



# Gerns Parish Newsletter



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12th & 13th September 2020

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## The Deep End.....Infinitely loved

The parable of the unforgiving servant highlights the generous love of God and sets a blueprint for our treatment of others. The master who cancels the servant's large debt does so out of compassion, and the servant is grateful – but not so grateful that he is willing to take pity on a fellow servant who owes him just a small amount. It seems he has learnt nothing; he has neither appreciated the gift he has been given, nor is he willing to pass it on to others.

We are each loved infinitely by God. He has provided us with every good thing, and we are expected to live accordingly. Because we have been loved, we must love. In this Season of Creation we focus in particular on our relationship with creation. We have been gifted with this wonderful world, with all its beauty and natural resources. Yet in so many ways, we have failed to appreciate this gift. We depend entirely on the earth's resources, yet instead of respecting them we have plundered them, causing great harm to the earth and its inhabitants. We have built comfortable and cheap lifestyles at the expense of the world's poorest people. If we carry on this way, there will be no gift to pass on to future generations. We are like the servant in the gospel – taking, but giving nothing in return.

Today, we are called to act as people who are loved infinitely by God. All of creation speaks of God's love for us. We are deeply connected with the earth and all of its people. We must live a life which is not centred exclusively on ourselves, but on the needs of others.

*'Creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all,*

## Reflection for weekend 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### The Season of Creation (1<sup>st</sup> Sept – 4<sup>th</sup> Oct)

"In the Judaeo-Christian tradition, the word "creation" has a broader meaning than "nature"... Nature is usually seen as a system which can be studied, understood and controlled, whereas creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all." (LS 76)

Water is a symbol of regeneration because it is the drink we constantly need; it cleanses and constantly restores life. It may be abused, rendered unusable and unsafe, polluted and dissipated, but the sheer necessity of it for life, human, animal and plant, requires us, in our different capacities as religious leaders, policy-makers and legislators, economic actors and businessmen, farmers etc., to jointly show responsibility and exercise care for our common home (#13).

"Fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance, since it is indispensable for human life and for supporting terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems . . . 2.2 billion, or nearly one out of every three people on the planet, lack access to safely managed drinking water services, according to a 2019 report from UNICEF and the World Health Or-

## ***Mass Time & Intentions***

### ***This Weekend***

**12th & 13th September 2020**

#### **FERNS CHURCH**

**6.30pm:** Mary (Molly) Murtagh & her husband Steven, her sister Philomena, her father & mother Thomas & Ellen Murphy, formally of Coolbawn.

**8.30am:**

**11.00am:** Maureen Fortune, Carnew Road

#### **BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:**

**9.30am:** Mary Connelly, Tinahely

#### **CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**SUNDAY**

**10.15am:**

## ***Mass Time & Intentions***

### ***Next Weekend***

**19th & 20th September 2020**

#### **FERNS CHURCH**

**6.30pm:** Thomas & Kathleen Fortune Ballyandrew & deceased family members.  
&

Miley Tyrell, Coolbawn

**8.30am:** Christina Murphy, Tincurry

**11.00am:** .

#### **BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Jack & Mary Murphy, Ballyandrew & their son Tim

**9.30am:** Kitty Murphy, Kilbora

#### **.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.

## **THE PRIEST ON DUTY**

**Rev. Ricky O'Connor C.C.**

**085 7662706**

**19th & 20th September 2020**

### **Ministers of the Word**

**6.30pm:** Mary Cash

**8.30am:** Sister Eileen

**11.00am:** Maura Kelly

### **Ministers of Holy Communion**

**6.30pm:** Mary Cullen & Dora Murphy

**8.30am:** Eileen Brickley & Sr. Cecelia

**11.00am:** Michael Breen & Patricia Keenan



## ***BAPTISMS***

We welcome into our community of faith

*Ross Joseph Whelan*

## **Parish Website**

**www.Ferns Parish.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

## **Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation**

We congratulate the Sixth Class children in Ballyduff School who were confirmed on Saturday. We wish them every blessing as they are guided by the Holy Spirit.

### **First Communion.**

**Ferns** 19th Sept. at 11.00a.m.

**Ballyduff** 26th Sept. 11.00am

**Tombrack** 26th Sept. 1.00pm

**The sacrament of Confirmation** will be administered in St. Aidan's Church Ferns on Saturday 3rd October. Unfortunately it had to be deferred twice already, please God all will go smoothly this time.

## 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.*

*St. Patrick, pray for us.*

*St. Brigid, pray for us.*

## 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-

## Booking weekend Mass intentions

If you are booking Mass intentions please call to the parish office and collect an envelope for your donation to the celebrant. At times, unfortunately, when the Mass is celebrated the celebrant is forgotten. We are most grateful for the faith,

## Ferns GAA Lotto

Lotto Draw: 8th September 2020

Jackpot Numbers: 16, 19, 20, 27

Winner: No Winner

## Ferns Lucky Dips

1. Ben Bernie 2. Jim & Ann Whelan

3. Ann Marie Stafford 4. Peter Nolan

**Next Draw:** Tues 22nd September 2020

**Jackpot:** € 8,700

Location: Kilrush/Askamore GAA Pitch

Ballyroeback 10pm

## 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

## Novena To Saint Pio

### Begins on September 14th

*To obtain graces through the intercession of Saint Pio*

Almighty God, you gave the Capuchin Priest, Saint Pio of Pietrelcina the immense privilege of sharing in a unique way, the Passion of your Son.

Grant me through his intercession the graces that I ardently desire, And above all at the hour of my death grant me the grace of being reconciled to the will of Jesus and united with him in the glory of his resurrection. Amen.

Due to Covid 19 we will not be able to have our annual celebration of the feast of St. Pio. We ask all in your prayers to pray the Novena prayer and maybe attend morning Mass on 23rd September his feast day.

Let us ask the intercession of St. Pio to

## Meals on Wheels

This service is available Mon, Wed. & Fri. for those in need of a daily hot meal at €5.00 each, great value for the elderly in need. Volunteer Drivers are badly needed for this most caring service. If you can help please contact the parish office. The run will take an hour. If we have 12 it would mean once monthly. We

## Volunteers Needed

For Vincent's, Bunclody. For more information please contact Zoe at [vincents.bunclody@svp.ie](mailto:vincents.bunclody@svp.ie) or on



### **Sunday Envelope Collection**

The amount received for  
**Ferns Church €554.50**

**Ballyduff Church €124.00**

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

### **Season of Creation**

The month of September and until the feast of St. Francis has been dedicated by Pope Francis as 'Season of Creation'. In

2015 Pope Francis produced his Encyclical on creation which is a master piece, called 'Laudato Si' on Care for our Common Home. Some copies of this are available in the Parish Office.

Each day let us be conscious of God's goodness in our world. We are blessed

## **ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION**

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**Parish Office:** Tel: 053-9366514. E-mail: fernsparish@gmail.com **Eir Code: Y21 X5 W9**

**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)

**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

Weekday: Tuesday 9.30a.m. **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](http://www.FernsParish.ie)**