



Gerns Parish Newsletter



Vol. 16. No. 7

10 & 11th October 2020

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Deep End.....A royal wedding

Today's gospel is difficult. Stories of judgement, weeping and gnashing of teeth just do not appeal to most people. We hear about a King whose invitations to his son's wedding banquet are repeatedly refused. In some instances his messengers are killed. One interpretation of this parable is that it is an allegory for the Jesus story, God's invitation to the Messianic banquet has been refused by those who are expected to embrace it. This banquet is therefore opened up to the unexpected, the Gentiles, the poor, those on the margins, the outcast.

Going deeper again, we can hear that God wants to be in a relationship with each of us. We are all invited to this banquet. Yet, sometimes we exclude ourselves from being in fellowship with God. We may be hurt, suffering in a way that is preventing us from accepting the invitation to experience God's love and hospitality. We simply want to be left alone. Notice how the host in this parable persists. God does not give up on us.

And what about that poor chap who did come but was not suitably dressed? If we accept the invitation we should be ready for change and not just change of an outer garment, real change. Because any real experience of God in our lives transforms us in some way or another. Parables were meant to shock those who heard them. The Gospel is meant to make us uncomfortable. Otherwise, what changes for us? We can sit around and listen to nice gentle passages that keep us comforted, or we can be challenged and moved to experiencing something real, something which requires us to show up and be transformed. It is up to us whether or not we accept this invitation.

Reflection for weekend 10th & 11th Oct 2020

'Life is not measured by how much we own' (Luke 12:15)

Did you know that the name Rosary means "crown of roses". Blesses Alan de la Roche re-established this devotion and gave it the name of the Rosary. Every time people say the Rosary devoutly they place on the heads of Jesus and Mary 153 white roses and sixteen red roses. Reach complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses. These roses will never fade or lose their beauty. (*The Secrets of the Rosary-St Louis de Montfort*) October is a special time for the Rosary. One day a man was talking to an angel. The angel said: What can I do for you? The man said '*Show me the Wall Street Journal one year from today, this way I'll know where to invest my money and become a multimillionaire*'. So the Angel snapped her fingers and our came a Wall Street Journal date one year in the future. The man flipped through the pages studying the listings and observing which stocks would be high. In the midst of his joy tears began to rill down his cheeks. Why? Because when he looked over at the obituary column there was his name. God is not opposed to you acquiring and achieving things in life but He wants us not to waste time on the wrong things. St Paul puts it: 'My life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus-the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God (Acts: 20-24)

Mass Time & Intentions

This Weekend

10th & 11th October 2020

FERNS CHURCH

6.30pm: Anne-Marie O' Gorman (Bolger)

Abbey Court.

&

Anto O' Brien, Coolbawn. (1st Anniversary)

8.30am: Jack Doran, Coolatore &

Kevin McHale, Dublin

11.00am: Catherine Morris, St Anne's, Ferns

& Declan Jordan, Berryfields

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Tom, Gretta & Pat Carton,

Aidanswood

9.30am: Pat & Dora Kinsella, Kilbora

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

SUNDAY

10.15am:

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

8.30am:

11.00am: Miley & Sarah Breen, Coolbawn

& Jim Byrne (James), Castlelands

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: John Murphy, Corah, Tombrack

9.30am: Sheila Doyle, Coolnaleen

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

SUNDAY

10.15am: Pat & Sarah Flynn, Rockspring

Parish Office Hours during Phase 3

Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.00am. to 4.00p.m

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

THE PRIEST ON DUTY

Rev. Ricky O'Connor C.C.

085 7662706

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***"

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.



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our community of faith

Rosary on the Coast

Rosary on the Coast for Life & Faith on

Sunday 11th October

Courtown Harbour - 2.30 pm

The Hook – 2.15 pm

St Lawrence's Church, Glynn – 2.30 pm

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

Mon. to Fri. Ferns Church at 7.00p.m.

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to the Family of Margaret Morris, Pairc Mhuire, R.I.P

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace and may God in his mercy

Teacher Retirement

We wish a very happy retirement to Ms. Jane Spratt who retired from Scoil

Naomh Maodhóg after 25 years of loyal and dedicated service. We wish Jane every happiness and blessing in her new phase of life. Also longevity and health in life.

Mission Month

With the moving of our country to Covid 19 Phase 3, the Church will be closed for public Mass, but open daily for private prayer. Mass will be live on our web cam. All of our regular Mass times will be in operation on live stream.

This annual collection is one set in place by Pope Francis for the missionary work of the Church and Evangelisation, it is so important for the future of the church and the spread of the message of Jesus. The money collected goes to build Churches, Health Centres, Schools, Educate young people and Catechists to help educate people in matters of faith.

Unfortunately, this collection will be badly hampered as we will be on lockdown. A future date will be announced for the collection. Envelopes for the collection will be available in the Churches and when Churches are opened they can be returned or on the day of the collection.

Please be caring towards the Missions.

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.

Ballyduff Cleaners October
Cleaners this month Kilcloran

Covid 19 Precautions

- 1. Please be most prudent in your behaviour and how you protect yourself and others.**
- 2. When entering and leaving the Church please sanitise your hands.**
- 3. Wear masks when in the Church or in places where people gather.**
- 4. Avoid meeting in groups to celebrate events of any kind.**
- 5. Wash your hands regularly before leaving and returning home.**
- 6. Church seats are sanitised regularly, but make sure you sanitise when entering and leaving. You cannot be too careful at this time of the virus.**
- 7. When receiving Holy Communion always receive on the hand. Do not remove your mask before you approach the Priest/Eucharistic Minister. When Holy Communion is put in your hand step aside take off your mask and consume the Eucharist.**

Ferns Favourites Cook Book

A collection of baking recipes will be on sale from St. Mogue's Cottage, Ferns on Friday 16th & Saturday 17th October in aid of St. Edan's

Cathedral, Ferns. Collection features tried & tested family favourites. Book features memorable photographs of Ferns Village taken by Liz Wildes.

Sale price €10. An ideal gift or souvenir of Ferns.

Ballyduff & Clologue Churches

No Masses during Covid 19 Phase 3.
Churches open for private prayer.



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns Church €467.80

Ballyduff Church €143.00

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

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

Very Rev Paddy Cushen. P.P. Tel: 053-9366152 / Mobile: 087 2387559.

E-mail: frpaddycushen@gmail.com **Eir Code: Y21 N9 W7**

Rev Ricky O'Connor. C.C. Tel: 085 7662706

E-mail: revrickyferns@outlook.com **Eircode: Y21 K1 C0**

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) (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 or on our Parish Website

www.fernsparish.ie