



Gerns Parish Newsletter



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26th & 27th September 2020

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Good intentions

During the recent 'lockdown' due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many people found themselves turning to nature. There was a surge of interest in gardening. We tended to flower beds, planted seeds, started herb gardens. Lots of people commented that they noticed the birds singing for the first time in years. In the midst of challenging times, we found ourselves tuning in to the wonder of God's creation all around us. As life begins to return to 'normal', can we retain this sense of wonder and awe? In this Season of Creation, we are invited to discover the presence of God in creation, to give thanks for the gift of the earth, and to change our ways so that we may live in harmony with creation. This requires us to be constantly conscious of how we are living – to not just have good intentions but to follow through in our actions. In today's gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons who are asked to go and work in their father's vineyard. The first son initially refuses, but then thinks better of it and gets to work. While the second son has good intentions, he doesn't follow through. When it comes to caring for the earth, good intentions are not enough. Our actions matter. We may have been careless in the past but a change of heart is happening, right across our society. It all starts with our actions, as individuals and communities. As we emerge from a challenging few months, let us use the Season of Creation to reflect on how we can do better – to reconnect with God's beautiful creation and do all we can to love and preserve it.

*'Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognise that we are profoundly united*

Reflection for weekend 26th & 27th September 2020

'He who began good work in you will carry it on to completion' (Philippians 1:6.) God chose you anyway. 'You are now fully adopted as his own..an heir, with complete access. You never have to wonder whether it's okay to approach your heavenly Father because He's always ready to welcome you. Your seat is reserved at the table. 'You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies' (Psalm 23:5) That means obstacles and opposition can't rob you of God's blessing. Being 'chosen and appointed' as like having a platinum credit card: you get preferential treatment! But that doesn't give you a licence to live however you please. Some of us might be like the little boy who prayed, 'Lord, make me a good boy. But if you can't, don't worry....I'm having a great time the way I am"! The Lord disciplines those he loves, and ..accepts as a son' (Hebrews 12:6) You are not chosen based on your race, virtues, gifts, talents, looks and intelligence. God chose you because he loves you and has a special plan for your life. And the best part is her is going to strengthen and

Mass Time & Intentions

This Weekend

26th & 27th September 2020

FERNS CHURCH

6.30pm: Jimmy Dunbar, Coolbawn
&

John Roche, Tombrack & deceased family
members & Bab & Paddy Murphy, Tombrack.

8.30am:

11.00am: Mary Nolan, Tombrack
&

Martin Murphy, Ballylough

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Tom Conroy, Coolnaleen

9.30am: Aidan & Margaret O'Neill, Ballybeg

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

SUNDAY

10.15am:

Mass Time & Intentions

Next Weekend

3rd & 4th October 2020

FERNS CHURCH

6.30pm: Dermot Cullen & his grandfather
Tommy Cullen, Pairc Mhuire
&

Joe Harney, Castlelands

8.30am: Hannah Crean, Station Road

11.00am: Catherine Nolan, Tombrack
&

Paula Breen, Newtown & her uncle Amby
Martin

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Garrett & Eileen O'Leary, Clonee
Lower & deceased family members of The
O'Toole & Murphy Families

9.30am:

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

SUNDAY

10.15am:

Convent Chapel

The Convent Chapel is open each day
from 8.00a.m.-10.00p.m. for
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
Mass each morning will be at 9.00a.m.

3rd & 4th October 2020

Ministers of the Word

6.30pm: Mary O'Brien

8.30am: Maureen Kavanagh

11.00am: Joe Sinnott

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.30pm: Maire Bernie & Mary Fortune

8.30am: Eileen Brickley & Sr. Cecelia

11.00am: Angela Swaine & Tommy Davitt



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our
community of faith

Kyle John Paul Cash

Parish Website

www.fernsparish.ie

The parish has a website with lots of
information on our Parish, its Churches
and Services. The weekly Parish
Newsletter will be available on it every
weekend. This new adventure will be
most beneficial to parishioners, people
away from home in other countries and
people wishing to find out information on
our parish. We are most grateful to Enda
Furlong who designed and put it up on
line. If you have any ideas contact the

First Friday Calls

Fr Cushen & Fr. O'Connor will
attend the sick on Friday 2nd October

Sacraments of Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation will be
administered in St. Aidan's Church
next Saturday 3rd October.

This year's Sixth Class at 10.30a.m.
Last year's Sixth Class at 2.00 p.m.
We pray every blessing of the Holy
Spirit on all the candidates.

THE PRIEST ON DUTY

Rev. Ricky O'Connor C.C.

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Raffle in Aid of Ballyduff Church

A raffle will take place for 2 beautiful Denby Dinner Services with the proceeds going towards the upkeep of Ballyduff Church. Tickets are available in Daybreak shop in Ferns, Cois na hAbhann in Camolin and the Parish Office in Ferns. Tick-

A PRAYER IN THE TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS

By Fr. Brian Grogan S.J.

Dear God, in 1879 the Apparition at Knock gave hope and courage to the people of Ireland in difficult times.

We ask that Our Lady may now protect your beloved people from the Corona Virus. May its victims be strengthened by the spiritual support of the Christian community and restored soon to full health.

We also pray for the medical personnel who deal with the virus.

This we ask in confidence through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Knock, pray for us.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

St. John the Evangelist, pray for us.

Ferns Bowling

Bowling is open every Wednesday from 2 to 4. We would like to welcome everyone back. It's a very enjoyable game for everyone. Any new members

Chiropodist

Denis Kinsella, Ferns available for house calls if necessary.

Rosary

With the return of a more imminent threat from the Corona Virus we ask you to please, please increase your efforts in prayer for God's protection.

In the past the Rosary was the constant support for our people. Please make an effort to offer the rosary or decade for our

Harvest Thanksgiving Mass



The Season of Creation set aside by Pope Francis from 1st September to the feast of St. Francis 4th October will conclude next weekend. It is a most appropriate time to have the annual Mass of Harvest Thanksgiving for the fruits of the harvest, it will take place on the weekend of the 3rd and 4th of October in Ferns, Clologue & Ballyduff. We gather to give thanks to the Lord of the Harvest for the beauty and fruits of the earth and all those involved in taking care of the world and providing us with wholesome food and meals each day. Let us give thanks to God daily for his goodness, let us share with others and always respect the environment. Let us respect and never damage it! We thank all on the Tidy Towns' committee and SSE for taking care of Ferns and the Ballyduff group for caring

First Communicants

We congratulate the pupils from Ballyduff N.S. and Tombrack N.S. who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday. We compliment their Parents and Teachers on how well they were presented.

Mass Bookings 2021

We now have the 2021 diaries in the office. Please ring 053 9366514 to book

Ferns GAA Lotto

Lotto Draw: 22nd September 2020

Jackpot Numbers: 1, 17, 28, 29

Winner: No Winner

Ferns Lucky Dips

1. Pádraig Walsh 2. Davy Kinsella
3. Annette Guinan 4. John Gethings

Next Draw: Tues 6th October 2020

Jackpot: € 9,000

Location: Ferns/St. Aidan's GAA Club

Tickets can be bought from sellers or local retailers. To play online use the link ferns-



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns Church €913.20

Ballyduff Church €

If you wish, you may use **365 Banking** and transfer your contribution periodically to the parish account, please put your Sunday Envelope number on your donation or your name.

Ferns Church No. 1 A/ C.

BIC: BOFII E2D

IBAN: IE16 BOFI 9065 6678 0456 47

Ballyduff Church

BIC: BOFII E2D

IBAN: IE32 BOFI 9066 0382 1179 14

Clogogue Church

BIC: BOFII E2D

IBAN: IE85 BOFI 9065 8260 5960 10

Faith Matters

As people can't meet in prayer groups other than Mass, for a number of weeks coming Sr. Stephanie will lead us in a Prayer experience on Monday nights

Feasts of Saints

Regularly during the year we celebrate the feasts of different saints. On Wednesday last we celebrated the feast of **St. Pio** of Pietrelcina, a saint who is greatly prayed to for people who are sick. His great ministry was healing, physical and Spiritual in the confessional.

On Thurs. 1st Oct. we will celebrate the feast of **St. Therese of the Child Jesus**, the Little Flower.

On Sunday 4th October we will celebrate the feast of **St. Francis** who is the patron saint

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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Weekend Mass Times: Vigil Mass, Saturday 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

Weekday Mass Times: Monday to Saturday day 9.30am.

Convent: (Wednesday 7.00pm- not at present due to Covid 19) (Now Mon-Fri 9.00a.m.)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament daily from 8.00a.m. - 10.00p.m. (www.fernsadoration.com)

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 Sunday 9.30am **Eircode: Y21 FD 73**

ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH, CLOGOGUE

Weekend Mass Time: Sunday 10.15am

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 086 0786100

Ballyduff: Alan Byrne 086 8135149. Clogogue: Mary Skelton 087 6984703

St. Aidan's Church, Ferns

Has 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

Parish Website: www.FernsParish.ie