



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in
Ferns for the week was **€490.50**
The amount received for **Ballyduff** for month
of **December** was **€945.20**
The amount received from **Clogogue** for the
month of **December** **€458.40**
Thank you for your generosity.

Seasons Homecare

Healthcare information evening 'Live Well At Home'.
We will have an expert of the healthcare professionals to discussion.
Health at home
Recovering after illness
Medication Management
Join us for the first in our series of relaxed information evening at Woodford Dolmen Hotel Friday 1st February from 7pm-9pm.
Evening hosted by Seasons Homecare
YOUR CARE, YOUR WAY

Increase in Price of Mass Cards

We receive a great number of requests for Mass Cards. The price has been €10.00 for card and offering. Most of the intentions are sent to the missions and they expect €10.00. New price will be **€11.00**, card €1.00 and €10.00 offering.

Eircode

It is most important that you know your Eircode for your premises. In case of an emergency of any kind it is the fastest way to identify your destination and minutes can be most important in any emergency.

Where should you keep the Code?

Beside your phone. Inside your door.
Beside your bed. Now is the time to look it up and have it ready, because in an emergency panic sets in and if you have not got it, this could be too late and it will increase anxiety.

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**

Opening Hours: 9am-1pm & 2pm-4pm Mon-Fri

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

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.fernsparrish.ie**



Ferns Parish Newsletter



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21st & 22nd January 2023

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd January 2023

Sunday of The Word of God • Catholic Schools Week begins

1. 'The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light' ... Jesus applies this to himself and his message. Who have been the Jesus people who have been a source of light to you? Have you been such a light for others?
2. His message was a call to repentance, to a change of attitude toward God, from seeing God as one to be feared, to seeing God as a God of love. When have you heard that call in your life? What was it like for you?
3. Jesus invited disciples to join him in his mission. In responding, the disciples 'left their nets' to follow Jesus. Sometimes we have to disentangle ourselves from other things to give ourselves freely and wholeheartedly to a commitment. Have you experienced being 'enmeshed' and being free? Where did you find life?
4. In v 23 we have a summary of the ministry of Jesus – 'proclaiming the good news of the kingdom' and witnessing to this by teaching and healing. Who have been the people you have known who have witnessed to the 'kingdom', the reign of God in our world? What have been the signs that accompanied their witness? When have you done this yourself?

Ballyduff School Secretary Position (Part Time Hours)

The successful candidate will be committed and will demonstrate the following qualities:
Essential skills:

- Excellent Administrative skills & general office experience
- Excellent typing skills and proficiency in Microsoft applications (Word, Excel & Outlook)
- Excellent interpersonal skills, including oral and written communication skills
- Excellent organisational skills, ensuring good record-keeping and adherence to school procedures & policies.
- Knowledge of GDPR & Data Protection requirements and confidentiality.
- Familiarity with school systems (eg Aladdin, POD & OLCS systems) and with the management of school finances and on-line payment systems.

Please apply by January 30th with your letter of application, CV and referees to **ballyduffjobs2023@gmail.com**

Ballyduff N.S. Enrolment September 2023

Ballyduff N.S. is currently enrolling for September 2023. Very exciting times lies ahead for our school, particularly with our new sensory room completed. Please download an application form from the school website ballyduffnswex.ie or email ballyduffnswex@hotmail.com or contact the school office on 053 9383436 during the admission period.

Mass Time & Intentions This Weekend

21st & 22nd January 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Terry Moloney, London

Michael & Elizabeth Kearney, Corah

8.30am Caroline Holden, Coolbawn

11.00am: John Walsh, The Barracks,
Efferogue & his parents Ed & Mary Walsh
Pat O'Leary, Rosemary Heights
(Months Mind)

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Josephine Murphy, Ballyandrew
Joe Crowley, Tinnashrule

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Mary & James Breen, Milesogue
Sheila & Paddy Ronan, Clologue

Mass Time & Intentions Next Weekend

28th & 29th January 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: William Bolger, The Dell,
Ballycarney

Declan Murphy, Ballymorgan

8.30am:

11.00am: Noel Killeen, Pairc Mhuire
Leo Maguire, Clone Road
Mary Breslin, Coolbawn (Months Mind)

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Andy Doyle, Monasootha
Mary Anne Dunne, The Harrow

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Sean Redmond, Ballymore

*The words that I speak to you are
Spirit, and they are Life John 6:63*



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith

Evan John Murphy

Lillian Ann O'Connor

who were baptised recently.

28th & 29th January 2023

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Mary Cash

8.30am: Carmel Doyle

11.00am: Maura Kelly

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Maire Bernie & Mary Fortune

8.30am: A Volunteer

11.00am: Michael Breen & Patricia Keenan

Junior Infant Admission 2023

Scoil Naomh Maadhóg.

Parents/Guardians who wish to enrol children into Junior Infants for September 2023 may download an application form from the school website <http://fernsschool.scoilnet.ie/blog/>, email fernsschool@gmail.com or contact the school office to arrange collection of an Application Form from the **12th January 2023. Closing date for applications is 3pm on the 2nd February 2023.** Application forms have also been sent to the local playschools. The Code of Behaviour, Anti-Bullying Policy, Admission Policy, Annual Admissions Notice and School Ethos Statement may be viewed on the school website. **Only fully completed Application Forms will be accepted, accompanied by original Birth Certificate, Utility Bill and Baptismal Cert (if applicable).** Further information can be obtained from the school office on 053-9366205.
Le meas, John Halford (Principal)

WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
18-25 January 2023

Do good; seek justice (Isaiah 1:17)
FERNS DIOCESAN ECUMENICAL
SERVICE

**Church of the Holy Trinity,
BUNCLODY**

**SUNDAY 22 January 2023
7.00p.m.**

**Preacher: Rev. Michael Anderson
(Arklow Presbyterian Church)
ALL WELCOME**

Now is the time

More than 50 years ago, in his famous 'I have a dream' speech, Martin Luther King Jr talked about 'the fierce urgency of now'. He urged people to take positive action and to march forward together to address inequality and injustice, and his energy and conviction brought about massive change.

That sense of 'fierce urgency' seems to grab Jesus and the disciples in today's Gospel. In the opening chapters of Mark's Gospel everything happens 'at once' or immediately. There is a sense of hurry; the time has come, the kingdom of God is near, and Jesus needs helpers to work alongside him. Simon, Andrew, James and John are certainly ready, so ready that they are prepared to leave behind their livelihoods, and even their families, to attend to the urgent business of spreading the Good News.

Jesus asks the same of us, his modern-day disciples: 'Follow me'. We are summoned too. We are challenged to set aside our worldly concerns, to see the world in a new way, and to begin a new adventure with Jesus. For every person in our world who is suffering or oppressed or in need, there is a 'fierce urgency of now'. The work of the kingdom is too immediate to wait.

'This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilising drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children... The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.'

Martin Luther King Jr

Catholic Schools Week 2023

Catholic Schools Week 2023, themed as 'Walking Together in Faith & Love', will take place from Sunday 22 January to Sunday 29 January next.

For this year's annual celebration of Catholic education, CSW will draw on three features of the Synodal Pathway: 'Communion, Participation and Mission'. The theme for CSW 2023 is dedicated to celebrating the gift of Catholic education and recognizing the love and generosity of the entire school community: student, staff and home. According to Mr Alan Hynes, Chief Executive of the Catholic Education Partnership, "Catholic Schools Week is a celebration of contribution of Catholic education to individuals, to society, and to the global common good. Over the week, students will reflect on their own relationship with God, with their school community, and with their families. Inspired by the teachings of Pope Francis, our schools are encouraged to help bring joyful hope to our collective future through a relationship with Jesus." CSW resources have been made available on [Catholic Education Partnership | Ireland](#) drawing on scriptural reflections on journey, prayer, student voice, and (spiritual) wellbeing, with the following daily emphases:

Monday: Walking Together in Faith

Tuesday: Walking Together in Love (*In our school community, themes of inclusion*)

Wednesday: Walking Together to Celebrate – Grandparents' Day (*Celebrating those who help us on the journey of faith, themes of inclusion of the elderly in society*)

Thursday: Walking Together to Transform our World (*Themes of environment – Laudato Si' – and Mission*)

Friday: Walking Together in Hope