



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received

**Ferns** for the week was €1100.20

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

The amount received from **Clogogue** for the month of February €507.00

*Thank you for your generosity.*

### A History of Ferns

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

Also available in The Parish Office.

### A Lenten Prayer

Look with favour, Lord,  
on your household.  
Grant that, though our flesh be humbled  
by abstinence from food,  
our souls, hungering after you,  
may be resplendent in your sight.

### St. Francis' Peace Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is offence, pardon.

Where there is discord, union.

Where there is error, truth.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light.

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine master, let me not seek as much

To be consoled as to console

To be understood, as to understand.

To be loved, as to love

For it's in giving that we receive

And it's in pardoning that we are

Pardoned.

And it's in dying that we raised, to

Eternal life.

**Please pray daily for Ukraine**

### ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

**Very Rev Paddy Cushen. P.P.** Tel: 053-9366152 / Mobile: 087 2387559.

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**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, CLOGUE

**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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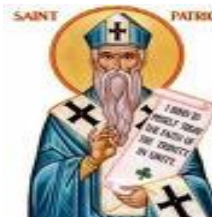
2nd Sunday of Lent

## A BLESSING ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY—

### THE TRUE SUN

*For this sun which we now see  
Rises each new day for us at his command,  
Yet it will never reign  
Nor will its splendour last for ever.  
But we who believe and adore  
The true sun that is Christ  
Will never die, nor will those  
Who have done his will,  
But will abide for ever,  
Just as Christ himself will abide for all  
eternity,  
Who reigns with God and Father all-powerful,  
And with the Holy Spirit before time began,  
And now and through all ages of ages.*

**Mass Times as weekend.**



### MISSION APPEALS

This week-end, we are delighted to welcome Sr. Bride Counihan LSA for the annual Mission Appeal, she is a member of the Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Assumption.

The Little Sisters of the Assumption have been working in Ireland since 1891.

They would greatly appreciate any support you can give to their missionary work among some of the poorest people of today's world, particularly in Latin America and Africa.

The total basket collections on the day will be given to this worthy cause helping those much more in need than we are in the world. The missionary work of the church depends on the generosity of good and caring people and our nation is noted for sharing.

### 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.

**Mass Time & Intentions  
This Weekend**

**12th & 13th March 2022**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Martin Murphy, Clone Road

**8.30am:** People of the Parish

**11.00am:** Agnes & Michael Andrews Jnr,  
Pairc Mhuire

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:**

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:**

**Mass Time & Intentions  
Next Weekend**

**19th & 20th March 2022**

**Ferns Church**

**6.15pm:** Sarah Bolger, Pairc Mhuire

**8.30am:** People of the Parish

**11.00am:** Michael & Elizabeth Lacey,  
Ballycarney & their daughter Brigid Mary &  
deceased family members.

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Martin Byrne, Clonee Lane  
Margaret O'Neill, Bolinaspect

**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**



**Confirmation 2022**

The sacrament of  
confirmation will be  
administered in the parish  
by **Very Rev. Paddy Cushen P.P.**  
Ballyduff N.S. in Church

**Friday 18th March 11.00 & 1.00**

**Tombrack N.S. Ferns Church**

**Friday 25th March 11.00am.**

**Scoil Naomh Maodhog in Ferns**  
**Friday 1st April 11.00 & 1.30pm**

**19th & 20th March 2022**

**Ministers of the Word**

**6.15pm:** Brendan Kenny

**8.30am:** Maureen Kavanagh

**11.00am:** Maura Kelly

**Ministers of Holy Communion**

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

**8.30am:** Eileen Brickley

**11.00am:** Eleanor Hawkins & Mary Sinnott

**Talk on Mental Health**

Information on Mental Health &  
supports, will be given by Niall  
O'Muiri of Wexford Mental Health.  
Meeting on Monday fortnight 28th  
March at 7.30p.m. in the **Parish Pas-  
toral Centre** on the school side of  
the Parochial House. This subject is  
very important with so many people  
in need today.

**All are most welcome to attend.**

**Trocaire**

The Trocaire Lenten campaign com-  
menced on Wednesday. Trocaire was  
established by the Irish Bishops Confer-  
ence to help those in the Third World  
through evangelisation in the Catholic  
Faith, Education, Health Clinics, Hospi-  
tals, Farming support, Hygiene, irriga-  
tion, Horticulture, Poverty, etc. Please  
try and support the efforts of Trocaire in  
helping those in deprived and war torn  
areas in the world.

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the faith  
**Ann Bernadette Connors**  
who was baptised recently.

**Ferns Parish Shop**

Confirmation & First Holy Communion  
Stock now in. First Holy  
Communion Cards, Holy Communion  
Chains, Bracelets, Rosettes etc. Great  
value. Please come and see.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

In St. Aidan's Church each weekday Mon.—Sat. from 10.00a.m. to 1.00p.m. in the Mor-  
tuary 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.**

**Second Sunday of Lent  
13th March 2022**

1. On the mountain, the disciples saw Jesus in a new way. His appearance changed. Sometimes in friendships there are experiences when we get to know a friend in a deeper way. It is a marvellous moment. This can also happen in our relationship with God. Recall such experiences in your life. Remember what it was like for you and give thanks. How do such memories sustain you in difficult times?
2. The clear vision of Jesus with Moses and Elijah was followed by a frightening experience of being in a cloud. It was in the midst of the cloud that the disciples were instructed: 'This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him.' Have you had the experience of learning an important truth about yourself, or about your relationship with God, from moments of confusion as well as from times of joy?
3. The disciples were prepared for this experience by getting an invitation from Jesus to come apart, to withdraw to the mountain. Have there been times when going apart (or making space for quiet and prayer in an ordinary day) was an important element in preparing you for a significant experience?
4. Peter wanted to build three tents. He wanted to hold on to the experience. Have there been experiences that you wanted to hold on to?

**Letter from Bishop Ger Nash**

As we begin our journey through Lent 2022, I want to talk to you about an exciting new develop-  
ment which will be part of our church life this year. It is the preparation for the Synod of the whole  
church which will take place in October 2023. But even though that is a bit of time in the future, Pope  
Francis has asked every Diocese in the world to begin now the conversations which will provide a  
good idea of the reality of peoples' lives so that the Synod will be rooted in the lived experience of  
people.

One phrase which sums up the purpose of the Synod is:

To dream about the Church we are called to be, to make hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up  
wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlight-  
en minds, warm hearts and restored strength to our hands for the common mission" (Synod Preparato-  
ry Document)

This is a wonderful vision but a challenging one and it starts with small but definite steps. I am writ-  
ing to all the people of the Diocese in the coming weeks for the four different areas of the  
Diocese at the venues listed below:

**Monday, March 21st at 7.30pm in The Brandon House Hotel, New Ross**

**Tuesday, March 22nd at 7.30pm in Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy**

**Monday, April 4th at 7.30pm in Whites Hotel, Wexford**

**Tuesday, April 5th at 7.30pm in Amber Springs Hotel Gorey**

The purpose of the meetings will be to hold conversations to explore and discuss Pope Francis' ques-  
tion— What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?

The invitation is extended young and old, to those who are regular attenders at church and those who  
are not. All that matters is that you feel that you would have something to contribute to the discussion.  
The discussion will be facilitated by Dermot O'Neill and I will attend all four meetings.

I am looking forward to meeting you on any one of the four nights

With every blessing and good wish

**Your sincerely**  
**Ger Nash**  
**Bishop of Ferns**