



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns for the week was **€1,309.20**

The amount received for
Ballyduff for month of April was **€453.30**

The amount received from **Cloogue** for
January-May was **€1363.50**

Vocations Collection €289.00

Sick & Retired Priests €49.00

Thank you for your generosity

St Peter's College Past Pupils Union

School Sports Development fund

Ticket Draw – Tickets €10 each

1st Prize € 2000, 2nd Prize €500

3rd Prize €250, 4th Prize €250

All proceeds go to Astro Pitch

Development Fund

Draw will take place in St. Peter's College
on July 30th 2021

Tickets can be purchased by phoning SPC

PPU PRO, Tel: 0877971077 or

www.idonate.ie/raffle/stpetersppu

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)

Cloogue July 25th

(last Sunday July)

Ballyduff 8th August

(2nd Sunday August)



Ferns Parish Newsletter



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5th & 6th June 2021 The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

He has gone out of his mind'

In the Gospel today we read that Jesus has returned home and causes quite a commotion on his arrival. Word about this healer and teacher has gotten around, the crowds have gathered, and the religious leaders are not happy. Jesus' growing popularity has started to upset daily life for his family to the point where 'they could not eat'. In an effort to protect their son and their brother, Jesus' family try to explain away his 'unruly' behaviour. They tell the crowd and the religious leaders that Jesus does not mean what he says, he has simply 'gone out of his mind'. In their view, things have gone too far. Jesus was preaching a message that seemed radical to many. He knows that bringing about God's dream for the world involves speaking out and behaving in ways that are counter cultural. The religious leaders go so far as to say that Jesus was possessed by a demon. It was their way of 'explaining away' someone that they could not cope with, someone who was challenging their systems and practices. We can think of those in society today who are 'explained away'; those whom society wishes would stop speaking out because it is uncomfortable to listen to. Name-calling is often a last resort when institutions or 'powers' are disgruntled. The young climate activist, Greta Thunberg, knows this well. Following taunts by Presidents and Fossil Fuel executives towards her, she famously said, 'When haters go after your looks and differences, it means they have nowhere left to go... and then you know you're winning.' The end of today's Gospel is troubling as Jesus seems to dismiss his mother, his brothers and sisters. But Jesus' mission is now wider than his immediate family. It is not that he no longer cares for them, God's vision and Jesus' vision for this world are now one. As sometimes happens in life, we have to let go of certain things in order to follow our true path.

Those Who Were Buried In The Parish Since Last June

June 2020: Anne Ryan, Ballyboy, Josie Kenny, Pairc Mhuire.

July: Siobhán Dignam, Newtown. **October:** Margaret Morris, Pairc Mhuire, Marie Dwyer, Carnew Road, Kevin Murphy, Pairc Mhuire, Joe Jackman, Coolbawn, Liam Davitt, Pairc Mhuire. **November:** Morris Long, Tincurry, John Foley, Coolbawn. **December:** Charlie Christopher, Coolbawn, Johana Fortune, Corah.

January 2021: Raymond Morrissey, Camolin, Mikie Kehoe, Corah, Owen Jordan, Coolbawn, Tom Doyle, Coolnaleen, Sheila Ronan, Cloogue, Joe O'Leary, Cloogue. **February:** Rita Ronan, Coolbawn, Myles Jordan, Carnew Road, William Fortune, Coolbawn, Patrick Bolger, Ballybeg. **March:** Chrissie Breen, Tinnashrule. **April:** Stephen O'Leary, Ballymoteybeg. **May:** Susanna O'Dowd, Ballyregan, Jimmy Kearney, Tombrack, Johnny Kavanagh, Coolbawn.

R.I.P

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

Very Rev Paddy Cushen. P.P. Tel: 053-9366152 / Mobile: 087 2387559.

E-mail: frpaddycushen@gmail.com **Eir Code: Y21 N9 W7**

Parish Office: Tel: 053-9366514. E-mail: 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.fernssadoration.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

**Mass Time & Intentions
This 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, Kilgoggy.

8.30am: The O'Neill Family, Newtown

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

Wednesday June 9th 2021

7.00pm

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

12th & 13th June 2021

FERNS CHURCH

6.30pm: Jimmy, Patricia and Donal
Levingstone, Pairc Mhuire.

Jimmy Kearney, Tombrack (Months Mind)

8.30am: People of the Parish

11.00am: Louis O'Toole, Kiltomas.
Mary O'Leary, The Square.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm:

9.30am: James O'Neill, Bolinaspect and his
sister Mary Delaney.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

10.15am:

THE PRIEST ON DUTY

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

12th & 13th June 2021

Ministers of the Word

6.30pm: Brendan Kenny

8.30am: Maureen Kavanagh

11.00am: Josephine Murphy

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.30pm: Maire Bernie & Mary Fortune

8.30am: Eileen Brickley & Sr. Cecelia

11.00am: Michael Breen & Patricia Keenan

Golden Jubilee of Ordination

Today, Sunday 6th June, I will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of my Ordination to the Priesthood. It was lovely to have the parish celebrations on Friday evening with Bishop Brennan as the principal celebrant of the Eucharist.

It was a most difficult time to try and arrange a celebration with all Covid 19 restrictions, thankfully all went very well and I am most grateful to all who were involved in arranging the celebrations and all who were able to participate. I am sorry we were not able to facilitate more parishioners in the church and I appreciate the generosity of people making the sacrifice not to over the crowd the event, yes, I would have loved if all could have been able to attend, but such are the times and restraints we are under at present.

I am most appreciative of all the good wishes I have received and prayers for which I am most grateful. Thank you most sincerely and especially for your daily prayers.

Please keep me and all priests and religious in your prayers. I especially ask your prayers for Fr. Ricky who is taking time out to discern his future. I was most grateful to him at the time of cocooning when he celebrated the Eucharist on line for all of us before his official appointment. May God bless and guide him.

Fr. Paddy.



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
Grace Ali Davitt
who was baptised recently.



Last week I sent

€3,815.00 from the

annual collection to Trocaire. Which was most generous from all who contributed.

"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 **14th 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 for further information.

Prayers for Corpus Christi

Most Holy and Almighty God, we thank you and praise you for giving us the most precious body and blood of Your only son, Jesus Christ. Through the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion we are able to nourish our bodies and souls. We thank you for having made Yourself our food and for uniting us with You in this beautiful Sacrament. In receiving the body and blood of Jesus, we live in You and through You. We praise you for offering Yourself as a continual sacrifice to Your Eternal Father for our salvation. Although we are not worthy to receive You, You sacrifice Yourself for us daily. And so, we request your most Holy intercession:

Most holy body and blood of Christ, grant us the sacred mysteries so that we may know the grace of Your Redemption. Dear Lord Jesus, You made the ultimate sacrifice so that You could wash away the sins of the whole world. You have left us the great gift of your body and blood through the Holy Eucharist. We thank you and praise you every day for renewing in the daily sacrifice the actual sacrifice of the cross offered on Calvary, in which you gave divine justice and love for all of us sinners.

Ferns Patron

Prayers were recited in the cemetery on Tuesday evening and are available on live stream from the Church this Sunday.

As last year a Patron Mass will be offered from the Church on Sunday at 12.30p.m. & will be live streamed.