



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in  
Ferns for the week was **€921.00**  
The amount received for Ballyduff  
for month of February was **€1219.00**  
The amount received from Cloogue for the  
month of January **€953.80**  
*Thank you for your generosity.*

### THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

The Homily for the Third Sunday of Lent reflects on Jesus's encounter with the woman at the well which has deep literal and spiritual meaning for people who are thirsting for real water like the people of Somalia and us who thirst spiritually for the living God. We reflect on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Francis' papacy and include the second of three articles on the prophet Micah's request that we 'Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God'. As we approach another St Patrick's Day, we reflect on his feast and its connection with Easter. Bishop Robert Barron offers a video talk on 'The Way of Beauty' as a route to evangelise and finally, an online resource from the Council for Catechetics for the celebration of the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)

### ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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**Parish Office:** Tel: 053-9366514. E-mail: [fernsparish@gmail.com](mailto: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, CLOLOGUE

**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 087 4455393

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 Diocesan 2023

#### Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Led by the Bishop of Ferns,

**Most Rev. Ger Nash**

Pilgrimage Director: **Fr Matt Bogan**

Spiritual Director: **Fr Brian Broaders**

16th May 2023, 5 Nights

From €879 per person

Direct return flights from Dublin

For bookings, please contact

**Joe Walsh Tours on 01 2410800 or email:**  
[info@joevalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joevalshstours.ie).

### Chiropody Clinic

Please contact Denis Kinsella, The Square,

Ferns Y21 N797 on 087 2465720

Available to do house calls if necessary.

### Happy Birthday

Congratulations to Seán Davitt, Pairc Mhuire on celebrating his 90th Birthday last week. This is a great milestone in ones life and we wish Seán many more years of health and happiness.



# Ferns Parish Newsletter



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11th & 12th March 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

## A BLESSING ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY—

### THE TRUE SUN

*For this sun which we now see  
Rises each new day for us at his command,  
Yet it will never reign  
Nor will its splendour last for ever.  
But we who believe and adore  
The true sun that is Christ  
Will never die, nor will those  
Who have done his will,  
But will abide for ever,  
Just as Christ himself will abide for all  
eternity,  
Who reigns with God and Father all-powerful,  
And with the Holy Spirit before time began,  
And now and through all ages of ages.*



### World Youth Day Thurs 3rd-Sunday 6th August 2023

#### World Youth Day Gathering with Pope Francis

Open to all adults between the ages of 18 & 35. Must be at least 18 years old by 3rd of August.

Only **30 Places available. Allotted on first come first serve basis.**

**Cost €650.** The price includes: Return flights from Dublin to Lisbon, August 3rd-6th.

Transfer in Lisbon Airport to hotel and return transfer for departure.

2 nights B&B in a city centre hotel in Lisbon. Meals (lunch & dinner) provided by the WYD organising committee. World Youth Day Package with insurance, Free Public Transport. Pilgrim pack. Director: Fr Brian Whelan or [FernsWYD@gmail.com](mailto:FernsWYD@gmail.com) or 053 9428163

### Season of Lent

**Stations of the Cross** will take place in Ferns Church on Monday evenings during Lent at 7.00p.m.

**Mass in Cloogue Church** will take place on **Tuesday** mornings at **9.45a.m.**

**Mass in Ballyduff Church** will take place on **Wednesday** evenings at **7.30p.m.**

### Trocaire Boxes

Boxes are available in all Churches, please bring one to each home.

### **Mass Time & Intentions This Weekend**

**11th & 12th March 2023**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Martin Murphy, Clone Road

**8.30am:** Tom Doyle, Ballyandrew and  
Mick Doyle, Ballyandrew

**11.00am:** Susan and Bernie Brooks,  
Ballyboy

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm: ———**

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:** People of The Parish

### **Mass Time & Intentions Next Weekend**

**18th & 19th March 2023**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Sarah Bolger, Pairc Mhuire

**8.30am:** People of the Parish

**11.00am:** Michael & Elizabeth Lacey,  
Ballycarney & their daughter Bridget Mary

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Martin Byrne, Clonee Lane

Margaret O'Neill. Bolinaspect

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am: ———**

### **St. Patrick's Day Basket Collection**

The basket collection taken up at all Masses on St Patrick's Day this year will be used for the Education and Development Fund for the Diocese. As we go into the future we will need to invest money in the training of lay people and priests and seminarians to lead and support the faith development in our parishes. Your contribution will be your commitment to responding to a changing church.

### **Ferns Parish Office & Shop**

Large selection of Communion Cards, Beads, Prayer Books and gifts now in stock.

**18th & 19th March 2023**

**Ministers of the Word**

**6.15pm:** Brendan Kenny

**8.30am:** Maureen Kavanagh

**11.00am:** Joe Sinnott

**Ministers of Holy Communion**

**6.15pm:** Margaret Maguire & Michael Bernie

**8.30am:** A Volunteer

**11.00am:** Ann Swaine & Michael Breen

### **Reach Ability Are currently recruiting for Community Employment Scheme**

Participants for 19.5 hours per week

**Positions Available:**

Administration Assistant

Care Assistant/ Multi – Task Attendant

Garden Centre Assistant

Sports & Leisure Attendant

Kitchen & Catering Assistant

Opportunity for practical work experience,  
training and development will be given.

Opportunities are available in Enniscorthy,  
Bree, Bunclody, Oylegate, Castlebridge &  
Monageer

Please check eligibility via your local Intreo  
Centre Or

Contact Email – [amy.walsh@Reachability.ie](mailto:amy.walsh@Reachability.ie)

Telephone – 087 – 3487205

### **Do You Want To Fast This Lent? In the word of Pope Francis**

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.

### **COME, LEARN MORE ABOUT JESUS AND NOURISH YOUR FAITH CHURCH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY BUNCLODY**

**"JESUS AT THE CENTRE OF CHRISTIAN LIFE"**

**THREE LENTEN TALKS ON WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 15,22, 29 at 8.00 p.m.**

March 15th The Ideals and Standards of Christ - Like Living  
Rev. William Cosgrave, P.P., Monageer

March 22nd The Challenges to Faith in Jesus at the Present Time  
Bishop Ger Nash, Bishop of Ferns

March 29th Christ as Centre — Personal Reflections  
Rev. Chris Hayden, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth  
**ALL WILL BE MOST WELCOME.**

### **Ballyduff NS Lotto**

As you all know our lottery fundraiser has been up and running since December 2022. This has been an incredible success with many weekly winners.

Log onto <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/ballyduffnswex/> for more details on how to play. If you require help or assistance with joining, please don't hesitate to give Ballyduff NS a call, we would be glad to help.

Thank you for your continued support.

### **FERNS & DISTRICT ACTIVEMENT RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION**

The Association is fully operational now and would like to welcome new members to participate and enjoy the events on offer. A **3 night break** to The Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal is planned from 27th to 30th March, 2023. The cost of the trip is €385 per person sharing. (Single room supplement is extra). The trip is covered by the Association's insurance. Non members are welcome on the trip. Contact Ray at 089 4293494 for details.

Here in Home Instead Wexford, we like to stay connected with our local and surrounding communities. As you may know we provide a home care service to clients both elderly and with disabilities. We are looking for Caregivers in each area of the county. No formal training or experience is required, just someone who has a caring nature and like to help others. We provide: Competitive Rates of Pay (Premium rates for weekends), Mileage, Flexible hours to work around your lifestyle, Full training, Supported and Funded QQI Qualification in Healthcare, Health Insurance, CAREGiver Awards, 24 hrs 7 days week 365 days a year support, Wellbeing Programme and so much more! Our website to apply is [www.Careers.HomeInstead.ie](http://www.Careers.HomeInstead.ie) or by email to [recruitment.wexford@HomeInstead.ie](mailto:recruitment.wexford@HomeInstead.ie).



### **Mass Times St. Patrick's Day Holy Day of Obligation Ferns**

**Thursday: Vigil 6.15 pm**

**St. Patrick's Day: 8.30am & 11am**

**Ballyduff**

**Thursday Vigil: 7.30 pm**

**Clologue**

**St. Patrick's Day: 9.45am**

### **FERNS PRAYER GROUP**

Ferns Prayer Group is on next Wednesday 15th March @7-30 pm to 8-30 pm, in the pastoral centre. Everyone is welcome even if you only wish to come once or twice. Meeting lasts half an hour and cup of tea for 2nd half an hour.

### **Adult Art Classes**

For Beginners and Intermediate

Classes 1 Hour Duration From:

Tuesday 21st March: Ferns

Community Centre @ 10am

Classes are €50 for 6 Weeks or

€10 for a drop in! Call to Book: Lisa

0894125577 or check out Lisamural.com



### **BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the faith  
**Nell Máire Wilson Power &**

**Callie Ann Mary O'Connor**

who were baptised recently.

We wish them every blessing.