



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for Ferns for the week was €876.00

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

The amount received from Clologue for the month of February €210.00

Thank you for your generosity

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

St. John Baptist De La Salle Confessor, Doctor Feast Day April 7th

Born of a noble family, he was designated for the priesthood, but by the will of God, he became founder of the Institute of the Brother of Christian Schools. Through his rule and organisation, boys are thoroughly instructed by the most enlightened methods.

Prayer

*St. John, pray that we may follow your example of humility, zeal and industry.
Amen*

Christ is Risen!

Ferns Parish Newsletter



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Second Sunday of Easter

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7th April 2024 • Divine Mercy Sunday

1. 'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were frightened? For whom have you been an agent of peace?
2. The greeting is followed by Jesus missioning his apostles, and us, to continue his project of spreading the Good News of God's love and forgiveness. What does it mean to you to see yourself as missioned by Jesus?
3. Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower the disciples to be witnesses to forgiveness. Forgiveness is at times an essential step on the road to peace. Perhaps you can recall when holding on to a hurt or grudge disturbed your inner peace. What helped you to forgive and find peace?
4. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part have doubting, and questioning, played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?
5. 'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed'. That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having had to prove every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner?

The Annunciation of the Lord, 8th April

Mary's 'yes' is the vessel through which God-among-us steps into our world and opens up to us as one of us. Our 'yes' today is not a claim to perfection or a statement of moral superiority any more than the days we can only bring ourselves to say, 'no, I just can't' mark us out as deficient or failures. The openness of God's love is unending, so that wherever we find ourselves we are welcomed and embraced. So whatever these strained circumstances and whatever insecurity they may cause, 'the Lord is with you, do not be afraid'. www.merton.ox.ac.uk

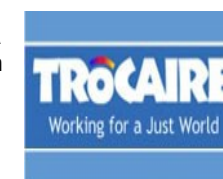
The Non-Violent Resistance Programme (NVR)

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 €725.00



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, CLOLOGUE

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. Clologue: 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

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

**6th & 7th April 2024
Ferns Church**

6.15pm: Winifred Levingstone,
Paic Mhuire

Aidan, Anna Mai & Roy Nolan, Clody
11.00am: Patrick & Teresa Davitt &
deceased family members & William &
Sarah Plummer, Lodgewood & Patsy &
Rita Kinsella, Camolin
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

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next 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:

**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.

13th & 14th April 2024

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Theresa Nolan

11.00am: Ailish Davitt

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Mary Cullen & Dora Murphy

11.00am: Mary Sinnott & Tommy Davitt

**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.

Wexford for Life Pro Life Meeting:

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

**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 region-aloffice@ssjg.ie before May 7th.

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to The Killeen Family on the death of Kitt Killeen, Paic Mhuire who died recently.

R.I.P.

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

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
Devine Mercy Sunday
7th April 2024**

When we are all despairing;
When the world is full of grief;
When we see no way ahead,
and hope has gone away.
Roll back the stone.
Although we fear change;
Although we are not ready;
Although we'd rather weep and run
away.

Roll back the stone.

Because we're coming with
the women;

Because we hope where hope is vain;
Because you call us from the grave and
show the way.

Roll back the stone.

Janet Morley

Bread of Tomorrow:

*Praying with the World's Poor
(SPCK)*

**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 Path-
way in Ireland. **Fr. Declan Hurley**
served as Co—Chair of the National
Steering Committee for the Synodal Path-
way 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

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 di-
rectly into providing resources in our
school.

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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