

Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received
Ferns for the week was **€567.20**
The amount received for **Ballyduff** for
month of **March** was **€405.65**
The amount received from **Clogogue** for
the month of **March** **€151.60**
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.

Mass Leaflet's

When attending Mass please use the leaf-
let provided, it will help with the respons-
es. Due to the Covid exclusion of people
from Sunday Mass many have forgotten
the responses, especially children through
no fault of their own.

School Cleaner

Required for Ballyduff School.
17.5 hours per week, 3.5 hours a day
after school.
Those interested please send your CV to
Brian Cadigan at
ballyduffnswex@hotmail.com

Church Gate Collection

The Parents Association of Our Lady of Fati-
ma Special School will hold a Church Gate
collection on this Saturday &
Sunday. Our Lady of Fatima school have
appreciated your ongoing and continued
support.

NOTICE TO ENVELOPE DISTRIBUTORS

The Easter Dues envelopes are now
available for distribution. We would be grate-
ful if all distributors would
collect them at their convenience.
Many thanks for your continued help.

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

Christ Risen! Ferns Parish Newsletter



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16th & 17th April 2022

Easter Sunday

Easter

Today, we celebrate the greatest feast of the Church's year, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. In the Old Testament we have the prophesy of Jonah, just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale for three days, so the Son of God was in the heart of the earth for three days, before he rose, as he promised. He said "Destroy this temple and in three days I will rebuild it", he was speaking of the temple of His own body which He rebuilt by rising on the first Easter Day. By rising from the dead Jesus proved beyond all doubt that he was the Son of God. Many who were at the foot of the cross on Good Friday looked on Jesus as a failure, they said "If you are the Son of God come down from the cross", others said "He saved others let him save himself, if he is the Son of God." When he died they walked sadly away.

Just imagine what would have happened if Jesus had failed to rise from the dead! Christianity would have soon been forgotten. Jesus would have been remembered as a good man, but not who he claimed to be. The apostles would have gone back fishing, tax collecting, etc. We gather in Churches throughout the world today to celebrate the greatest event the world has experienced, the Resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God, from the dead. By rising he proved beyond all doubt he was the Son of God and made it possible for all of us to achieve what God wishes for us, that is, we will one day share in the resurrection. Each Sunday is a celebration of the Lord's Resurrection, let us come to our Church each weekend to praise, petition and thank God for sending his Son to save us. Alleluia.



We ask you to please now return your Trócaire Boxes. We ask you to be mindful of those in the Third World who are in need of our help, support and generosity. A little will go a long way to help those in need. Your money will be most welcome in whatever form you decide to give. If possible we ask you to please convert the smaller coins you contribute to notes or large coins, this would be a tremendous help and would be deeply appreciated, when counting the money.

"The Lord loves a cheerful giver".

TROCAIRE
Working for a Just World



*Wishing All in the Parish a Very
Happy & Peace Filled Easter*



**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

16th & 17th April 2022

FERNS CHURCH

8.30pm:

8.30am: People of the Parish

11.00am: Kathleen O'Connor, Pairc Mhuire
Kitty O'Toole, Ballingale

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Tommy Browne, Clonee

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Billy & Rita Donohoe, Ballinakill

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

23rd & 24th April 2022

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Bridget Byrne, The Barracks,
Effernogue

Breda Nolan, Rosemary Heights & Paddy
Gethings

8.30am: People of the Parish

11.00am: Stephen O'Leary, Ballymoteybeg,
Monageer

Sean Donnelly, Castlemanor

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Eddie Dreelan, Kiltown

Andy & Nancy Hayden, Monasootha

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

Blessing

Risen Lord, your breaking the chains of death is a blessing for us now and in eternity.

Risen Christ, your risen body still bears the scars of your sacrifice—a blessing for humanity.

We followed you for forty days in the desert, bless us as we witness to your Resurrection especially during these fifty days of Eastertide

23rd & 24th April 2022

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Ena Gray

8.30am: Theresa Nolan

11.00am: Frances O'Toole

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Ann Bernie & Mary Fortune

8.30am: Eileen Brickley

11.00am: Ann Swaine & Eleanor Hawkins

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

It's Easter once again and with renewed conviction and hope we join with the whole Church to proclaim that Christ is risen and that God's love is the greatest power in the world. We include inspirational quotes from the saints on the mystery of the cross as a symbol of love. We have a meditation on the Lord's Supper by Scripture scholar Scott Hahn and a homily for Easter Sunday. Included is an article on the close proximity of cross and resurrection as mysteries that interpenetrate our lives. 'A Spirituality for our Times' is one day conference organised by the Sisters of St John of God that takes place in Ballyvaloo, Blackwater on 13th May. All are welcome. 'The Hook of Faith' takes this opportunity to wish all our followers a very happy Easter. May the risen Lord fill you with peace and inspire you to be his witnesses of joy and love. www.thehookoffaith.com

Resurrection

Jesus' death liberated us from sin and death; his resurrection opens up new life, the life of the Holy Spirit.

Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the power of the Father, we too come to walk in newness of life.

Our dignity and destiny rests in the glory of the Risen Lord, who shapes all that we try to do each day.

This week we unite ourselves more fully to the Lord, sharing in his sacrifice on the cross, praying that we experience anew the power of his resurrection and the gift of new life.



**Divine Mercy Sunday
Devotions**

With Solemn Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.
St. Aidan's Church Ferns Sunday
24th April @ 3pm.

Celebrant: Very Rev. Paddy Cushen P.P.
Confessions during devotions.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

In the Pastoral Centre each weekday Mon.—Sat. from 10.00a.m. to 1.00p.m.
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.



Lourdes Pilgrimage

20th-24th June 2022, 4 Nights

Led by the Bishop of Ferns,

Most Rev. Ger Nash

Cost from €679 p.p.s.,

Enquiries to: Fr Matt Boggan 051
565610. Joe Walsh Tours: 01 2410800

Email: info@joewalshstours.ie

Booking Forms in Parish Office.

Tombrack Big Clean up

We have registered for both An Taisce National Spring Clean and The North Wexford 2k with Wexford County Council.

Two roads have been registered in total and The scheduled clean up for the roads are:

Tombrack to Strahart - Saturday 23rd April
Meet at Tombrack Hall at 11.00 am. Please wear high vis jackets. information contact
Nan 0863645631 Catherine 0539366248

Marriage

Congratulations to

Shane Murphy & Michelle McDonald

*who were married recently. We wish
them health and happiness in their
married life.*

**The Creative Camino Concert and
Launch Event**

**At St. Edan's Cathedral, Ferns Sunday
May 1st 2022 at 7.30pm**

Turlough O Carolan in Music & Song

Performed by The Allabair Trio – 7.30pm
and featuring local choir 'The Cordon
Blues'. Followed by

*The Creative Camino Launch Event –
9pm.*

Performed by members of Ferns community and Lantern Presents

*To register for free tickets for the concert
- www.eventbrite.ie using*

#FernsHeritageProject or

#TheAllabairTrio and County Wexford

for location; or visit www.fernsvillage.ie

A Spirituality of our Times

This Conference will be
on 13th May 2022.

Venue: Ballyvaloo Retreat & Conference
Centre, Blackwater

The speaker: **Jane Mellett**

Times: **10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.**

Cost: €30 (includes lunch) pay on the
door

Booking essential: Contact Sara or
Catherina @ 056 7722870 9.00 am – 5.00
pm or e-mail sara.bulfin@ssjg.ie **before
May 6th.**

Ferns Notes

If anyone would like to advertise an upcoming event in The Guardian under Ferns Notes please contact Christopher Power at tinnashrule1@gmail.com
The Ferns Notes is a free service.

Ferns Heritage Festival

Mass Path Walk, Tombrack to Ferns

Takes place on Saturday 30th April.

Please assemble in

Ferns Church Car Park at 4.45pm.

A courtesy bus will ferry the walkers to a
starting point in Tombrack.

Mass will take place in Ferns at 6.15pm

A souvenir video will be available at a
later date.



Grateful Thanks

To all who attended the Holy Week Ceremonies for your expression of faith.

Thanks to all who took part in various ministries associated with the celebrations, Choir, Word, Eucharist, Altar Servers, Sacristan, commentator and those who prepared the Church for Holy Week and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Saviour. Alleluia!