



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for Ferns for the week was €445.00

The amount received for Ballyduff for month of January was €768.00.

The amount received from Clogogue 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.*

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be a meeting in the Pastoral Centre on Monday at 7.30p.m. to discuss the future of Adoration in the Parish. All are welcome to attend & give your view.

### St Gobnait (11th February)

May God bless you,  
Holy Saint Gobnait,

And may Mary bless you,  
And I bless you myself.

For it is to you that I come,  
To plead my case with you,

To request my healing,  
From you on God's part.

The beehive is the symbol of St Gobnait because, when a pagan chief was attempting a cattle raid, she took up one of the beehives of the convent and directed it at the raiders. The thieves fled and the cattle were saved.

### 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](http://www.fernsparish.ie)



# Ferns Parish Newsletter



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5th & 6th February 2022

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

This year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 'World Day of the Sick' that was instituted by St John Paul II in 1992 to coincide with the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. We include Pope Francis' message for this occasion, celebrated on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Fr Brendan Nolan, PP of Blackwater offers a homily on the beautiful readings this Sunday that speak of call and mission. Ibar Quirke reflects on the feast day of St Scholastica and Bishop Robert Barron dives deeper into the beauty and spirituality of the Psalms as the Church's songbook. We have an inspiring input by a young woman at the recent 'March for Life' rally in the US. Finally, we explore the life and religious poetry of Thomas McDonagh, one of the leaders of the 1916 Rising. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we look at the vocations of Isaiah, St Paul and St Peter. They are called in strange circumstances. They each recognise their unworthiness, but have the assurance that God will be with them. Through our Baptism we also are called to build God's kingdom. We should fear no evil for the Lord is with us.

### World Day of the Sick

Friday next 11th February, the feast of our Lady of Lourdes, will be World Day of the Sick. We ask you in your prayers to please remember the sick of the parish and all who are suffering from sickness of mind or body. One of the greatest gifts God has blessed us with is the gift of life and good health. 'Your health is your greatest wealth', how often we have heard that and how true it is, and yet how often we can take God's goodness of health for granted. If someone is sick or house-bound and would like a visit from a priest, please contact one of the priests and ask for a visit, the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion, these are great gifts Jesus blessed the Church with and they are there to be availed of. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered at Mass on Friday at 9.30a.m.



### 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**

**5th & 6th February 2022  
Ferns Church**

**6.15pm:** Myles Jordan, Carnew Road, Ferns.  
Mary Breen, Milltown (Months Mind)  
**8.30am:** Michael & Margaret Bolger,  
Bolachoir, Ferns  
**11.00am:** Willie Fortune, Coolbawn.

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Andy Doyle, Monasootha.  
Shay, Girlie & Declan O'Neill, Monasootha.

**CLOGUE CHURCH  
9.45AM**

**Mass Time & Intentions  
Next 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, Croy  
**11.00am:** Johnny and Jenny Fowler,  
Baylands

John Sinnott, Clone  
**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

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

**CLOGUE CHURCH  
9.45am:** John Power, Forties (Months Mind)

**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**

**BAPTISMS**



We welcome into the faith  
**Óliver Emílio Cornejo  
and Kathleen Connors**  
who were baptised recently.

**12th & 13th February 2022**

**Ministers of the Word**

**6.15pm:** Brendan Kenny  
**8.30am:** Theresa Nolan  
**11.00am:** Irene O'Toole

**Ministers of Holy Communion**

**6.15pm:** Margaret Maguire & Michael Bernie  
**8.30am:** Eileen Brickley  
**11.00am:** Ann Swaine & Michael Breen

**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 Ceremony**

*This weekend in Ferns Church the children from Scoil Naomh Maodhóg who are preparing for First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation will make their Enrolment to prepare for these sacraments.*

Please remember all the candidates, parents and families in your prayers.

**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.

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**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 download an application form from the school website [ballyduffswex.ie](http://ballyduffswex.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 available on our website [ballyduffswex.ie](http://ballyduffswex.ie). You may return completed forms by post to the school address or scan and email to [ballyduffswex@hotmail.com](mailto:ballyduffswex@hotmail.com). If you request further information, please contact us at [ballyduffswex@hotmail.com](mailto:ballyduffswex@hotmail.com) or call 053)9383436.

Le gach dea-ghuá,

**Lorcán Browne (Principal)**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
6th February 2022**

1. Jesus invites Peter to put out the net again, and Peter does so though he thinks it pointless. When have you felt it was pointless to stick with a task, but did so nonetheless and been surprised by results? We never know when our efforts are going to bear fruit.
2. 'Push out into the deep' The invitation is to go out into unfamiliar waters, where we are not sure what will happen, where we feel uneasy, and our safety is not assured. When have you responded positively to that kind of an invitation and got positive results you did not expect?
3. The story gives us a glimpse of what prepared the disciples to follow Jesus. They were helped by the compassion and concern of Jesus (cured Peter's mother-in-law); attracted by his work and teaching; and witnessed the power of God at work through him. This led them to 'leave everything and follow him'. Who, or what, influenced you in making key decisions in your life? Who was Jesus for you in those situations?

**Prayers against Human Trafficking  
(8th February)**

For an end to the coercion and exploitation of vulnerable persons at factories, farms, and brothels, we pray: *Hear us God of freedom.*

For an eradication of the poverty and lack of opportunity that breeds human trafficking, we pray: *Hear us God of freedom.*

For a greater awareness of the reality and signs of human trafficking in our midst, we pray: *Hear us God of freedom.*

For cooperation between governments and social service agencies to neutralize traffickers and their networks, we pray: *Hear us God of freedom.*

God of liberation, we pray for all your children who are enslaved by human trafficking. Free them from their bondage, heal them of their wounds, protect them from further harm, turn the hearts of their oppressors, and sustain them with hope for a new beginning in safety and peace. Amen.