



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in
Ferns for the week was **€567.00**
The amount received for **Ballyduff** for month
of **January** was **€591.50**
The amount received from **Clogogue** for the
month of **December** **€458.40**
Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Grow in Love

Next weekend we continue our Parish Programme in preparation for First Penance and First Communion with Masses in Ballyduff on Sat. at 7.30p.m. and in Ferns on Sunday at 11.00a.m.

Green Fingered Helpers Needed

Traditionally over the years the pupils in Scoil Naomh Maoldhóg have always had the opportunity to get out into the school garden to keep it maintained, plant flowers and grow vegetables. The benefits of this are twofold, the pupils experience the outdoors while getting their hands dirty and the school grounds are enhanced. Unfortunately, over the last while it has become more and more difficult to facilitate this type of activity in school. Currently we have great plans afoot to develop new planted areas, grow more vegetables and plant trees. To enable as many pupils as possible to take part, we are looking for parent or grandparent helpers. No gardening experience or expertise required!! Depending on the number of volunteers, we envisage that it would be for a few hours once every 3 to 4 weeks. If you feel this is something you or a family member would be interested in and could commit to, please contact the school by phone 053-9366205 or email fernsschool@gmail.com for further information

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.fernsparish.ie



Ferns Parish Newsletter



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4th & 5th February 2023

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Icon Classes in New Ross this February

What do you know about religious Icons?

Well if you wish to find out more and have a chance to make your own, please contact:

Sr. Helen at the Carmelite Monastery on 087 2181687

Sr. Helen is starting new courses for both beginners and experienced artists alike, here in New Ross on 16th February 2023.

All brushes, paints, boards and tuition supplied. Spaces are limited, so book early.

HISTORY OF WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

In 1992, Pope John Paul II established the day to urge people to pray for individuals who are ill and their caretakers. The pope showed signs of Parkinson's disease in 1991, but it wasn't verified until 2001, therefore, it's notable that he opted to establish the World Day of the Sick barely a year after his diagnosis. In his apostolic letter "Salvifici Doloris", the pope wrote extensively on the subject of suffering and considered that it has always been a redeeming process through Christ.

On February 11, 1993, the first World Day of the Sick was observed. Our Lady of Lourdes, a term referring to the Virgin Mary in honor of apparitions alleged to have been seen in and around Lourdes, France, by a little girl named Bernadette Soubirous, is also celebrated on February 11. Bernadette was recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church a few years later. Because numerous pilgrims and tourists to Lourdes, France, claimed to have been healed at the Marian Sanctuary through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, he chose the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes as the day of the observance. The pope also paid homage to the Harissa sanctuary in Lebanon.

The World Day of the Sick had a particular significance in 2005 because the ailing pope died on April 2 of that year. As he lay dying in St. Peter's Square in Rome, a large crowd assembled to pray for him.

On this day in 2013, Pope Benedict XVI announced his resignation, citing his poor health as the cause for his departure. On World Day of the Sick, people all across the world take the opportunity to pray for the sick and those who labour tirelessly to alleviate their pain. Faith-based organizations commemorate this day by providing medicines, food, and spiritual guidance to the sick.

Marking 50 Years of Trocáire

On the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in 1973, the Irish Bishops wrote to the Christian people of Ireland establishing Trócaire. As we mark 50 years of Trócaire, we mark 50 years of perseverance, courage, participation, accountability and solidarity. From supporting human rights defenders in Central America, to leading the relief effort in Vietnam following the war, to providing essential emergency assistance in the midst of crisis, Trócaire has been proud to work on behalf of the people of the island of Ireland in fighting injustice across the world. We thank God for our supporters and partners who empower us to do this vital work. We pray that the next fifty years will see all the people of the world working together for a more just world, and that the fruits of this work will be clear to see.

Mass Time & Intentions This Weekend

4th & 5th February 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Margaret (Rita) Ronan, Coolbawn

Paddy Moynihan, Ballamon

8.30am: People of the Parish

11.00am: Myles Jordan, Carnew Road

Willie Fortune, Coolbawn

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Pat Hayden, Ballyduff

Deceased Family Members of Bolgers of

Ballybeg & Clondalkin

Jenny Doyle, nee Brennan, Corner House,

Monamolin (Months Mind)

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Sheila & Paddy Ronan, Clologue & their daughter Antoinette.

Mass Time & Intentions Next Weekend

11th & 12th February 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Myles Collier, Ballintore &

deceased family members.

John Byrne, St. Aidan's

8.30am: People of the Parish

11.00am: Johnny & Jenny Fowler

John Sinnott, Clone

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Isaac & Mary Connelly, Tinahely

& their son Patrick & deceased family

members

Shay, Girlie & Declan O'Neill,

Monasootha

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: People of the Parish

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to

The Murphy Family on the death of Sean

Murphy, Crory R.I.P.

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

11th & 12th February 2023

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Ena Gray

8.30am: Theresa Nolan

11.00am: Ailish Davitt

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Mary Cullen & Dora Murphy

8.30am: A Volunteer

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins & Christopher Power

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 Janu-**

ary 2023. Closing date for applications

is 3pm on the 2nd February 2023. Ap-

plication forms have also been sent to the

local playschools. The Code of Behav-

iour, Anti-Bullying Policy, Admission

Policy, Annual Admissions Notice and

School Ethos Statement may be viewed

on the school website. **Only fully com-**

pleted Application Forms will be ac-

cepted, 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)



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith

Bonnie Eve Sheridan &

Patrick Michael Connors

who was baptised recently.

We wish them every blessing.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

The next meeting will take place at the

Pastoral Centre on Monday at 8.00p..m.

New members are always welcome to

come and pray for vocations.

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.

Local Link Wexford: Clologue – Ferns – Ballyduff – Camolin – Gorey Route.

Local Link Wexford run a bus service from Clologue via Ferns, Ballyduff & Camolin to Gorey every Tuesday & Friday morning, returning in early afternoon.

There are scheduled stops but they can also pick passengers up from their homes, offering a door to door service along the route. Booking is required by calling 053 901 1828. You can also register once and a seat can be reserved for you every week. Call 053 901 1828 or email: wexford@locallink.ie for further information on timetable & fares. Or check timetable on Local Link website: www.locallinkwexford.ie/timetables. Free travel pass accepted and children under 5 travel free. Please SHARE this information with anyone who you think might benefit from this service as we may be in danger of losing it if it's not used.

Tombrack N.S. Open Evening

Join us for the open evening in our school Thursday February 9th from 7pm-8pm. Bring along your child to meet the teachers and have a look around. Check out our twitter account @tombrackns or contact us on 053 9366738

Congratulations

Congratulations to Bishop Adrian Wilkinson who was installed at St. Edan's Cathedral Ferns on Sunday. We wish him every blessing in his new appointment and ministry.



NOTICE TO ENVELOPE DISTRIBUTORS

The Ferns Weekly Envelopes for 2023 are now available for distribution, we would be grateful if all distributors would collect them at their convenience. Many thanks for your continued help.

Our Lady of Lourdes World Day for the Sick

Saturday 11th February will be the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Anointing of the sick will take place during 9.30am Mass in Ferns Parish Church. We ask you in your prayers to please remember the sick of the parish and all who are suffering from sickness of mind or body. 'Your health is your greatest wealth'. Let us always be conscious of the Sick, the Old, the Bereaved, the Lonely, etc and give our time and gifts to help them in times of loneliness and fear. Be willing to spend time with the sick and visit them, give them a phone call, ask them if they need anything. If someone is sick or housebound and would like a visit from a priest, please contact Fr Cushen or the Parish Office to ask for a visit, the Sacrament of the sick or Holy Communion. If a member of your family or a neighbour is near death, please ask for the priest to anoint the person. Just think of the person lying on the bed waiting for God's final calling, they are in a very special and at times a lonely place, not sure of the future, when they receive the sacraments they are reassured of God being with them on their final journey and they are able to face the end with confidence knowing God is with them and there is nothing to fear, as God is forgiving, merciful and full of love.