
 **Sunday Envelope Collection**
 The amount received for **Ferns** for the week was **€386.20**
 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.

Sincere Sympathy
 Is extended to Stasia & Liam O'Leary (USA), Clonee, Camolin, on the death of their brother Tom O'Leary, *Rest in Peace.*
May God and Our Lady console the bereaved and grant eternal rest to the faithful departed.



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.

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, CLOGOUE
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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Prepare the Way for the Lord
 The ancient disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving give shape to our Lenten pilgrimage. The Ash on our foreheads is a public sign of penitence; we are sinful and seek conversion; we are penitents on pilgrimage; beggars in need of mercy. Our prayer is a sign of our hunger and thirst for God. Our fasting is a sign of sorrow for our sin and of a willingness to turn back to God. Our almsgiving is a sign of gratitude, for we have received mercy, and through generous giving we show mercy

FROM THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

 As 'the People of God' we each play our part in shaping the future of the Church. The synodal journey that we begin invites us to look at our own sense of faith and that of others. A question we can ask is. 'What does it mean to follow the way of Christ in our everyday lives?' Our weekly messages serve as a guide along the synodal path.

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday
 Mass in Ferns Church at **9.30am** and **7.00pm** with distribution of Blessed Ashes.
 Mass in Ballyduff Church at **7.30pm** with distribution of Blessed Ashes.
 Mass in Clogogue Church at **9.30am** with distribution Blessed Ashes.
Please take home a Trocaire Box for Lent, your support is vital.

Season of Lent
Stations of the Cross will take place in Ferns Church on Monday evenings during Lent at 7.00p.m.

Mass in Clogogue Church will take place on **Tuesday** evenings at 7.00p.m.
Mass in Ballyduff Church will take place on **Thursday** evenings at 7.00p.m.

Trocaire Boxes
 Boxes are available in all Churches, please bring one to each home and support the campaign to help those in the Third World.

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-Coordinator 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**

26th & 27th February 2022

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Tommy Davitt, Croy
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:

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

5th & 6th March 2022

Ferns Church

6.15pm: Ursula Hayes, Tombrack

8.30am:

11.00am: Jim Moulds, Coolbawn &
Baby Anna Máiréad

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

First Friday

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

Feast Day of St. David: 1st March

St. David is the patron saint of Wales, where he was an abbot and bishop in the sixth century. Several Irish saints were his pupils and he influenced monastic development in Ireland. He died in 601.

5th & 6th March 2022

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Mary Cash

8.30am: Denis Kinsella

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Mary Cullen & Dora Murphy

8.30am: Eileen Brickley

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins & Christopher Power

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

Tombrack N.S.

Confirmation candidates will have their pre confirmation retreat in the Pastoral Centre on Wednesday next. Please remember them in your prayers.

Ballyduff N.S.

Mr. Brian Cadigan will commence as Principal in the school on Monday, we wish him every success and blessing.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

As another Lent begins, Philip Quirke leads us with a poem for Ash Wednesday. We also include videos and articles on the meaning of Lent as a time of repentance, renewal and preparation for Easter. The newsletter insert this week is the atonement prayer for survivors and victims of abuse that was marked on Friday last 25th February. The Homily for the Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time is offered by Fr Brendan Nolan and we have a reflection on the value of temperance on this Temperance Sunday. We have a talk on the Eucharist given at the Divine Mercy Conference this year and finally, news of an 8 week online Lectio Divina course for Lent 2022. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

Tombrack N.S Admission for 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.

Ballyduff N.S. Enrolment September 2022

Application form from the school website ballyduffns.wex.ie or email ballyduffns.wex@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 available on our website ballyduffns.wex.ie. You may return completed forms by post to the school address or scan and email to ballyduffns.wex@hotmail.com. If you request further information, please contact us at ballyduffns.wex@hotmail.com or call 053)9383436.

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
27th February 2022**

Day of Prayer for Temperance

1. Can you remember an occasion when you were giving out about the behaviour of another person, and later realised you had some of the same fault yourself? Was that a wake-up call for you? Jesus tells us it is more constructive to correct our own faults, than complain about the faults of others.
2. If we want to help other people, we need to have our feet on the ground, with a realistic awareness of our gifts and our limitations. Otherwise we will be impractical, like the blind leading the blind. What has helped you to be realistic about what you can and cannot do?
3. 'No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit.' This parable invites us to examine the motivation behind what we do. If our basic motivation is love, then our lives will bear good fruit. If love is absent from our lives, then the fruits will be conflict, disharmony and abuse of people for our own selfish ends.

Ferns Penny Bank Hours

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

Ferns Parish Shop

Confirmation & First Holy Communion Stock now in. First Holy Communion Cards, Holy Communion Chain's & Bracelets, Rosettes and lots more

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Blessed Beeswax Candles available in the Parish Office. €1.30 each or €7.00 for 6.

A Prayer to the Heart of Jesus

O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer you this poor heart of mine, Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Sacred Heart of Jesus may your Kingdom come.