

 **Sunday Envelope Collection**  
 The amount received  
**Ferns** for the week was **€992.00**  
 The amount received for **Ballyduff** for  
**month of February** was **€2142.00**  
 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. 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**

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**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**

**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**



# Ferns Parish Newsletter



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3rd Sunday of Lent

## Called to be Prophets

Through baptism we receive a threefold anointing and are given some share in the  
 kingly, priestly and prophetic ministry of Jesus.

We are called to live prophetic lives which point towards the truth, the goodness and the  
 beauty of God.

We live prophetically through our words and our deeds and, like the prophets of old,  
 understand that God requires that we walk in justice, kindness and humility.

As the prophet Micah so beautifully expressed it: 'He has told you, O Man, what is  
 good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and  
 to walk humbly with your God?' (Micah 6:8)

## Annunciation of the Lord

To live prophetically, like Mary, we learn to say 'Yes' to God. Mary's 'Yes' was a cru-  
 cial moment in human history. We owe her a profound debt. She freely embraced her  
 vocation to be the Mother of God. She was not coerced, or pressurised, or threatened, but  
 she responded by saying 'yes' to God. Perhaps there are only two ways: to say 'yes' or  
 to say 'no' to God. To say, 'Your will be done' or for God to say, 'OK, have it your  
 way.' God's gift of free will always involves a decision and choice; to choose good or  
 evil, sin or grace, the way of death or the way of life.

*'The imitation of Mary includes the imitation of Christ because Mary is the first  
 Christian to follow Christ, and she is the first and most perfect model of Christ. Indeed,  
 that is why the imitation of Mary is not only relevant to women but to all Christians'*  
 (Edith Stein)

## Mission Appeal Gratitude

Sr. Bride Counihan of the Little Sisters of the Assumption has written to express  
 her deep gratitude to the people of the parish for their most generous response to  
 her appeal at the weekend. With the inclement weather, numbers attending were  
 badly affected but those who responded were most generous. The amount col-  
 lected was **€1,701.64**. As she said during her appeal, for ever euro contributed  
 she will receive three more, which means our generosity now amounts to  
**€6,806.56** which will be most helpful for the work of her order.

Please remember the missionary work of the church in your prayers, and pray for  
 peace in the world.

## 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**

**19th & 20th March 2022**

#### **Ferns Church**

**6.15pm:** Sarah Bolger, Pairc Mhuire  
Daniel & Kathleen Sheehan, Effernogue

**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:**

### **Mass Time & Intentions**

#### **Next Weekend**

**26th & 27th March 2022**

#### **FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Elsie Dunbar, Coolbawn  
Lil & Bill Kavanagh, Strahart & their daughter  
Susan Halpin & their son Johnny Kavanagh  
Billy Cash, Pairc Mhuire (Months Mind)

**8.30am:** Susan & Bernie Brooks, Coolbawn

**11.00am:** Kevin Rochford, Pairc Mhuire  
Jim Nolan, Carnew Road & his wife Mary  
(Molch) Nolan.

#### **BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Tom O'Leary, Clonee Lane  
(Months Mind)

#### **CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:**



#### **Confirmation 2022**

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

**Tombrack N.S. Ferns Church**  
**Friday 25th March 11.00a.m.**  
**Scoil Naomh Maoldhóg in Ferns**  
**Friday 1st April 11.00 & 1.30pm**

#### **BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the faith  
**Tommy James Swaine**  
who was baptised recently.

**26th & 27th March 2022**

#### **Ministers of the Word**

**6.15pm:** Ena Gray

**8.30am:** Richard Cotter

**11.00am:** Joe Sinnott

#### **Ministers of Holy Communion**

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

**8.30am:** Eileen Brickley

**11.00am:** Liz Villar & Patricia Keenan

#### **Talk on Mental Health**

Information on Mental Health & sup-  
ports, will be given by Niall O'Muiri  
of Wexford Mental Health. Meeting  
on Monday 28th March at 7.30p.m. in  
the **Parish Pastoral 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.**

#### **Sincere Sympathy**

Is extended to Marie Claire O'Leary  
and the O'Leary & Kinsella Families  
on the death of Kevin O'Leary,  
Springmount, Killane  
**Rest in Peace. May God console the  
bereaved in their grief and loss.**

#### **Trocaire**

The Trocaire Lenten campaign com-  
menced on Ash Wednesday. Trocaire  
was established by the Irish Bishops Con-  
ference 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.

#### **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**

#### **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.**

#### **Third Sunday of Lent**

**20th March 2022**

1. Jesus rejects the idea that personal misfortune is God's punishment for sin. Yet a serious illness or accident can serve as a wake-up call about how we live our lives. How have such experiences given you a greater appreciation of the value of your life and relationships, and of the time, and opportunities at your disposal?
2. 'I'll wait till tomorrow to do that'. Have you ever said that and then found the chance is gone the next day? In the story we are called to recognise God at work in our lives and re-  
spond to Him. **NOW** is the opportune moment. When have you been glad you did not put off  
action to the following day?
3. Perhaps there have been times when you saw yourself like the tree in the parable – useless,  
merely a waste of space, unable to achieve what you wanted. Think of friends who came to  
you at such a time, people who saw your potential and were prepared to give you another  
chance, people who also dug the soil around you and gave you the help you needed to grow.  
Perhaps in your turn you have been able to do this for others.

#### **Invitation**

Pope Francis has invited people worldwide to hold conversations in preparation for a  
Synod of the Church in 2023. He wants us to look at the Church under the headings.

#### **Communion, Participation, Mission**

In Ireland, we are being asked to consider the question-

***What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?***

Everyone who would like to take part in this conversation will be very welcome.

*Bishop Ger Nash is now inviting you to attend one of four  
meetings across the Diocese in the coming weeks.*

If you cannot attend your local meeting, you will be very welcome at another one  
that suits you.

**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 discussion will be facilitated by Dermot O'Neill and  
Bishop Ger will be in attendance*

#### **Church Gate Collection**

Friends & Family of St. Aidan's Day  
Care Centre in Gorey, will hold their an-  
nual church gate collection on  
Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd April. Your  
generosity would be greatly appreciated

#### **Congratulations**

To the Children of Ballyduff School who  
received the sacrament of Confirmation  
on Friday last.

#### **Ukraine Appeal**

The Bishops of Ireland have requested  
parishes to hold a collection next week-  
end to help support the people of Ukraine  
in this traumatic time in their country,  
where many are living at the peril of their  
lives and suffering from loss of belong-  
ings, food, water and clothing. People of  
Ireland have been very generous so far,  
but if you would like to help at local lev-  
el, through this appeal, please do so.