



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in
Ferns for the week was **€1,000.00**
 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 Feeney 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.

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 8.00p.m. Bunclody 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

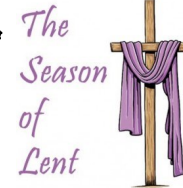
St. Aidan's Church, Ferns

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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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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 over-leaf. Please join us and get your voice heard.

All meetings will run from 2pm – 3.30pm

New Ross: Horse & Hound Hotel, Tuesday March 28th

Wexford: Maldron Hotel, Tuesday April 18th

Rosslare: Coast Hotel, Rosslare Strand Thursday April 20th

Gorey: Amber Springs Hotel, Tuesday April 25th



Mass of Chrism

On Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 7.30pm at St. Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy.

You are asked to be seated by 7.00pm. Seating will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

All Welcome. Please come and bring a friend.

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

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

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

Mass Time & Intentions Next 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, Clologue



Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to
John McClean & Family on the
death of his brother Pdraig McClean
Clone, Monamolin.
R.I.P.

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

1st & 2nd April 2023

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Mary Cash

8.30am: Richard Cotter

11.00am: Irene O'Toole

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Ann Bernie & Mary Fortune

8.30am: A Volunteer

11.00am: Ann Swaine & Eleanor Hawkins

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

St. Patrick's Day Collection

Grateful thanks to all who contributed
most generously to the St. Patrick's
Day appeal from Bishop Ger who
asked that the total Offertory Collec-
tion would go towards education of
Lay workers, Seminarians and Cate-
chists for the future when there will
be a big decline in the number of
priests in the diocese. Your response
again was most generous. The
amount collected was **€1,170.00**.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated



Summer Time

Begins this Sunday
morning at 1am.

Don't forget to put your
clocks

forward by 1 hour!

COME, LEARN MORE ABOUT JESUS AND NOURISH YOUR FAITH CHURCH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY BUNCLODY "JESUS AT THE CENTRE OF CHRISTIAN LIFE"

ONE LENTEN TALK ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29th at 8.00 p.m.

Christ as Centre — Personal Reflections

Rev. Chris Hayden, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth

ALL WILL BE MOST WELCOME.

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.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

'Do you believe in eternal life?' This is the
question that Jesus poses to Martha in the
Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent and in-
deed puts before us all. Do we believe? This is
the key question that we explore. We continue
with the YouTube series 'The Creed in Slow
Motion' and include Bishop Barron's beauti-
ful video meditations on the Stations of the
Cross. We also have reflections on Jesus' 'Seven Last Words' and discover another
useful website that provides plentiful re-
sources for parishes. As Holy Week approach-
es, we have an article on the close proximity
of the mysteries of death and resurrection and
finally, more inspiration and hope from the
writing of Lorcan Brennan. Check out these
and other resources available at
www.thehookoffaith.com

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.

Ferns Prayer Group

Next meeting on Wednesday 29th from
7.30pm-8.30pm in Pastoral Centre.
All are welcome.

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



Communion Dates 2023

Ballyduff

29th April at 11am

Tombrock

6th May at 11am

Ferns

20th May at 11am

Reflection for the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord 25th March

If Mary had been asked, at the beginning of
that momentous day, how important or special
she felt, she would probably have laughed at
the absurdity of the question. But, by the end
of her encounter with that divine messenger,
her destiny had changed. Every day God is
knocking at our doors and asking us to be-
come important and special on his behalf.
Every day we are being invited to carry the
Good News of his Son into the world. It does
not matter how ordinary we may consider
ourselves to be, because that is not how God
sees us. To God we all have the calling and
the potential to rise above the ordinary and to
take the light of Christ into the dark corners of
this world. We just have to join Mary in say-
ing: Let it be with me according to your
word – and mean it!!

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Ferns Parish Office & Shop

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