

 **Sunday Envelope Collection**  
 The amount received for **Ferns** for the week was **€534.70**  
 The amount received for **Ballyduff** for month of December was **€949.00**.  
 The amount received from **Cloogue** for the month of December **€381.50**.  
*Thank you for your generosity.*

*Non Registered Parishioners*  
*The support of the Churches is our parish comes from the Sunday Envelope/ Direct Debit contributors. We are most grateful to all who support at present. It would be most beneficial if all could support, if you would like to do so please contact the parish office or Fr. Cushen. Due to Covid 19 our fundraising events have been cancelled, so please register.*

**St Martin Magazine**  
 Money is now due for St Martin Magazine. The cost will be €13.20 for the year. Anyone interested in ordering a copy please contact Rita on 087 7738966

**Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers 2022 ROTA**  
 Are now available for collection from the Parish Office or Sacristy. Thank you all for your contribution to the Church in 2021 it is very much appreciated.

**Bereavements**  
 Since Christmas we have experienced a large number of deaths in our parish. So far we have had seven funerals leaving their families shattered on occasions. When our new Centre is running we propose to have a Bereavement Group.

### 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**

**Assistant: Very Rev. Pat Stafford**, 086 234 4674

**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 6.15pm Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

Weekday Mass Times: Monday to Saturday day 9.30am.

**Convent:** Wednesday 7.00pm-Tuesday & Thursday 9.00a.m.)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament daily from 8.00a.m. - 10.00p.m.** ([www.fernssadoration.com](http://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 **Eircode: Y21 FD 73**

### ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH, CLOOGUE

**Weekend Mass Time:** Sunday 9.45am

**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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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Welcome Bishop Ger

This weekend we are delighted to welcome to our parish, our relatively new bishop, Bishop Ger Nash. He is visiting all parishes in the diocese and celebrating Mass in all the Churches. We are delighted that he is coming to grace us with his presence and give parishioners an opportunity to meet him. While he is here he will open and bless our new Pastoral Centre. The Pastoral Centre will be a great asset to our parish as we prepare for new initiatives in our changing church.

The forthcoming Synod of the Church will offer our people an opportunity to have their say before it commences. Every individual will be offered the opportunity to give their contribution into what they think are important issues which the church should address and how they would be willing to address. Our future is in our own hands. Pray for its success. Let's embrace change!

### Tombrack N.S Admission for 2022

Tombrack are now enrolling for September 2022. We are a soon to be 3 teacher school with a new build impending. If you would like to see our beautiful school please visit us on Twitter @Tombrackns. If you would like to enrol please: call 053 9366738 or email [tombrackns@gmail.com](mailto:tombrackns@gmail.com) to request an enrolment form to be sent to you. Local playschools will also have enrolment forms.

To view updated policies please view the website. [www.tombrackns.ie](http://www.tombrackns.ie). Any further queries please don't hesitate to contact us.

Is mise le meas,  
**Elaine Gahan (Principal)**

### Junior Infant Admission 2022 Scoil Naomh Maadhóg.

Parents / Guardians who wish to enrol children into Junior Infants for September 2022 may download an application form from the school website <http://fernsschool.scoilnet.ie/blog/>, email [fernsschool@gmail.com](mailto:fernsschool@gmail.com) or contact the school office during the admission period (from 9am on January 13<sup>th</sup> to 3pm on February 3rd 2022) to arrange collection of an Application Form. Application forms will also be available from local playschools. The Code of Behaviour, Anti-Bullying Policy, Admission Policy, Annual Admissions Notice and School Ethos Statement may be viewed on the school website.

Only fully completed Application Forms will be accepted accompanied by relevant paperwork. Applications will be accepted between 9am on January 13<sup>th</sup> until 3pm on February 3rd 2022. Further information can be obtained from the school office on 053-9366205

Le meas,  
**John Halford (Principal)**

**Mass Time & Intentions  
This Weekend  
22nd & 23rd January 2022  
Ferns Church**

**6.15pm:**  
**8.30am:** Terry Moloney, London  
**11.00am:** Leo Maguire, Clone  
Tom Fortune, Coolbawn  
**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**  
**7.30pm:** Pat Hayden, Ballyduff  
Tom Doyle, Coolnaleen  
**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**  
**9.45am:** Sean Redmond, Ballymore  
James & Mary Breen, Milesbog

**CONVENT  
Wednesday 26th January 7.00 p.m.**

**Mass Time & Intentions  
Next Weekend  
29th & 30th January 2022  
FERN CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Rita Ronan, Coolbawn  
William Bolger, The Dell,  
Ballycarney  
**8.30am:**  
**11.00am:** Noel Killeen, Pairc Mhuire  
Declan Murphy, Ballymorgan  
**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**  
**7.30pm:** Maryann Dunne, The Harrow  
Joe Crowley, Tinnashrule  
Margaret Hall, Kilthomas (Months Mind)  
**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**  
**9.45am:** Mary Byrne, Ballinakill & her  
husband Paddy & their son Seamus

**THE PRIEST ON DUTY**  
**V. Rev. Patrick Cushen P.P.**  
**053 93 66152/087 238 7559**  
**If not available please call**  
**Very Rev. Pat Stafford**  
**086 234 4674**

Share your smile with the world. It's a symbol of friendship and peace.

**29th & 30th January 2022**

**Ministers of the Word**

**6.15pm:** Ena Gray  
**8.30am:** Denis Kinsella  
**11.00am:** Joe Sinnott  
**Ministers of Holy Communion**  
**6.15pm:** Ann Bernie & Mary Fortune  
**8.30am:** Eileen Brickley & Sr. Cecelia  
**11.00am:** Liz Villar & Patricia Keenan

***A History of Ferns***

It is priced at 10 euros. Any queries please contact 0866089198.  
Also available in The Parish Office.

**Wexford Mental Health Association**

Will hold a Church Gate Collection on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Wexford Mental Health Association is a voluntary organisation and are dependent on fund-raising and voluntary subscriptions to finance their extensive programme. Your co-operation and support over the years and the generous response of the people of County Wexford has enabled the Association to maintain and develop its aims and services.

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the faith  
**Conor David Roche**  
who was baptised recently.

**Marriage**

*Congratulations to*  
**Thomas Andrew O'Brien & Bridget O'Brien**  
*who were married in Ferns Church recently. We wish them health and happiness in their future lives together.*

**Quiz**

"The monthly online quiz for Mary's Meals, which has raised over €16,000 to feed hungry children in 20 countries, will be held on Friday, 28th January, at 8pm. To take part or simply donate contact Martin Colfer on 087 2596159. Thank you."



***Sincere Sympathy***

Is extended to The Murphy Family on the death of Patrick (Paddy) Murphy, Ballylough & The Mannion Family on the death of Teresa Mannion, Clonattin, Gorey & The Murphy Family on the death of Josephine Murphy, Ballyandrew who died recently

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

**Wexford Mental Health Association**

As you can see from the opposite page there will be a collection next weekend. Mental Health is a serious problem in our society today of which we are all very conscious. In the near future we will be inviting members of the group to make a presentation to the people of the parish in the Pastoral Centre of the services they have to offer and hopefully provide services in the parish to help people in need.

**THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK**

In 2019, Pope Francis designated this Third Sunday of Ordinary Time as 'Sunday of the Word of God' to help us to grow in intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. We feature resources and commentaries. The homily for this Sunday is from Bishop Nash who reflects on Jesus' mission statement at the outset of his ministry as presented by St Luke. We include the usual newsletter insert and new resources on the synodal pathway. We highlight 'Catholic Schools Week 2022' which has as its theme this year 'Living Life to the Full'. 'Being a priest in a Synodal Church' is a conference on zoom for priests taking place in February and finally, for the week that includes their feast days, some inspiration from St Frances de Sales and St Thomas Aquinas. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)

**Sacraments of Penance,  
Holy Communion & Confirmation**

At presents the candidates in the sacrament classes in our primary schools are preparing with their Parents, Teachers and School Chaplain for these important spiritual events in their lives. Their spiritual formation is most important. Remember as well as being human we are also spiritual. If children are only educated in one area and the other is left dormant then the child will not be fully developed for the future.

People are constantly asking what has gone wrong with society when tragedies occur? We never hear of the lack of spiritual development. Sure this are has a big part to play in the life of every person. We must always remember we are never alone. God is there to guide us and give us hope. So many today live without hope and feel if they cannot control everything themselves then life is futile. We need a moral compass in our lives and realise the Spirit of God is there for all of us, the important thing is we invite him into our lives. The sacraments are a great opportunity to welcome the Lord into our lives and into the lives of our youth. Unfortunately Church attendance, sacramental reception and the Eucharist are not the cool things to attend and experience, yet these are the areas where we get meaning for our lives and future. Parents please nourish your children with a strong faith and they will live fruitful lives.

Enrolment Ceremonies for all willing presenting themselves for the sacraments will take place in the coming weeks.

**Ferns Pupils** 5th & 6th Feb. in St. Aidan's Church

**Ballyduff Pupils** 25th January in Ballyduff Church

**Tombrack Pupils** 19th Feb. 6.15p.m, Ferns Church

At future dates we will have a **Day Retreat** for each group.

A **Ceremony of Light** prior to Confirmation for each group