



Gerns Parish Newsletter



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3rd & 4th October 2020

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Deep End.....Creation

Today marks the end of the Season of Creation, a time to remember that we are protectors of this earth and have been given responsibility to care for it, not to plunder and destroy it. The parable told in the Gospel today also speaks to this as we hear that the workers of the vineyard have lost sight of their original agreement with the owner and, consumed by greed, have lost their way. Today is also the feast of St Francis of Assisi. He experienced all of God's creation as family: *'Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Sister Water'*. He was a mystic and a pilgrim who saw how intimately connected everything in this world really is. The COVID 19 crisis has reminded all of us of this deep interconnection; what happens in one part of the world affects us all as we share one common humanity and live together on a common home. During the days of lockdown many of us became more aware of simple things like birdsong, trees, flowers, the earth resting. Pope Francis says that this deeper awareness, *'takes us to the heart of what it is to be human'* and gives us an opportunity to regain a sense of awe and wonder for creation. *'Just as happens when we fall in love with someone, whenever St Francis would gaze at the sun, the moon or the smallest of animals, he burst into song.'* (*Laudato Si'*, 11). The roots of the environmental crisis are deeply spiritual. As we bring this Season of Creation to a close, let it be a spring-board into contemplation and action where our relationship with God's creation is concerned. This is an urgent call. And one which

Reflection for weekend 3rd & 4th Oct 2020

St Francis of Assisi born in 1181-82 and died in 1226.

The following is taken from a book written by one of the brothers who lived with him. On a certain night blessed Francis was so weighed upon by the pains of his infirmities, that he could neither rest nor sleep that whole night. But in the morning, when his pains had a little ceased, he caused all the friars in the dwelling to be called. And placing his right hand on the head of each of them, he blessed them all, present and absent, and those who should come to the Order up to the end of the world; and he seemed to have compassion on himself, because he was not able to see all his brethren and his sons before his death. But wishing in his death to imitate his Lord and Master, as he had perfectly imitated Him in his life, he ordered loaves to be brought to him, and blessed them, and made them to be broken into portion' because on account of his great weakness he was not strong enough to break it. And taking it, he handed to each of the friars a portion, bidding him eat the whole of it. Whence as the Lord before His death wished in token of His love to eat with His disciples on the Thursday, so blessed Francis, His perfect imitator, wished to show the same sign of love to his brethren. And that he wished to do this in the likeness of Christ appears manifestly, because he afterwards asks if it were then Thursday. But one of those friars kept back a particle of that bread, and after the death of blessed Francis, many sick who tasted thereof were immediately liberated from their

Mass Time & Intentions

This 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:

Mass Time & Intentions

Next 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

11.00am: Catherine Morris, St Annes, Ferns

&

Declan Jordan, Berryfields

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm:Tom, Gretta & Pat Carton,

Aidanswood

9.30am: Pat & Dora Kinsella, Kilbora

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

SUNDAY

10.15am:

THE PRIEST ON DUTY

V. Rev. Patrick Cushen P.P.

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10th & 11th October 2020

Ministers of the Word

6.30pm: Ena Grey

8.30am: Theresa Nolan

11.00am: Ailish Davitt

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.30pm: Ann Bernie & Brid Breen

8.30am: Eileen Brickley & Sr. Cecelia

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins & Christopher Power



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our
community of faith

Catherine Ann Jordan

&



Marriage

Congratulations to

John Bowe & Michelle Kinsella

and Mary Jo Bernie &

Ross Andreucetti

*who were married recently. We wish
them every blessing of health and*



Confirmation Congratulations

We congratulate all who received the
Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday
in Ferns. May you all be guided and
open to the Spirit of God in your lives

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

Chiropodist

Denis Kinsella, Ferns available for house calls
if necessary.

Mission Month

Now that we are in the month of October it is the month in which we remember the Missionary work of the Church and it is also the month of Mary our Blessed Mother, the patroness of the missions.

We are asked to be conscious of the missions in our prayers and financial support on Mission Sunday 18th October when we will have a special collection. This collection is one set in place by Pope Francis as 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

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.

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

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 this weekend. It is a most appropriate time to have the annual Mass of Harvest

Thanksgiving for the fruits of the harvest.

We thank all who decorated our

Covid 19 Precautions

Due to the surge of cases of the Corona Virus I have been contacted by the HSE during the week and asked to request all to take the utmost care and precautions to help avoid this virus and prevent it spreading to others.

- 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.**



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for

Ferns Church €461.65

Ballyduff Church €137.00

Clogogue Church €539.50

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: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE16 BOFI 9065 6678 0456 47

Ballyduff Church

BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE32 BOFI 9066 0382 1179 14

Clogogue Church

BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE85 BOFI 9065 8260 5960 10

G.A.A. Co. Final & District Final

We wish our **Intermediate Footballers** every success in the final in Chadwick Wexford Park on Sunday.

Also the best of luck to the **JBFC** in the **Gorey District Final** on Saturday.

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

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.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**