



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in
Ferns for the week was **€503.40**
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 Strahart - Saturday 15th April. Meet at Tombrack Hall at 11 am. Bags, gloves and picking sticks will be available. For further information contact Nan Feeney 0863645631 or Catherine O'Neill 0539366248
Please wear a high viz jacket. Volunteers are very welcome.

Ferns Parish Office & Shop

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

Rediscovering Ancient Connections

Wexford Tourism Ambassadors for the Rediscovering Ancient Connections Project are hosting a C  il   in the Courtyard Bar & Restaurant in Ferns on the 22nd of April at 19:30. This is an open and free event to the local community. All welcome. See www.abartaheritage.ie for further details.

Envelope Distributors

Easter Dues Envelopes are now ready for collection either in the Sacristy or Parish Office. Thank you all for your help, it is much appreciated.

Lenten Reconciliation Services

In preparation for the great feast of the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday, we will have a Service of Confession next Sunday, **Palm Sunday** 2nd April in Ferns at 8.00p.m. and in Bunclody at 7.00 p.m.

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



Ferns Parish Newsletter



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1st & 2nd April 2023

Palm Sunday

**Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
The seething holy city of my heart,
The saviour comes. But will I welcome him?
Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;
They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,
And think the battle won.**

So begins Malcom Guite's sonnet 'Palm Sunday' (Sounding the Seasons, Canterbury Press, 2012), capturing the elation of the crowds that line the streets of Jerusalem to welcome Jesus. But their loyalty is short-lived, as we discover in our reading of the Passion. Jesus is soon deserted, betrayed, denied, and left to face humiliation and death alone. **Too soon they'll find The challenge, the reversal he is bringing changes their tune.** We can all see ourselves in the Passion. There are times, when things are going smoothly, when it is easy to praise God and shout 'Hosanna!' There are days when we struggle, when we are confused or upset and do not know what God expects of us. We can even turn our backs on him when the going gets tough, or when we cannot find the courage to stand up for our beliefs. This week we are the disciples walking with Jesus, on a journey that leads to the cross, and beyond.

County Wexford Age Friendly Alliance

Join your local older people's council

Older People's Councils are established in every local authority area of Ireland under the local Age Friendly Programme. They are a vehicle to bring the voice of older people into local government and help to inform private and public service provision. Contact your Age Friendly Programme Manager, Miriam Hillis

to find out more on: 053 9196384 / 087 3511457 or
miriam.hillis@wexfordcoco.ie

See our locations and times for our 5 Municipal District Meetings overleaf. Please join us and get your voice heard.

All meetings will run from 2pm – 3.30pm

Wexford: Maldron Hotel, Tuesday April 18th
Rosslare: Coast Hotel, Rosslare Strand Thursday April 20th
Gorey: Amber Springs Hotel, Tuesday April 25th

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 or 053 9428163

Mass Time & Intentions This Weekend

1st & 2nd April 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Nicholas & Chrissie Browne,
Piercestown
Louis & Annie Bolger & their son Pat,
Station Road & Cathal Mooney,
New Ross

8.30am: Mary (Molch) & Jim Nolan,
Carnew Road, Ferns

11.00am: Mary Mullet, Tincurry
(Month's Mind)

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Noel Kinsella, Ballyduff

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: John Kennedy, Cloogue

Mass Time & Intentions Next Weekend

8th & 9th April 2023

FERNS CHURCH

7.00pm: Winifred Levingstone,
Pairc Mhuire,
Tom Swaine, Coolbawn, (Month's Mind)

8.30am: People of The Parish

11.00am: Patrick & Teresa Davitt &
deceased family members & William &
Sarah Plummer, Lodgewood

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: People of the Parish

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: People of the Parish



Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to
The Hanlon Family on the death of
Nancy Hanlon, Coolbawn.
R.I.P.

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

8th & 9th April 2023

Ministers of the Word

7.00pm: Brendan Kenny

8.30am: Dermot O'Brien

11.00am: Frances O'Toole

Ministers of Holy Communion

7.00pm: Mary Cullen & Dora Murphy

8.30am: A Volunteer

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins & Christopher Power

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,
Bunclogh, Oylegate, Castlebridge & Monageer
Please check eligibility via your local Intreo Centre
Or

Contact Email – amy.walsh@Reachability.ie

Telephone – 087 – 3487205

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.

Congratulations to Niamh O'Dowd on get-
ting her first cap for Ireland last weekend in
Cardiff at the Women's Six Nations Champi-
onship. Niamh a member of the Women's
Irish Rugby Team is a former pupil of Clo-
logue National School and FCJ Bunclogh. We
wish her every success in the remainder of the
Six Nations Championship.

First Friday

Those on the sick list will be visited on
Tues.4th & Wed.5th April with Communion.

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE - A SIX WEEK PROGRAMME

'The Word of God is alive and active'. It relates to
us and to our lives today. A six-week programme
for beginners and those who want to deepen their
understanding of the Bible. **Presented by Fr. Jim
Finn** When: Tuesdays from 7.30 to 9.30 begin-
ning on **April 25th** (**Note change of date**) Ven-
ue: St. Peter's Pastoral Centre To Register: Send a
Deposit of 5 Euro by April 3rd to Sr. Stephanie,
Conabury House, Newtown Court, Wexford
Y35W6W7

Holy Week

Monday to Wednesday

Ferns Mass at 9.30a.m. followed by
Confessions.

Tuesday Mass of Chrism

Cathedral Enniscorthy at 7.30p.m.

with **The Most Reverend Ger Nash**.

You are asked to be seated by 7.00pm

All are most welcome to attend.

Holy Thursday

The Lord's Supper

Ferns 8.00p.m.

Adoration in Church

Followed by Night Prayer 9.30p.m.

Cloogue: 6.30p.m.

Ballyduff: 7.30p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

Day of Fast and Abstinence

Solemn Passion

Ferns & Cloogue 3.00p.m.

Ballyduff 4.30p.m.

7.30p.m. Ferns Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil

Cloogue 6.30p.m.

Ballyduff 8.00p.m.

Ferns 7.00p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Ferns: 8.30a.m. & 11.00a.m.

Salt will be blessed after Mass

Ballyduff: 9.30a.m.

Cloogue: 9.45a.m.

**Easter Water will be available in
bottles in all Churches.**

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith

Bowie John Collier

Freya Nancy Eileen Cooney

Elizabeth Lil Connors

who were baptised recently. We wish
them every blessing.

Communion Dates 2023

Ballyduff

29th April at 11am

Tombrack

6th May at 11am

Ferns

20th May at 11am

A Date for your Diary: May 12th/13th. Conversations with Women in the Bible.

A day to explore insights from their sto-
ries and God's transforming presence in
their lives. Speaker: Sr. **Therese Fitzger-
ald SND**. Venue: Ballyvaloo Centre,
Blackwater, Co. Wexford - Friday May
12th Or Pembroke Hotel, Kilkenny - Sat-
urday May 13th. More details later/ check
out www.ssjg.org

Annual Trip to

Knock Adoration Apostolate

The annual Pilgrimage of the Group to
Knock is on the weekend of the 22nd and
23rd April this year.

The bus as usual departs from Clonard
Carpark at 7am on Saturday the 22nd,
with stops in Enniscorthy at 7.30am,
Ferns 7.45 am and Gorey at 8.00am
The price including bus and one night
stay is €150. (Spaces limited)

For more information and booking please
contact 087 6419960.



Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions

With Solemn Exposition & Bene-
diction of the Blessed Sacrament.
St. Aidan's Church Ferns Sunday
16th April @ 3pm.

Celebrant: Very Rev. Paddy Cushen P.P.
Confessions during devotions.