



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for  
**Ferns** for the week was **€790.00**

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

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

#### *St. Richard, Friar Minor, Confessor Feast Day April 3rd*

A disciple of St. Bernardine of Siena, an ardent apostle of the Holy Name of Jesus, St. Richard's preaching was so powerful that it caused men to give up their gambling and women their vanities. At Troyes, he met St. Joan of Arc, and for a time was her confessor and chaplain.

#### *Prayer*

*St. Richard, pray for us that through your example we may bravely give up whatever vices or faults that keep us from close union with Jesus. May the Holy Name of Jesus bring peace to our hearts. Amen.*

### THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

'He is Risen!' is the message of hope and joy that we proclaim to all on this Easter Sunday. It means that God's love has been unleashed again and remains the most powerful force in the world, a power and presence that is accessible to all. We have a homily for Easter Sunday and offer Easter greetings to all our followers. 'For the Role of Women' is the theme of Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April and we include Bishop Ger's homily at the Chrism Mass. We have comment and analysis on the recently released Report on Assisted Suicide and a recent report on why there is a mental health crisis appearing in Western culture. We also include dialogue between Bishop Robert Barron and Jordan Peterson who discuss the topic of truth. We have an article on the resurrection and how the evidence of what happened resists any reduction of its power and effect. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)

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### ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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E-mail: [frpaddycushen@gmail.com](mailto:frpaddycushen@gmail.com) **Eir Code: Y21 N9 W7**

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**Parish Office:** Tel: 053-9366514. E-mail: [fernsparish@gmail.com](mailto: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, CLOGOGUE**

**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. Clogogue: 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](http://www.fernsparish.ie)

# Christ is Risen! Ferns Parish Newsletter



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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".



### Message from Fr. Paddy

I'd like to let you all know that I'm in hospital and getting on extremely well and delighted with the improvement in my health. I would like to thank you all for your prayers and Masses for my recovery. Obviously by the grace of God and the help I'm getting I'm improving very well and look forward to being back with you after a few more weeks, in full health. I would especially like to thank Fr. Pat Stafford and all who are working to help look after the Church and Parish. I wish you all a very happy and grace filled Easter. **God bless you all.**



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



**Mass Time & Intentions  
This 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:**

**Mass Time & Intentions  
Next Weekend  
6th & 7th April 2024  
Ferns Church**

**6.15pm:** Winifred Livingstone,  
Paicr Mhuire  
Aidan, Anna Mai & Roy Nolan, Clody  
**11.00am:** Patrick & Teresa Davitt &  
deceased family members & William &  
Sarah Plummer, Lodgewood  
Louis, Annie & Pat Bolger, Station Road  
& Cathal Mooney, New Ross  
Kitty O'Toole, Ballingale

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**  
**7.30pm:**  
**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**  
**9.00am:** John Kennedy, Clologue

**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.

**6th & 7th April 2024  
Ministers of the Word**

**6.15pm:** Brendan Kenny  
**11.00am:** Joe Sinnott  
**Ministers of Holy Communion**  
**6.15pm:** Ann Bernie & Mary Fortune  
**11.00am:** Liz Villar & Patricia Kennan

**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](mailto:stephanicobr@gmail.com).  
€10 payable on first evening.

**Ferns Prayer Group**

Ferns Prayer Group will be meeting in the Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 3rd April at 7.30 p.m.

**All are very welcome.**

**The Pope's Monthly Intention  
For April**

**For the Role of Women:** We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the faith  
**Ruby Anne Hall**  
**Bobby Owen Byrne Kennedy**  
**TJ Hawkins**  
who were baptised recently.

**Wexford for Life Pro Life Meeting:**

Tuesday, 9th of April 7pm  
Friary Wexford  
**Pro Life Vigil:**  
Thursday, 11th of April  
9pm - 12 midnight,

**Communion Dates 2024**

**Tombrack**  
4th May at 11am  
**Ballyduff**  
11th May at 11am  
**Ferns**  
25th May at 11am

**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.

**Ballyduff NS Clothes Collection**

Ballyduff NS are doing a clothes collection fundraiser. Please leave all donations in school bike shed during school hours before Wednesday 10th April. Please donate all your clean unwanted clothes, bed linen, towels, curtains, shoes, bags, belts and soft toys. No duvets or pillows. This is a great fundraiser with all money raised going directly into providing resources in our school.



**Summer Time**

Begins this Sunday morning at 1am.  
Don't forget to put your clocks  
**forward by 1 hour!**

**Sincere Sympathy**

Is extended to The Redmond Family on the death of Seamus Redmond, Ballyandrew who died recently.  
R.I.P.

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

**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!



**Conversations with Women  
in the Bible**

**This Conference will be on  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Venue: Ballyvaloo Retreat & Conference Centre, Blackwater

The speaker: **Thérèse Fitzgerald**

Times: **10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.**

Cost: €30 (includes lunch) pay on the door. **Booking essential:** Contact Sara or Catherina @ 056 7722870 9.00 am – 5.00 pm Monday to Friday or e-mail [regionaloffice@ssjg.ie](mailto:regionaloffice@ssjg.ie) before May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**LOURDES**

**Ferns Diocesan Pilgrimage 2024**, Led by Bishop Ger Nash  
Pilgrimage Director: Fr. Odhrán 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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