



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in
Ferns for the week was **€1,500.50**
 The amount received for **Ballyduff**
 for month of March was **€331.00**
 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 Céilí 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.

RATHURE DRIVE IN BINGO

The Rathnure Drive in Bingo Easter Special returns Easter Monday April 10th at 3pm in Rathnure Soccer Pitch! Big money to be won with over €3,300 in prizes. Snowball stands at €800. Great fun for all the family.

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

Christ
is
Risen!

Ferns Parish Newsletter



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8th & 9th April 2023

Easter Sunday

Easter



Today, we celebrate the greatest feast of the Church's year, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. In the Old Testament we have the prophesy of Jonah, just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale for three days, so the Son of God was in the heart of the earth for three days, before he rose, as he promised. He said "Destroy this temple and in three days I will rebuild it", he was speaking of the temple of His own body which He rebuilt by rising on the first Easter Day. By rising from the dead Jesus proved beyond all doubt that he was the Son of God. Many who were at the foot of the cross on Good Friday looked on Jesus as a failure, they said "If you are the Son of God come down from the cross", others said "He saved others let him save himself, if he is the Son of God." When he died they walked sadly away. Just imagine what would have happened if Jesus had failed to rise from the dead! Christianity would have soon been forgotten. Jesus would have been remembered as a good man, but not who he claimed to be. The apostles would have gone back fishing, tax collecting, etc. We gather in Churches throughout the world today to celebrate the greatest event the world has experienced, the Resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God, from the dead. By rising he proved beyond all doubt he was the Son of God and made it possible for all of us to achieve what God wishes for us, that is, we will one day share in the resurrection. Each Sunday is a celebration of the Lord's Resurrection, let us come to our Church each weekend to praise, petition and thank God for sending his Son to save us. **Alleluia.**

We ask you to please now return your Trócaire Boxes. We ask you to be mindful of those in the Third World who are in need of our help, support and generosity. A little will go a long way to help those in need. Your money will be most welcome in whatever form you decide to give. If possible we ask you to please convert the smaller coins you contribute to notes or large coins, this would be a tremendous help and would be deeply appreciated, when counting the money.



"The Lord loves a cheerful giver".



**Wishing All in the Parish a Very
Happy & Peace Filled Easter**



Mass Time & Intentions This 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: Baby Michael Kehoe,
Raheen

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am:

Mass Time & Intentions Next Weekend

15th & 16th April 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Paddy Gethings, Clobemon &
Breda Nolan, Rosemary Heights,
Toby Kirwan, Coolbawn

8.30am: Kathleen O'Connor,
Pairc Mhuire

11.00am: People of the Parish

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Mike & Elizabeth Jordan,
Coolnaleen

Tommy Browne, Clonee

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am:



Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions

With Solemn Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. St. Aidan's Church Ferns Sunday 16th April @ 3pm.
Celebrant: Very Rev. Paddy Cushen P.P.
Confessions during devotions.

15th & 16th April 2023

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Ena Gray

8.30am: Denis Kinsella

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Margaret Maguire & Michael Bernie

8.30am: A Volunteer

11.00am: Ann Swaine & Liz Villar

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

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 or by email to recruitment.wexford@HomeInstead.ie.

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 beginning on April 25th (Note change of date) Venue: 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

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

A day to explore insights from their stories and God's transforming presence in their lives. Speaker: **Sr. Therese Fitzgerald SND**. Venue: Ballyvaloo Centre, Blackwater, Co. Wexford - Friday May 12th Or Pembroke Hotel, Kilkenny - Saturday May 13th. More details later/ check out www.ssji.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.

Grateful Thanks

To all who attended the Holy Week Ceremonies for your expression of faith. Thanks to all who took part in various ministries associated with the celebrations, Choir, Word, Eucharist, Altar Servers, Sacristan, etc. and those who prepared the Church for Holy Week and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Saviour. Alleluia!



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
**Oscar James Corrigan
& Hazel Mary Kavanagh**
who were baptised recently.

Easter Water

Easter Water is available in bottles and in the large container, please bring some to your home and ask God's blessing. Grateful thanks to Paul Morris for providing the new empty bottles.

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to Ann Redmond and Family, Ballycarney on the death of her brother Jim Bolger, Marshalstown. R.I.P.
May God grant him eternal rest and console the bereaved in their grief.

Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection — 9th April 2023

In some ways this gospel is a difficult one for prayer. It only presents a part of the story and the full unfolding of the good news the story contains lies in the next part of the text. However, even with this section there is plenty of material for reflection and for prayer. The disciples are in a state of shock and suffering from a traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, before they have time to recover comes another shock – the body of Jesus is missing. Have you had experiences in which one tragedy or crisis follows quickly after another? What was that like for you? How did you cope? What, or who, sustained you then? Mary and Peter, and possibly others, came and discovered that the tomb was empty. The part of the story we have in this text gives no explanations of what has happened. They are left in a state of bewilderment 'for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.'

Have you been in that kind of situation, faced with events you cannot explain, possibly events which have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God? What has that been like for you? Yet in spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple 'saw and believed'. Have there been times when others have done something that you could not understand, and which they could not explain at the time and yet you believed that all was not as it seemed? times when you decided to trust in spite of the evidence? Have there been times when others have shown this kind of faith in you when you were not able to offer satisfactory explanations, and all you could say was 'trust me'? Have there been times in your relationship with God when you have felt that you were faced with an empty tomb and still you believed? Where have you found life in such experiences?

FERNS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The monthly meeting will be held in the Pastoral Centre on Thursday, 13th April, 2023 at 2.30 p.m. Active Retirement Association helps retired people to enjoy a full and active social life. Our club, founded and active since 2004, welcomes new members to join. Ferns 'Elite Runners', who do a fun-run for charity each year, generously contributed to our club recently. To Loran Murphy and fellow runners a sincere thank you.