



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for  
**Ferns** for the week was **€932.80**  
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.*

### 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**

### 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.

### Clothing Collection

In aid of Tombrack School. Clothing can be left in Tombrack Community Garden during school hours between now and the end of February. We would be very grateful for all donations.



# Ferns Parish Newsletter



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19th & 20th February 2022

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### The Hook of Faith

The Adoration Sisters arrived in the parish of Ferns in 1990 and departed a few weeks ago. Christopher Power, a parishioner from Ferns, pays them tribute. The homily for the Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time is offered by Fr Brendan Nolan where Jesus asks us to participate in his higher standard of love, especially for those we find most difficult to love. Our video this week is the recent launch of 'CREDIBLE CATHOLIC' – the new catechetical programme for young adults. We also feature the final session of the recent 'Time for Priests' conference on the synodal pathway. With over 45,000 Christian denominations around the world, we give thanks for the gift of 'The Chair of Peter' – a feast day celebrated on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Finally, we highlight a new website aimed at helping lapsed Catholics return to their faith. It's called 'Paving the Way Home'. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)

### Ballyduff N.S.

On Friday last we said farewell to Mr. Lorcan Browne, Principal of the school. We were all extremely saddened to see Lorcan move to Coolgreaney N.S. Lorcan was an excellent principal and he will be greatly missed by the children, school staff, parents and all in the parish. He was always most obliging and his chief concern was the welfare and education of the children. He recently completed the work on the new entrance which will be a monument to him and the B.O.M. We wish him every success and blessing in his new appointment.

Mr. Brian Cadigan will replace him after the mid-term break and we wish Brian every success in the school,

### The Chair of St. Peter

#### Tuesday 22nd February

This ancient feast related to early Roman custom at this time of year of remembering the ancestors of the family, those who presided over the family fortunes. The feast celebrates Peter as Bishop of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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.

**Mass Time & Intentions  
This 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, Effernogogue.  
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

**Mass Time & Intentions  
Next Weekend**

**26th & 27th February 2022  
FERN'S CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Tommy Davitt, Crory  
Siobhan Kinsella, Bolachoir (Months Mind)  
**8.30am:**  
**11.00am:** Michael O'Neill, Coolbawn  
Jim & Margaret Gethings, Coolbawn

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:**

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:**

**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**

"Keep your face always toward the  
sunshine, and shadows will fall behind  
you."

**26th & 27th February 2022**

**Ministers of the Word**

**6.15pm:** Ena Gray

**8.30am:** Dermot O'Brien

**11.00am:** Frances O'Toole

**Ministers of Holy Communion**

**6.15pm:** Ann Bernie & Mary Fortune

**8.30am:** Eileen Brickley

**11.00am:** Ann Swaine & Eleanor Hawkins

***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**

This 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](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)**

**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 [ballyduffnsnwex.ie](http://ballyduffnsnwex.ie) or email [ballyduff-nswex@hotmail.com](mailto: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 [ballyduffnsnwex.ie](http://ballyduffnsnwex.ie). You may return completed forms by post to the  
school address or scan and email to [ballyduffnsnwex@hotmail.com](mailto:ballyduffnsnwex@hotmail.com). If you request further  
information, please contact us at [ballyduffnsnwex@hotmail.com](mailto:ballyduffnsnwex@hotmail.com) or call 053)9383436.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

**Lorcán Browne (Principal)**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
20th February 2022**

1. Our natural tendency when attacked is  
to self-protection and when we are at-  
tacked, we attack back. We respond to an  
angry word with another, or to a blow by  
hitting back. Here Jesus suggests that at  
times there may be another way to act.  
What has been your experience of retalia-  
tion? Has it been life-giving? Have you  
experience of another way of acting?  
2. When we do good to another, it can  
sometimes be in return for what we have  
received. At other times it can be done in  
the hope of getting something back. Or we  
may do it simply for the sake of doing  
good without any strings attached. Jesus  
suggests that this is when we are at our  
best. Recall your experience of these dif-  
ferent ways of giving and celebrate the  
occasions when you gave without expecta-  
tion of return.  
3. Jesus proposes the generosity of God as  
a model for our generosity, and says that  
the generous will be rewarded. Perhaps  
you have experienced rewards, even in this  
life, from generous behaviour



**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the faith

**Ava Chrissy**

**Dunne Jackman**

who was baptised recently.

**Ferns Penny Bank Hours**

Friday 9am-11am & 7pm-8pm

Blessed Beeswax Candles available in the  
Parish Office.

*Lord, we are sorry for what some of us  
did to your children: treated them so cru-  
elly, especially in their hour of need.  
We have left them with a lifelong  
suffering.*

*This was not your plan for them or us.  
Please help us to help them.*

*Guide us, Lord, Amen*

Prayer inscribed on the healing stone  
unveiled at the 50th International Eucha-  
ristic Congress in 2012 in Dublin, which  
now has a permanent home at Lough  
Derg.