

 **Sunday Envelope Collection**
 The amount received for **Ferns** for the week was **€764.15**
 The amount received for **Ballyduff** for month of January was **€768.00**.
 The amount received from **Clogogue** for the month of January **€613.00**
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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 The Lord said 'Come to me all you who labour and are burdened and I will give you rest.' Consider being an adorer in the presence of the Lord. Contact Ena.

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

Mass Leaflet's
 Could people please leave their leaflets back in the boxes provided after Mass.

"Life is not what you alone make it. Life is the input of everyone who touched your life and every experience that entered it. We are all part of one another."

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**

Assistant: Very Rev. Pat Stafford , 086 234 4674

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

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, CLOGOGUE

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. 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



Ferns Parish Newsletter



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12th & 13th February 2022

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

The National Vocations Office has organised a virtual 'Come and See' session on zoom for men exploring the possibility of priesthood. We have further details of this conference that takes place on 1st March. From ongoing studies on the reasons why many women choose abortion or feel it is their only option, the role of men comes into sharp focus. Fr Brendan Nolan offers a homily for the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary time where we have St Luke's account of the Beatitudes. Our video this week is from another doctor who offers a compelling case against euthanasia. We have the usual newsletter insert and finally, to mark St Valentine's Day, a reflection on understanding, living and sharing the Catholic vision for human sexuality. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

A Prayer for the Synodal Pathway

Lord of all hopefulness, as we embark on this journey together, may we listen and discern and be guided by the Holy Spirit, who constantly breathes new life into our world, our hearts, our families, homes and parishes.

May renewal and reform, fresh hope and healing come for all people of God in Ireland. By virtue of our baptism may we each play our part in transforming the church through a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit which is your gift and promise, upon our land. Grant us the encouragement we need to bring faith, hope and love in abundance to meet the challenges before us and to fulfil the Church's mission of proclaiming the world, God's love and salvation in Jesus Christ.

A Mhuire Mháthair, mother of the Church, guard and guide us on our pilgrim way. Amen

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Following a parish meeting on Monday last it was decided to continue having adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Aidan's Church each weekday Mon.—Sat. from 10.00a.m. to 1.00p.m. in the Mortuary Chapel. We would appreciate more adorers if possible to commit to one hour weekly. Co-Ordinator will be Ena Gray 087 2991683.

Rosary, Night Prayer and Reflection in the Pastoral Centre
Monday—Friday 9.00-9.30p.m. All are welcome to come and pray.

Reading and Explanation of the Word of God

When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel.

Therefore, the readings from the Word of God are to be listened to reverently by everyone, for they are an element of the greatest importance in the Liturgy. Although in the readings from Sacred Scripture the Word of God is addressed to all people of whatever era and is understandable to them, a fuller understanding and a greater efficaciousness of the word is nevertheless fostered by a living commentary on the word, that is, by the Homily, as part of the liturgical action.

Mass Time & Intentions

This Weekend

12th & 13th February 2022

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Myles Collier, Ballintore.

Tracy Parker & her husband Michael Barnard

8.30am: Michael & Margaret Bolger,
Bolachoir

Matthew & Bridget Brennan, Crory

11.00am: Johnny and Jenny Fowler,
Baylands

John Sinnott, Clone

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Mary & Isaac Connolly, Tinahely &
deceased family members

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: John Power, Forties (Months Mind)

Mass Time & Intentions

Next Weekend

19th & 20th February 2022

Ferns Church

6.15pm: Betty Dunbar, Ballylough

Michael & Kathleen Kinsella, Ballyduff

Paddy Murphy, Ballylough (Months Mind)

8.30am: John Byrne, St. Aidan's

Pat & Margaret Doyle, Limerick

11.00am: Patrick O'Toole, Ballingale &
Ned Kinsella, Effernogue.

Peadar Leacy, Aldercourt formerly
Boolavogue

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Mary & Michael Furlong, Kilcloran &
deceased family members

Josephine Murphy, Ballyandrew
(Months Mind)

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Patrick & Bridget Leacy, Clologue
& their son John

Joan & Tom Nolan, Clologue

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

19th & 20th February 2022

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Mary O'Brien

8.30am: Richard Cotter

11.00am: Ailish Davitt

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Maire Bernie & Mary Fortune

8.30am: Eileen Brickley

11.00am: Michael Breen & Patricia Keenan

A History of Ferns

It is priced at 10 euros. Any queries
please contact 0866089198.

Also available in The Parish Office.

Purse Found

Purse found outside Convent on Monday
night. Please contact the Parish Office on
053 9366514 or drop in to enquire.



NOTICE TO ENVELOPE DISTRIBUTORS

The Ferns Weekly envelopes are
now available for distribution, we would
be grateful if all distributors would
collect them at their convenience.
Many thanks for your continued help.



Confirmation 2022

The sacrament of
confirmation will be
administered in the parish by

Very Rev. Paddy Cushen P.P.

Ballyduff

Friday 18th March

Tombrack

Friday 25th March

Ferns

Friday 1st April

Enrolment & Light Ceremony

Next weekend in Ferns Church the
children from St. Kevin's School, Tom-
brack who are preparing for Confir-
mation will make their Enrolment and
Ceremony of Light in preparation for
this important step in their faith jour-
ney. Please remember all the candi-
dates, parents and families in prayer.

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 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.

Any further queries please don't hesitate to contact us.

Is mise le meas,

Elaine Gahan (Principal)

Ballyduff N.S. Enrolment September 2022

Ballyduff N.S. is currently enrolling for September 2022. Very exciting times lie ahead
for our school, particularly with our new sensory room near completion. Please down-
load an application form from the school website ballyduffnswex.ie or email ballyduff-nswex@hotmail.com or contact the school office on 053)9383436 during the admission
period.

The Admissions Policy, Annual Admissions Notice and Enrolment Form are all availa-
ble on our website ballyduffnswex.ie. You may return completed forms by post to the
school address or scan and email to ballyduffnswex@hotmail.com. If you request further
information, please contact us at ballyduffnswex@hotmail.com or call 053)9383436.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Lorcán Browne (Principal)

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 13th February 2022

1. We are told that Jesus 'fixed his eyes on
the disciples' before speaking. It suggests
that he was about to say something that he
really wanted them to take in. Surprisingly
he then tells them it is no bad thing for us to
be poor or hungry. But perhaps you have
recognised the truth in what St. Augustine
said: 'You have made us for yourself, O
Lord, and our hearts are restless until they
rest in you.'

2. 'Blessed are you who weep' is not an
encouragement to be miserable. Rather it is
an affirmation of the importance of loving
relationships in life. We are blessed to have
such people in our lives, but there may also
be pain. Yet is it not true that the blessing
of loving and being loved is worth the price
you pay?

3. Jesus said that his followers would be
open to opposition and ridicule because of
him, - and they are blessed when this hap-
pens. Unpleasant it may, but have you not
been grateful on those occasions when you
had the courage to stand by something that
you believed in?



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith

Lucy Kate Walsh

Margaret Bridget Cash

who were baptised recently.

Church Gate Collection

The Wexford Mental Association church
gate collection in Ballyduff raised
€59.75. Thank you all for your generosity

Fr. Jim Curtis R.I.P.

Last week we were saddened with the
news of the unexpected death of our for-
mer Parish Priest. Fr. Jim ministered in
our parish for five years in succession to
Canon Patrick Doyle P.P. He came from
the parish of Piercestown on 14th July
1990 and retired on 16th September
1995. He was succeeded by Fr. Thomas
Eustace who retired in August 2005.
Fr. Jim endeared himself to the people of
Ferns and retired to Piercestown.
May his gentle soul rest in peace.