



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for **Ferns** for the week was **€424.00**

The amount received for **Ballyduff** for month of February was **€1106.00**

The amount received from **Cloogue** for the month of February **€210.00**
Thank you for your generosity

Patron Dates 2024

Ferns

Sunday 2nd June at 2.00p.m.

Cloogue

Sunday 28th July at 2.00p.m.

Ballyduff

Sunday 11th August at 2.00p.m.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

As Lent comes to an end, so too does Trocaire's campaign reach its climax. The campaign this year focused on Malawi and the challenges faced by the people there because of water instability. Our interview this week is with Fr Billy Caulfield, the diocesan representative for Trocaire who talks about his recent trip to Africa and encourages us to make a special effort to support Trocaire's campaign. We have an article by Bishop Ger and Sean O'Leary on Pastoral Development and another poem by Philip Quirke. We have a homily for Palm Sunday and a newsletter insert as we enter Holy Week. 'Does God Exist?' is a question that many grapple with today. We have an article that offers a positive response. Finally, in the spirit of Holy Week, we have two pieces of beautiful music that capture the poignancy and solemnity of the most sacred week of the Church's year. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com



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Palm Sunday



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 only Sunday 9.00a.m.
in Ballyduff Church Saturday only 7.30p.m.

Also you could visit the Pastoral Centre where there is daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.00am to 1.00pm.

Please take home a Trocaire Box for Lent, your support is vital.



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 24th March 2024

Our Master lies asleep and is at rest:

His Heart has ceased to bleed, His Eye to weep:

The sun ashamed has dropped down in the west:

Our Master lies asleep.

Now we are they who weep, and trembling keep

Vigil, with wrung heart in a sighing breast,

While slow time creeps, and slow the shadows creep.

Renew Thy youth, as eagle from the nest;

O Master, who hast sown, arise to reap: –

No cock-crow yet, no flush on eastern crest:

Our Master lies asleep.

Christina Rossetti Mary Magdalene and The Other Mary; A Song For All Maries

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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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: Ferns: Vigil Mass, Saturday **6.15pm** & Sunday **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 9.00am

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

Penitential Services

Our grouping is Ferns, Ballyduff and Cloogue; Bunclody and Kilmynshal; Kilrush and Askamore.

Lenten Penitential Services in the three Parishes.

Today Palm Sunday in Ferns Church at 8.00p.m. and Bunclody Church at 7.00p.m. On Monday in Askamore at 7.00p.m. and Kilrush Church at 8.00p.m.

Please make an effort to prepare for Easter by attending one of the services.

Prayer for Palm Sunday

Lord Jesus, as we worship you today, save us from empty praise;

Save us from superficiality, save us from following the crowd;

Save us from being fickle, save us from pride;

Save us from ourselves, save us NOW we pray. Amen

Mass Time & Intentions

This Weekend

23rd & 24th March 2024

Ferns Church

6.15pm: Elsie Dunbar, Coolbawn

Nicholas & Chrissie Browne, Piercestown

Kevin & Kathleen Rochford, Pairc Mhuire

Rupert Cahill, Pairc Mhuire

(Month's Mind)

11.00am: Edward Davitt, Crann, Ferns

Nancy & Jackie Hanlon, Coolbawn

Patricia Denby, Castlelands, Ferns

(Month's Mind)

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Martin Byrne, Clonee Lane

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am: John Tonks, Milltown, Ferns

Mass Time & Intentions

Next Weekend

30th & 31st March 2024

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm:

11.00am: Sheila Fitzpatrick

(1st Anniversary) & her husband

Tom Fitzpatrick, Coolbawn, Ferns

James & Mary (Molch) Nolan,

Carnew Road, Ferns

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm:

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am:

**Important Changes to
Mass Times in The Parish**

There will not be Mass on Sunday mornings at 8.30am in Ferns, the only Mass will be the 11.00 am Mass each Sunday. Mass in Clologue on Sunday mornings will now be at 9.00am instead of 9.45am.

30th & 31st March 2024

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Mary Cash

11.00am: Maura Kelly

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Maire Bernie & Mary Fortune

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins &

Mary Sinnott

**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: Thursdays from 7.30 to 9.30 started on February 29th

Venue: St. Peter's Pastoral Centre

To Register: Ring 0874475434 or

mail stephanicobr@gmail.com.

€10 payable on first evening.

Ferns Heritage Archive Group:

Ferns Heritage Archive Group will hold their AGM on Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm in St. Mogue's Cottage. All are welcome!

Readers Rota's

There are new updated readers rota's available for collection from the Parish Office or sacristy.

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.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith

**Lily Mae Fortune Murphy
&**

Harper Leigh Adamson Power

who were baptised recently.

Spring

Nothing is so beautiful as spring—

When weeds in wheels shoot long and lovely lush; Thrush's' eggs look little low heavens, and thrush Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring, The ear, it strikes like lightning to hear him sing; The glassy Peartree leaves and blooms, they brush The descending blue; that blue is all in a rush With richness; the racing lambs too have fair their fling. What is all this juice and all this joy? A strain of the earth's sweet being in the beginning In Eden garden? Have, get, before it cloy, Before it cloud, Christ, lord, and sour with sinning, Innocent mind and Mayday in girl and boy, Most, O maid's child, thy choice and worthy the winning.

Gerard Manley Hopkins SJ

Communion Dates 2024

Tombrack

4th May at 11am

Ballyduff

11th May at 11am

Ferns

25th May at 11am

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to The Kinsella Family on the death of Mary Kinsella, Ballyduff who died recently.

R.I.P.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. May God and Our Lady console the bereaved.

LOURDES

Ferns Diocesan Pilgrimage 2024, Led by Bishop Ger Nash

Pilgrimage Director: Fr. Odrán Furlong, Spiritual Director: Fr. Brian Broaders

€865 p.p.s 16th—21st May 2024

Only €200 deposit required to book, single room supplement €190.

Further details and booking form please contact Marian Pilgrimages: 01 8788159.

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Holy Week

Monday to Wednesday

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

Tuesday Mass of Chrism

Cathedral Enniscorthy at 7.30p.m.

You are asked to be seated by 7.00pm

Seating will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

All are most welcome to attend.

Holy Thursday

The Lord's Supper

Ferns: 6.15p.m.

Ballyduff: 7.30p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

Day of Fast and Abstinence

Solemn Passion

Ferns 3.00p.m.

Clologue 4.30p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil

Ferns: 6.15p.m.

Ballyduff: 7.30p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Clologue: 9.00a.m.

Ferns: 11.00a.m.

*Salt will be blessed after Mass
Easter Water will be blessed and
available at back of Church*