



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns for the week was **€2032.50**
The amount received for **Ballyduff** for
month of January was **€768.00**.
The amount received from **Clogogue** for
the month of January **€613.00**



Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to Mick Leacy
and Caroline on the death of
Mary, wife & mother, The Dell, Bal-
lycarney and to Mary Cash and
Family on the death of Billy, hus-
band, father, grandfather and great
grandfather, Pairc Mhuire.
Rest in Peace. May God console the



Scoil Naomh Maoghóg Virtual Family Bingo Friday 11th March at 7.30pm

3 Games for €10.00

Prizes for each game :

One Line €25, **Two lines** €50,

Full House: €100.00.

Great prizes and lots of fun and
games are guaranteed on the night..
Bingo Books on sale from the school.
Your support is greatly appreciated

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,

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



Ferns Parish Newsletter



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5th & 6th March 2022

1st Sunday of Lent



SEASON OF LENT

On Wednesday last we commenced the season of Lent. The day prior to
Lent is called Shrove or Pancake Tuesday. Both titles have their own
significance. We call it 'Pancake Tuesday' because in the past the Fast
during Lent was very strict and before the season started the people used
up the surplus food in the home, which at the best of times was scarce and the variety
rather lacking. The normal food in the house was milk, flour, eggs, butter, and salt.
They used these which are the ingredients for pancakes so that they would not be
tempted to over indulge in food during Lent. It was called 'Shrove Tuesday' because
it was the last day before Lent to go to confession to be shriven (absolved) of their
sins. In the past this was the great day for going to confession and then the people did
penance for their sins for the next forty days. We are given this great Season of Lent
to do **Penance** for our sins, to **Pray** and give **Alms**. We have the forty days because
Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days and nights to prepare himself for his three
years of public ministry, so Jesus was 30 years of age at that time, as he died at the
age of 33 years. Please make an effort to follow the example of Jesus by making a
few resolutions to Pray, Fast and give Alms. Stations of the Cross, will take place in
Ferns on Mondays at 7.00p.m.

Also you could visit the Church where there is daily

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

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 ador-
ers 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

**Mass Time & Intentions
This 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:

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

12th & 13th March 2022

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Martin Murphy, Clone Road

8.30am:

11.00am: Agnes & Michael Andrews Jnr,
Pairc Mhuire

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



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

Blessed Beeswax Candles available in the

12th & 13th March 2022

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Brendan Kenny

8.30am: Maureen Kavanagh

11.00am: Maura Kelly

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Margaret Maguire & Michael Bernie

8.30am: Eileen Brickley

11.00am: Ann Swaine & Liz Villar

Church Gate Collection

Pro Life church gate collection will take place this weekend.

Ferns Church Accounts

The Financial statement for the year is included in this weeks Newsletter. We are most grateful for your generous sup-

Trocaire

The Trocaire Lenten campaign commenced on Wednesday. Trocaire was established by the Irish Bishops Conference to help those in the Third World through evangelisation in the Catholic Faith, Education, Health Clinics, Hospitals, Farming support, Hygiene, irrigation, Horticulture, Poverty, etc. Please try and support the efforts of Trocaire in helping those in deprived and war torn areas in the world. Our Irish nation is noted for the help of he deprived world wide. Our history shows we got help from other nations in our need, Let us care for those in need today. "I was hun-

Ferns Penny Bank Hours

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

MISSION APPEALS

Next week-end, 12th and 13th March 2022 the annual Mission Appeal will take place in our parish, made by 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. Total basket collections on the day will be given to the Missions. Many thanks
Sr. Bride Counihan LSA

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.

Ballyduff N.S. Enrolment September 2022

Application form from the school website ballyduffswex.ie or email ballyduffswex@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. You may return completed forms by post to the school address or scan and email to ballyduffswex@hotmail.com. If you request further informa-

**First Sunday of Lent
6th March 2022**

1. The temptations were a step for Jesus in his growing understanding of his mission and of his relationship with his Father. Can you look back at some painful experiences and acknowledge that you have grown through them, both in your knowledge of yourself, and in your relationships with others and with God? Give thanks for the guidance of the Spirit of God in these times.
2. Sometimes, as with the COVID-19 pandemic, we are tested by events outside our control. What did you learn about yourself during the pandemic? Is there some way in which you grew through the experience?
3. Behind each of the temptations in the gospel story is a basic temptation to lose trust in God. Jesus resisted this because he recognised his complete dependence on his Father. How have you come to recognise your life and the whole world as gifts from God?
4. One can enter into each of the temptations singly. There may be ones that you have experienced:
 - the temptation to give priority to bodily needs and satisfactions
 - the temptation to power
 - the temptation to seek to be the centre of attention.
 - How have you grown through wrestling with these temptations?

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

Can we still speak of our human nature as fallen? An article explores how important this question is, especially at this time of Lent. We have Pope Francis' message for Lent where he encourages us to sow the seeds of goodness while praying and fasting for peace in Ukraine. Bishop Ger invites the diocesan family to consider taking part in the pilgrimage to Lourdes which resumes this year after a two-year absence. The homily for the First Sunday of Lent focuses on the temptations of Christ and how we too can succumb to the classic substitutes for God of wealth, honour, pleasure and power. We have the usual newsletter insert and an appeal for the people of Ukraine from Aid to the Church in Need. Finally, a recorded talk given at last weekend's Divine Mercy Conference on the Eucharist as God's way of loving us. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com