



Sunday Envelope Collection
 The amount received in
Ferns for the week was **€1,037.00**
 The amount received for **Ballyduff**
 for month of February was **€1,219.00**
 The amount received from **Cloogue** for the
 month of January **€953.80**
Thank you for your generosity.

Tombrack Big Clean Up 2023
 The scheduled clean-up for the Tombrack
 Road is as follows:
 Tombrack to Craan - Saturday 1st April
 Meet at Tombrack Hall at 11 am
 Tombrack to Strahart - Saturday 15th April
 Meet at Tombrack Hall at 11 am
 Bags, gloves and picking sticks will be
 available
 For further information contact Nan Feen-
 ey 0863645631 or Catherine O'Neill
 0539366248
 Please wear a high viz jacket. Volunteers
 are very welcome.

**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@joewalshstours.ie.**

Chiropody Clinic
 Please contact Denis Kinsella, The Square,
 Ferns Y21 N797 on 087 2465720
 Available to do house calls if necessary.

A Lenten Prayer
 Look with favour, Lord,
 on your household.
 Grant that, though our flesh be humbled
 by abstinence from food,
 our souls, hungering after you,
 may be resplendent in your sight.

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, 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 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**



Lent **Ferns Parish Newsletter**

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18th & 19th March 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
 19th March 2023 • Laetare Sunday**
 A long story like the one we have today provides many different points of entry for prayer. Read the
 story and stay with what resonates with you. Some possible points of entry are:
 The blind man was healed. Can you recall occasions when some blindness of yours was taken away
 and you could see in a new way? What was that experience like for you?
 The Pharisees claimed to be the ones who could see, who knew where God was to be found, when in
 fact they were blind. It was the man born blind who showed himself open to see the hand of God at
 work in what happened. There can be some of each in us. What has helped you to be open to seeing
 the hand of God at work in your life? Who have been the Jesus people who have led you to this point?
 The Pharisees seem to have had a collective blindness that blocked them from seeing what God was
 doing in Jesus. Perhaps in today's world you can see examples of collective blindness when people
 want to avoid an awkward truth, e.g. about the damage being done to our planet by human activity.
 There are many characters in the story: Jesus, the blind beggar, the disciples, the neighbours, the blind
 man's parents, and the Pharisees. Put yourself in the position of each one and see what you learn from
 identifying with them.

A Prayer for Pope Francis on the 10th Anniversary of his Petrine Ministry • 19 March 2013
 O God, the Shepherd and Ruler of all Your faithful people, mercifully look upon Your servant
 Pope Francis, whom You have chosen as the chief Shepherd to preside over Your Church. We
 beg You to help him edify, both by word and example, those over whom he has charge, that he
 may reach everlasting life together with the flock entrusted to him. Lord Jesus, shelter our Holy
 Father the Pope under the protection of Your Sacred Heart. Be his light, his strength and his
 consolation.
 Our Lady of Divine Love, pray for him. St Patrick, pray for him.
 St Francis, pray for him.
 St Peter and all the saints in heaven, pray for him. Amen.

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 or-
 ganising committee. World Youth Day Package with insurance, Free Public Transport. Pilgrim
 pack. Director: Fr Brian Whelan or 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**

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
& son Martin

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Martin Byrne, Clonee Lane

Margaret O'Neill, Bolinaspect

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: ———

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

25th & 26th March 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Kevin Rochford, Pairc Mhuire,
Elsie Dunbar, Coolbawn

8.30am: People of The Parish

11.00am: Edward Davitt, Craan
May Owens, Woodlands, Ferns

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Tom O'Leary, Clonee Upper
(Month's Mind)

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: John Tonks, Milltown

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to

The Swaine Family on the death of their
father Tom Swaine, Coolbawn

The McDonald Family on the death of
Phyllis McDonald, Camolin Park

The Browne & Plummer Families on the
death of Helen Browne (nee Plummer),
Ballytegan, Gorey.

Coffee Day & Bring & Buy Sale

In aid of Daffodil Day will take place in
Ivan & Mary Rynharts, Ballyfoley,
Y21 C6K7 on Saturday 25th March from
11am-11pm. All are most welcome.

25th & 26th March 2023

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Ena Gray

8.30am: Theresa Nolan

11.00am: Ailish Davitt

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Maire Bernie & Mary Fortune

8.30am: A Volunteer

11.00am: Michael Breen & Patricia Keenan

**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

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 grati-
tude.

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.

Wexford Mental Health Association

Would like to thank everyone for their gen-
erosity in their recent collection.

A total of €707.16 was collected between
Ferns, Clologue & Ballyduff. All money
collected will go towards helping people
with mental illness in Wexford

COME, LEARN MORE ABOUT JESUS AND NOURISH YOUR FAITH

CHURCH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY BUNCLODY

“JESUS AT THE CENTRE OF CHRISTIAN LIFE”

TWO LENTEN TALKS ON WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 22nd & 29th at 8.00 p.m.

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 suc-
cess with many weekly winners.

Log onto [https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/
org/ballyduffnswex/](https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/ballyduffnswex/) for more details on
how to play. If you require help or assis-
tance 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 partici-
pate 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 communi-
ties. 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 re-
quired, 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 sup-
port, Wellbeing Programme and so much more! Our
website to apply is www.Careers.HomeInstead.ie or
by email to recruitment.wexford@HomeInstead.ie.

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

Theo Laurence Martin Kelly,

Eva Grace Cloke &

Joan Theresa Connors

who were baptised recently. We wish
them every blessing.

Communion Dates 2023

Ballyduff

29th April at 11.00 a.m.

Tombrack

6th May at 11.00 a.m.

Ferns

20th May at 11.00 a.m.

Ferns Parish Office & Shop

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

**The Blessing of St Joseph
Feast day 20th March**

May the poverty of my sweet and suffering
little Child be your riches. His sighs and His
tears the consolation of your days. The love of
His adorable Heart your earthly treasure, your
all. And the clear vision of His adorable and
glorified humanity be your eternal joy and
recompense. Amen.