

remained with his disciples for forty days to show he had truly risen from the dead as he promised. When he left us he said it would be to your advantage that I go away. He would send the Holy Spirit who would be an everlasting gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit came and gave us **His Seven Gifts—Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Right Judgement, Courage, Reverence, and Wonder & Awe in God's presence.** In our sacrament of Confirmation we received the fullness of the Holy Spirit. The nine **Fruits of the Spirit** are—**Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control.** The Holy Spirit came in the form of 'Wind and Fire' two very strong elements. Wind and Fire are familiar to us – they can be

wholesome and good when under control or dangerous and vicious if uncontrolled. Likewise with each one of us human beings. When

under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we can bring great goodness, peace and happiness, whereas when we are not under the influence of the Spirit we can be selfish, dangerous and cause so much harm and unhappiness, as unfortunately, has become a reality for many in our country through the effect of drugs, crime, etc. At Confirmation the Bishop says, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit". We have been sealed and anointed as Christ's witnesses. We have received the gifts of the Holy Spirit, let us welcome Him and use His gifts to bring blessings to others. ***"Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your divine love."***