



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for Ferns for the week was €640.00

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

The amount received from Cloogue for the month of March €315.00

Thank you for your generosity

Alliance of the Holy Family International Family Easter Retreat

Saturday-Sunday, April 20th-21st, 9am-6pm, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown Centre, Dublin 15

Theme: "A Call for Family Prayer and Penance"

30 euro 1 day, 40 euro 2 days.

Ages 18 & under: Free.

Priests & Religious: Free

Contact: Siobhan 087 7821655.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

'*Dignitas Infinita...* Infinite dignity' is the recent document published by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and spells out again the dignity of the human person. We have the document in full and a commentary by Bishop Robert Barron. We have an appeal by Bishop Ger for prayers for favourable weather to allow the tillage of fields and sowing of crops. We have news of a conference taking place in both Kilkenny and Ballyvaloo in May on 'Conversations with Women in the Bible'. We have an article on the need for another 'Spiritual Revolution' for our times like that which happened after the first Easter. Mark Bradford from 'Word on Fire' speaks to the UN on the rights of people with Down Syndrome. Finally, we have a homily for the Third Sunday of Easter where the risen Lord shows the disciples his wounds and how faith is born when human wounds and Christ's wounds meet. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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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: 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



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Third Sunday of Easter

Third Sunday of Easter, 14th April 2024

1. When we are not expecting it to happen, even a good event can startle us. So it was with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. He sought to calm them and helped them to see the good news behind what had initially alarmed them. Who has been a Jesus person for you by helping you to find meaning and good news in life?
2. Jesus helped the disciples to find new hope, but he did not give them easy answers. He asked them to see the facts before their eyes. He wanted them to learn from the lived experience they were having. As a parent, teacher, friend, or guide, have you been a Jesus person to another, helping him/her to find hope and purpose in life by learning from his/her experiences? Who has done this for you?
3. Jesus opened their minds to 'understand the scriptures', and the effect was transformative. Perhaps there have been times when a new and deeper understanding of scripture has had a transformative impact on you. Recall the experience and give thanks for those who opened the scriptures for you.
4. The resurrection experience empowered the disciples to be witnesses. Unexpected possibilities for the future surfaced when it seemed that hope had gone. When have new possibilities opened for you after a 'resurrection' experience: recovery of health when it did not seem possible, new opportunities after failure or disappointment, inner healing after a deep hurt, etc?

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.

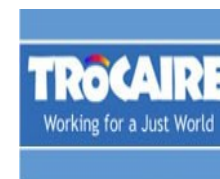
MARIAN PILGRIMAGES Renew our spirit of love, forgiveness and peace.
38-39 Pearse St., Dublin 2—01 8788159, NI (028) 95680005 WWW.MARIAN.IE.

The Non-Violent Resistance Programme (NVR)

Are you Walking on eggshells around your child? The NVR programme is for parents or carers who are experiencing child to parent violence, intimidation, emotionally abuse or controlling behaviours. The course is one hourly sessions and is for 6/8 weeks in Ferns Parish Parochial House or in your home. Experienced NVR Practitioner offering support in managing conflicts in the home environment and delivering life changing skills to manage abusive behaviours. **Please phone Regina on 089 4294602 to book your place.**

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"**.

The amount collected so far is €1120.00



**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

13th & 14th April 2024

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Toby Kirwan, Coolbawn
Bill, Kathleen & TJ Fortune, Clobemon

11.00am: Susan Brooks & Bernie
Brooks, Ballyboy, Ferns

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Noel Kinsella, Ballyduff
(4th Anniversary)

Mary Kinsella, Ballyduff (Month's Mind)
Michael & Elizabeth Jordan,
Coolnaleen, Camolin

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am: Billy & Rita Donohoe, Ballinakill

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

20th & 21st April 2024

Ferns Church

6.15pm: Michael & Bridget Byrne,
The Barracks, Effernogue

Sean Donnelly, Castle Manor, Ferns

11.00am: Kathleen O'Connor,
Pairc Mhuire

Bena O'Sullivan (Month's Mind)

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Tommy Browne, Clonee
Bob & Martha Cleary, Kilcloran & their
daughter Pauline Doyle.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.00am: Bridie Skelton, Ballintore

**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.

20th & 21st April 2024

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Denis Kinsella

11.00am: Mark Ryan

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Margaret Maguire & Mary
Fortune

11.00am: Ann Swaine & Michael Breen

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to The Colfer Family on the death of Elizabeth Colfer (nee O'Brien), Enniscorthy and formerly of Main Street, Ferns who died recently

R.I.P.

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

**Celebration of 158 years of Loreto
Sisters in Wexford**

There will be a celebration mass by Bishop of Ferns, Most Rev. Ger Nash on Friday April 26th in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe St. at 7pm. **All are welcome to attend.**

**Conversations with Women
in the Bible This Conference will be on
10th 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 before May 7th.

**National Spring Clean
Tombrack Big Clean Up 2024**

The scheduled clean up for the roads are:

Tombrack to Craan-Sat, 13th April
Meet at Tombrack Hall at 11am

Tombrack to Strahart-Sat, 20th April
Bags, Gloves and picking sticks will be available. **Please wear high vis jackets.**

For further information contact:

Harry Milne 087 4151610 or

Mary Roche Coleman 087 7952600

Beauty Dies Where Litter Lies

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.

Clologue

Sunday 28th July at 2.00p.m.

Ballyduff

Sunday 11th August at 2.00p.m.

Thought For The Day, 14th April 2024

Risen Jesus, We thank you for your greeting, 'Peace be with you.'

The shalom of God, deep lasting peace; peace that brings inner calm. That keeps a person steady in the storm;

That faces the persecutor without fear and proclaims the Good News with courage and with joy. This is the peace that reconciles sister to brother, black to white, rich and poor, young and old.

But not a peace that is quiet in the face of oppression and injustice.

This is peace with God, the peace that passes understanding.

**John Johansen-Berg Bread of
Tomorrow: Praying with the World's Poor
(SPCK)**

Ferns Praying Together

Ferns Praying Together will be meeting in the Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 17th April at 7.30 p.m.

All are very welcome.

Lough Derg 2024

Three Day Pilgrimage

In the tradition of prayer, fasting & vigil. Friday 31st May until Thursday 15th August (Pilgrims can begin pilgrimage on any day until Tuesday 13th August)
Admission €80. Booking advised. Concessions available for students, seniors and groups.

One Day Retreat

May: Sun 5th, Mon 6th, Sun 12th, Tues 14th, Sat 18th, Sat 25th, Mon 27th.

August: Sat 17th, Tues 20th, Sun 25th, Mon 26th, Sat 31st.

September: Wed 4th, Sat 7th, Tues 10th, Sat 14th, Sun 15th, Sat 21st, Sun 22nd.

Admission €45. Booking essential. Concessions available for groups.

Contact Lough Derg 071 9861518 or info@loughderg.org

***Synodality Explored: Facing the
Future Together***

Friday 19th and Saturday 20th April at St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine. In association with Notre Dame University in Australia

Keynote speaker on both days will be Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops
Day 1 The Synodal: A Global View
Day 2 The Synod : Ireland and the World

Speakers will include: **Julieann Moran** is General Secretary of the Synodal Pathway in Ireland. **Fr. Declan Hurley** served as Co—Chair of the National Steering Committee for the Synodal Pathway in Ireland and is Vicar General of the Diocese of Meath. **Professor Renée Köhler-Ryan**, Notre Dame University, Australia, is a voting member of the 16th General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops representing Oceania.

Rev. Dr Dermot Ryan, Director of Adult Faith Development for the Diocese of Ossory. Invited lecturer at Maynooth University and Carlow College.

www.knockshrine.ie

All welcome, no pre-booking required

Community & Volunteer Expo

Speak with community groups from across Co. Wexford.

Discover volunteer opportunities.

Monday 13th May 2024, 5p.m.-9p.m.

Riverside Park Hotel,

Enniscorthy, Y21T2F4

Free Public Event

www.volunteerwexford.ie