

 **Sunday Envelope Collection**  
 The amount received for  
**Ferns** for the week was **€2,159.70**  
 The amount received for  
**Ballyduff** for month of April was **€453.30**  
 The amount received from **Cloogue** for  
 March was **€**  
**Vocations Collection €289.00**  
**Sick & Retired Priests €49.00**  
*Thank you for your generosity*

 **BAPTISMS**  
 We welcome into the faith  
**Riley Patrick Kirwan**  
 who was baptised recently.

**First Friday**  
 All invalids in the parish on the sick list  
 will be visited on Thursday & Friday 3rd  
 & 4th June with Holy Communion.

**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)  
 Email: [StAidan.Ferns@svp.ie](mailto: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)  
**Cloogue** July 25th  
 (last Sunday July)  
**Ballyduff** 8th August  
 (2nd Sunday August)

**ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION**  
**Very Rev Paddy Cushen. P.P.** Tel: 053-9366152 / Mobile: 087 2387559.  
 E-mail: [frpaddycushen@gmail.com](mailto:frpaddycushen@gmail.com) **Eir Code: Y21 N9 W7**  
**Parish Office:** Tel: 053-9366514. E-mail: [fernsparish@gmail.com](mailto:fernsparish@gmail.com) **Eir Code: Y21 X5 W9**  
**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, 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](http://www.fernsparish.ie)



# Ferns Parish Newsletter



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29th & 30th May 2021

The Most Holy Trinity

## The Deep End

I am with you

Today's Gospel is often referred to as the 'Great Commission'. It contains the instructions of the Risen Jesus to the disciples to spread the Good News to the ends of the earth, to teach and to baptise 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. As we celebrate Trinity Sunday today, we pay attention in particular to the very last words of Matthew's Gospel: 'And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' Jesus will be with his followers through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God's presence with us. We read that some of the disciples were hesitant when they encountered Jesus on the mountain. They had lost him to death, and now he was risen and with them again in the flesh. They may have felt they weren't ready or able for the task he was handing over to them. These first disciples were an imperfect group of people, yet Jesus chose them to spread God's vision of love, compassion and justice throughout the world. Perhaps, like some of the disciples, we are fearful or doubtful. At a time when everything is changing so rapidly, it can be difficult to navigate our own faith journey, never mind communicate it to others. Yet we have Jesus' assurance that he is with us, with the love and strength we need. The Holy Spirit is at work, inspiring and guiding us, shaping our lives, helping us to make the love of God present to all we meet.

'Love is the greatest force in the universe. It is the heartbeat of the moral cosmos. He who loves is a participant in the being of God.' (Martin Luther King Jr)

## The Holy Trinity

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Most Blessed Trinity, the three persons in the one God. We celebrate God's own feast day. The doctrine of the Blessed Trinity is a mystery for us human beings. We can try and explain it in various ways and yet it will remain a mystery. For us Irish people the way attributed to St. Patrick of explaining the trinity with a single piece of shamrock is one way to help us in some small way to understand the Trinity. To have one piece of shamrock we need one stem and three equal leaves. The one stem represents the nature of the one God and the three leaves represent the three equal persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

▲ The Father created us, cares for us and keeps us in being.

▲ The Son came to redeem and save us.

▲ The Holy Spirit enlightens us and is constantly with us to guide us in the ways of Goodness.

At Baptism we were baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In Confirmation we received the fullness of the Spirit with all his gifts. Every time we bless ourselves we honour the Blessed Trinity – let us make sure our actions and words are a prayer to give glory to God. In the Glory Be to the Father, we honour the Blessed Trinity.



**Mass Time & Intentions  
This Weekend**

**29th & 30th May 2021**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.30pm:** Alice, Aidan & Padraig Earle,  
Pairc Mhuire.

Bill Byrne, The Barracks, Effernogue.  
Myles & Mary Collier, Ballintore

**8.30am:**

**11.00am:** Stephen O'Leary, Ballymotey,  
Monageer.  
Eddie Jordan

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:**

**9.30am:**

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**10.15am:**

**CONVENT**

**Wednesday June 2nd 2021**

**7.00pm:** Linda O'Toole,  
Lodgeewood

**Mass Time & Intentions  
Next Weekend**

**5th & 6th June 2021**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.30pm:** Tom Breen, Tombrack, his parents  
Pat & Mary Breen and his sister Mary  
Sheridan.

The Moran Family, Kiloggy.

**8.30am:**

**11.00am:** The Jordan Family, Ferns,  
Aidan Jordan formally Ferns,  
the Moorehouse Family Enniscorthy.  
Mary Nolan and deceased family members,  
Ballyboy, Ferns.

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:**

**9.30am:**

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**10.15am:**

**Convent**

Wed 9th June 2021.

**7.00 p.m.**

**5th & 6th June 2021**

**Ministers of the Word**

**6.30pm:** Mary Cash

**8.30am:** Denis Kinsella

**11.00am:** Maura Kelly

**Ministers of Holy Communion**

**6.30pm:** Margaret Maguire & Michael Bernie

**8.30am:** Eileen Brickley & Sr. Cecelia

**11.00am:** Ann Swaine & Michael Breen

**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 2005, nearly 16 years.

We wish him many more years of Health, Happiness and fruitful service in our parish.

**THE PRIEST ON DUTY**

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

**053 93 66152/087 238 7559**



**Collection now is**

**€3,715.00 which is very**

**good considering lockdown.**

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

**First Confessions**

For the pupils of Ballyduff National School on Tuesday evening the 8th of June at 7.00p.m. in St. Columba's Church. Please keep the children and families in your prayers.

**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!***

**HAVE YOUR SAY on the shortlist for the Ancient Connections Public Art Commission**

Five artists have been shortlisted for consideration for the €175,000 commission to create two new pieces of public art, one for Ferns and one for St. David's, Pembrokeshire.

See the proposals displayed on the wall of St. Aidan's Church, Ferns and go to <https://haveyoursay.pembrokeshire.gov.uk>

to vote on your preferred choice in our **Public Vote**. Deadline for the vote is **14<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.

**NB:** the location of the piece of art for Ferns will be decided through public consultation at a later date.

Please phone the Helpline (087) 338 6005 or email

[ancient.connections@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:ancient.connections@wexfordcoco.ie) for further information.

**Prayers for The Most Holy Trinity**

O most Holy Trinity, bless me with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please give me wisdom so that I may recognize the importance of others and keep God central in my life. Please, also, pray for me and my intentions. With my voice and my heart, I glorify You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You are great and do wonderful things. You alone are my God. All praise and honour and glory are yours now and forever, O most Holy Trinity! Amen. O most Holy Trinity, bless me with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please give me understanding so that I may grasp the meaning of God's message. Please, also, pray for me and my intentions. With my voice and my heart, I glorify You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You are great and do wonderful things. You alone are my God. All praise and honour and glory are yours now and forever, O most Holy Trinity! Amen.

O most Holy Trinity, bless me with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please give me knowledge so that I may think about God's revelation and know that there are mysteries of faith beyond my understanding. Please, also, pray for me and my intentions. With my voice and my heart, I glorify You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You are great and do wonderful things. You alone are my God. All praise and honour and glory are yours now and forever, O most Holy Trinity! Amen.

**Sincere Sympathy**

Is extended to Betty & Christy Byrne on the death of Betty's mother Elizabeth (Bessie) Coleman, Ballyroebuck and to Maureen Kavanagh and Family Coolbawn & Michael Kavanagh & Family, Strahart on the death of Johnny Kavanagh, Coolbawn **R.I.P.**

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