



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received Ferns for the week was €690.50

The amount received for Ballyduff for month of April was €166.00

The amount received from Cloogue for the month of April €255.00

*Thank you for your generosity.*

### Procession & Patron

Due to the weather last week's events were very badly hampered. The Procession had to be cancelled and the Patron Mass was celebrated in the Church with the blessing of graves afterwards. Collection €1,580.85, many thanks.

Congratulations to all in Coolbawn who decorated the route for the Procession, it was beautiful and you are all to be complimented for your work.

Although the Patron Mass had to be held in the Church it was great to see a full church for the patron, it was the first time we had such a crowd for many years, especially due to Covid. The Band and Choir greatly added to the celebration.

All are to be congratulated for your great efforts for the day, the Social Employment Scheme for the grounds, Parish Council members for arranging seating for the cemetery and Teas, Coffee, Cakes, etc. The helpers in the kitchen in the Pastoral Centre and all who prepared refreshments, the parish Office for the leaflets, etc. The cemetery looked beautiful. Well done one and all.

### 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, CLOOGUE

**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.

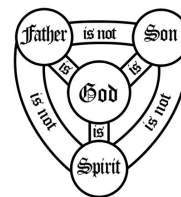
**Ferns St. Vincent de Paul:** Tel: 086 7219303

**Safeguarding Officers:** Denis Kinsella 087 2465720, Bernidina Roche 086 0786100

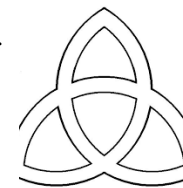
Ballyduff: Alan Byrne 086 8135149. Cloogue: Mary Skelton 087 6984703

**St. Aidan's Church, Ferns**

We have 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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11th & 12th June 2022

The Most Holy Trinity

### THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

This week we feature the final Synthesis of Communal Spiritual Discernment in our diocese as part of the synodal process. This document is accompanied by a personal reflection by Sean O' Leary who was involved in the task of writing the synthesis and collating the voices of those who took part. We offer a homily for the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity and a newsletter insert that explores how we are within the embrace of the Trinity and not outside it. Our video this week is a reflection on beauty by Bishop Robert Barron who reminds us that God is not just good and true but beautiful. We have the latest newsletter from 'The Way Forward' and finally, a guide to pray the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus that begins on June 15<sup>th</sup> and concludes on the Feast of the Sacred Heart on the 24th. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)



**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Saturday June 25th, 2022. Schedule of Ceremonies**

**2 pm:** Outdoor Stations of the Cross and Rosary Procession

**3pm:** Concelebrated with Anointing of the Sick

### The Holy Trinity

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Most Blessed Trinity, the three persons in the one God. We celebrate God's own feast day. The doctrine of the Blessed Trinity is a mystery for us human beings. We can try and explain it in various ways and yet it will remain a mystery. For us Irish people the way attributed to St. Patrick of explaining the trinity with a single piece of shamrock is one way to help us in some small way to

understand the Trinity. To have one piece of shamrock we need one stem and three equal leaves. The one stem represents the nature of the one God and the three leaves represent the three equal persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

▲ The Father created us, cares for us and keeps us in being.

▲ The Son came to redeem and save us.

▲ The Holy Spirit enlightens us and is constantly with us to guide us in the ways of Goodness.

At Baptism we were baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In Confirmation we received the fullness of the Spirit with all his gifts. Every time we bless ourselves we honour the Blessed Trinity – let us make sure our actions and words are a prayer to give glory to God. In the Glory Be to the Father, we honour the Blessed Trinity.



**Mass Time & Intentions  
This Weekend**

**11th & 12th June 2022**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Rita Brosnan, Enniscorthy Road  
Mary Kirk nee Kehoe

**8.30am:** Luke O'Connor, Kiltown  
Mary Nolan, Ballyboy

**11.00am:** Mary O'Leary, The Square, Ferns  
**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:**

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:**

**Mass Time & Intentions  
Next Weekend**

**18th & 19th June 2022**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Dr. Dan Purcell, Ballybeg  
Andrew O'Neill, Main Street (Months Mind)

**8.30am: People of the Parish**

**11.00am:** The Jordan & Moorehouse Families  
Bridget Cahill, Askinamoe (Months Mind)

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Andrew Browne, Ballybeg  
James 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**

**Sincere Sympathy**

Is extended to The Plummer & Fortune  
Families on the death of Marcella  
(Peggy) Plummer, Coolbawn who died  
recently.

**Rest in Peace.**

**May God console the bereaved in their  
grief and loss.**

The secret of success is to do common  
things uncommonly well.

**18th & 19th June  
Ministers of the Word**

**6.15pm:** Ena Gray

**8.30am:** Denis Kinsella

**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

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the faith  
*Billy Jake Charlie Kavanagh*  
*Holly Marie O'Rourke*  
who were baptised recently.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

'God our Father, we trust in your loving  
kindness. Bless our diocese of Ferns with  
many priestly and religious vocations. Give  
the men and women you call the light to  
understand your gift and the love to always  
follow in the footsteps of your Son.  
Amen'.

If you would like to know more about the  
diocesan priesthood, please contact Fr Billy  
Swan at:

[billyswan68@hotmail.com](mailto:billyswan68@hotmail.com) or at  
The Presbytery, School St., Wexford.

**Marriage Jubilee Congratulations**

*To Alan & Patty Owens, Kiloggy who  
celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of the  
marriage on Thursday week.*

*Also to Ned and Betty Coleman, Clonee  
lower who celebrated their Golden Ju-  
bilee of marriage on Tuesday last.  
You are tremendous witnesses to the  
Art of Marriage and God's love.*

**Belarus support**

Sisters from St. Elizabeth Convent,  
Belarus will be visiting St. Aidan's  
Church, Ferns on Saturday and Sun-  
day next 18th/19th June with a display  
in the front porch of religious goods for  
sale, the proceeds from which will go  
towards their work in Orphanages and  
feeding homeless. Your support would  
be greatly appreciated.

**EXAMINATIONS PRAYER**

O Great St. Joseph of Cupertino, who by your prayers, did obtain from God, the grace to  
be asked at your examination, the only question you knew. Obtain for me, success like  
yours in the examination for which I am preparing, and in return, I promise to make your  
name known and cause it to be invoked. Amen.

**The Most Holy Trinity  
12th June 2022**

1. Wisdom about life comes slowly and  
sometimes painfully. Hearing the 'right'  
answer at the 'wrong' time does not help  
us. We need to be ready and open to re-  
ceiving the truth if it is to have any im-  
pact. Perhaps you can recall some occa-  
sions when it was the 'right' time for you  
to learn a truth about life. Remember  
your experiences of growing in under-  
standing and truth.

2. Perhaps the Spirit guided you through  
the words of someone close to you, or  
through the words and actions of people  
you read about or saw on TV. Or maybe  
understanding came to you when praying  
or reflecting on your life. Remember and  
give thanks for the people who have  
helped you to greater wisdom on your  
journey through life.

3. Wisdom is handed on from person to  
person, and from generation to genera-  
tion, within families, within communities,  
etc. Are there any wisdom sayings that  
you cherish from what has been handed  
on to you?

**Patron Dates 2022**

**Clologue:** 31st July 2pm  
**Ballyduff:** 14th August 2pm

**Ferns Village Golf Classic 2022  
In association with Ferns  
Development Association  
Funding for Local Projects  
Date : Friday 8th July  
Enniscorthy Golf Club  
Teams of 4**



To book Call Teresa 086-6049340  
or Tom 086-2142339  
[www.fernsvillage.ie](http://www.fernsvillage.ie)

**Lough Derg Pilgrimage  
Tue. 5th July - Thur. 7th July 2022**



Bus leaving St. Peter's  
Square, Wexford at 6.30am  
[via Enniscorthy (Abbey sq.)

Ferns (Bus Stop),  
Gorey (Hospital)]

return to Wexford Thursday at  
6.00 p.m.

Island Fee: **€80.00**

Bus: **€60.00**

Bookings:

**Fr. P. Cushen, Ferns, 053-9366152**  
Mobile 087-2387559

**Ferns Parish Office 053-9366514**  
Bookings taken and **seat guaranteed**  
with **€50 non-refundable deposit.**



**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](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie)

**Booking Forms in Parish Office.**

**The Holy Trinity**

At the Last Supper, Christ explained to  
the Apostles that he could not teach them  
everything because they were not, during  
his lifetime, sufficiently receptive. The  
Holy Spirit will be charged with continu-  
ing Christ's work for all the days of the  
future Church. It is the love of the Father  
that gives us his Son, while the Holy  
Spirit is ever leading us to know more of  
the truth.

**Examination Time**

Please remember in your daily prayers all  
who are sitting public examinations at  
present. May the Spirit of God bless them  
and guide them to success.