



Ferns Parish Newsletter



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17 & 18th October 2020

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Emperor's or Christ's vision?

Continuing our reading of Matthew 22 today, the Pharisees are not impressed with Jesus' teachings and decide to 'entrap' him, quizzing him about paying taxes. It is a dangerous question they ask because a simple yes or no response from Jesus could mean he is reported to the authorities. Jesus has no time for this and is quite direct with them asking: *'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?'*

The response is brilliant: *'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.'* This text has sometimes been used to argue that religion should stay out of politics, economics or culture. However, the world we live in is one that falls short of the vision and values which Jesus preached: a dream of a world of love, peace, justice and compassion. Being a follower of Jesus means that one is actively involved in striving for this vision and this includes whatever political, economic or cultural issues we are confronted with. The focus in this passage is getting our priorities straight. Yes, give the emperor his taxes but do not forget what belongs to God i.e. God's vision for this world.

The 'empirical' view and the 'Christ-view' of issues like direct provision, homelessness, evictions, the Black Lives Matter movement, climate action... are usually very different. The pharisees, we are told, *'were amazed, left him and went away'*.

Reflection for weekend 17th & 18th Oct 2020

'Sr. Veronika shared a story of a boy who was brought to the sisters in the Solomon Islands. The child was covered in dirt and getting weaker before their eyes. In an attempt to save him the local people had performed healing rituals on him. However, he was not far from death. The sisters knew that all he needed was medicine to reduce his temperature. Just basic healthcare would save his life. A week later, under the care of the sisters, the child was in full health. If the sisters had not been there, the child would surely have died.' (World Mission Ireland)

When a stone is dropped into a lake, it quickly disappears from sight.

But its impact leaves behind a series of ripples

That broaden and reach across the lake.

In the same way the impact of one's life lived for Christ

Will leave behind an influence for good

That will reach the lives of many others.

Brought to you by the Ferns Diocesan Pastoral Council.

Mass Time & Intentions

This Weekend

17th & 18th October 2020

FERNS CHURCH

6.30pm: Bill Ellis, Tincurry

Aidan Banville, Coolbawn & deceased family members of The Banville & Kirwan families

John Murphy, Corah, Tombrack

8.30am: ~~~

11.00am: Miley & Sarah Breen, Coolbawn

& Jim Byrne (James), Castlelands

Sheila Doyle, Coolnaleen

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: ~~~

9.30am: ~~~

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

SUNDAY

10.15am: ~~~

Mass Time & Intentions

This Weekend

24th & 25th October 2020

FERNS CHURCH

6.30pm: John Dwyer, Rockville & Mary Errity, Pairc Mhuire.

Jack, May & Gerard Lacey, The Dell, Ballycarney

Liam Nolan, William & Mary Carton, Tomnallossett.

Thomas Kavanagh, Ballybeg

8.30am: Martha & Joseph Killeen, Ferns.

11.00am Bridget & Martin Murphy, Ballylough their daughter Statia Meion & their son Martin Murphy.

Patrick & Mary Dwyer & their son Tony & his wife Nancy.

Col Bob Rayburn, Ferns.

John & Eileen Roche, Clologue

Catherine Burke, Bolacreean

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New Encyclical of Pope Francis

The third encyclical of Pope Francis was promulgated on 4th October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi called "***Fratelli Tutti***" on human fraternity and social friendship in particular that love, which is at the heart of the Gospel – reaches out to all of our 'brothers and sisters' who share our common humanity, especially the vulnerable, deprived and needy. On sale in the Parish Office from the end of the week.

Parish Office Hours during Phase 3

Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.00am. to 12noon

Wed. & Fri. 9.00-9.30a.m.

Baptisms

Baptisms suspended during lockdown. If urgent only six (6) can attend.

Church Opening

Daily for private prayer. No public Mass, only live streamed at normal times

Rosary & Benediction

Envelope Distributors

Pious List Envelopes are now ready for collection either in the Sacristy or Parish Office. Thank you for all your help, it is much appreciated.

Envelopes can be collected in the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our community of faith

Thomas Patrick Murphy

Convent Chapel

The Convent Chapel will remain open each day from 8.00a.m.-10.00p.m. for Adoration.

THE PRIEST ON DUTY

V. Rev. Patrick Cushen P.P.

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th

This weekend parishes in over 120 countries will celebrate World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday is a direct appeal from **Pope Francis** to give what you can so that overseas missionaries can reach and care for suffering men, women, and children.

On World Mission Sunday, a special Mass collection usually takes place to give people the opportunity to support those from the most impoverished churches in the developing world. The donations will be offered to help further the work of missionaries and mission of the church. This appeal is a life-line, not only for missionaries but also for the future of the Church. Irish Catholics are known throughout the world to be most generous to the missions and even more so in difficult time. Worryingly, this year, it faces a crisis. The worldwide pandemic means that less congregations can physically attend Mass, and here in Ireland, we are in lockdown, resulting in fewer offerings in the basket. The implications for suffering overseas communities in the months ahead will be devastating.

Please, if you can, be extra generous whenever the collection is arranged, in our parish after the present lockdown. Your kindness will be used to fund the work of overseas missionaries who serve in some of the most impoverished and overcrowded communities in the world. Give what you can, there are special envelopes in the churches which can be returned to the Parish Office or dropped in the Sunday Envelope Boxes or returned when the collection will be announced.

October Month of the Holy Rosary

Please make an effort to seek Our Lady's protection by praying the Rosary or a decade each day.

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.

St. Aidan, Pray for us.

St.. Corona, pray for us. Amen.

Scoil Naomh Maodhóg

We welcome the appointment of Clodagh Kehoe to the permanent staff replacing Jane Sprat. We also welcome Ms. Hannah Byrne who will commence on Monday.

Enniscorthy Credit Union

The Brenda O'Neill Memorial Scholarship Draw has a prize fund of €9,000 which is awarded each year in early November for students of both Third Level and PLC courses. It is completely free. All you need is to be a member and be starting a Third Level Course for the first time in 2020 to be able to enter. Application forms are available in our offices and they can be downloaded from enniscorthycu.ie,

Ferns Favourites Cook Book

A collection of baking recipes is on sale in aid of St. Edan's Cathedral, Ferns. . Sale price €10.



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns Church €388.00

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

Ferns GAA Lotto

Lotto Draw: 6th October 2020

Jackpot Numbers: 10, 12, 17, 31

Winner: No Winner

Ferns Lucky Dips

1. Jamie Dunbar 2. Ava Dempsey 3. Mary Edwards 4. John Lacey

Next Draw: Tues 20th October 2020

Jackpot: € 9,300

Location: Kilrush/Askamore GAA Club

Tickets can be bought from sellers or local retailers. To play online use the link fernsgaa.com/lotto.html

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. Tickets are €2

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.fernssadoration.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 or on our Parish Website **www.fernsparish.ie**