



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for

**Ferns Church €590.00**

**Ferns monthly S.O's €295.00**

**Ballyduff Church €138.00**

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 name.

#### Ferns Church No. 1 A/C.

**BIC: BOFI E2D**

**IBAN: IE16 BOFI 9065 6678 0456 47**

#### Ballyduff Church

**BIC: BOFIE2D**

**IBAN: IE32 BOFI 9066 0382 1179 14**

#### Clogue Church

**BIC: BOFIE2D**

**IBAN: IE85 BOFI 9065 8260 5960 10**

### SVP St Aidan's Conference Ferns

Whatever your reason for getting in touch, if you need support from the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul we are here to help you. There are a wide range of supports we can offer you, from practical help and advice, to a friendly ear all in the strictest of confidence.

Web: [www.svp.ie/requesthelp](http://www.svp.ie/requesthelp)

Email: [StAidan.Ferns@svp.ie](mailto:StAidan.Ferns@svp.ie)

Phone: 086 721 9303

### 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 each or 3 for €5. **Raffle in Aid of Ballyduff Church**

## 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](http://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, CLOLOGUE

**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. Clologue: 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](http://www.fernsparish.ie)



# Ferns Parish Newsletter



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14th & 15th November 2020

33rd Sunday in Ordinary

### The Deep End...Rising to the challenge

It is hard not to feel sorry for the third servant in today's gospel. The first two servants are praised for making the most of the 'talents' (money) given to them by their master. In return, they are promised even greater things. The third man, paralysed by uncertainty, buries his small amount of money in the ground instead of doing something with it. His actions are based in fear – he has heard the master is tough and he does not want to take any risks. At least he is able to return what he has been given, he reasons. But he is shocked to learn that instead of praise, or even a neutral reaction to match his own neutral actions, he is reprimanded as 'wicked and lazy' and cast out. This parable has been described as a story of 'tragic miscalculation'. The servant didn't do anything awful – which is why we tend to have some sympathy for him – but he didn't do his best either. The real tragedy is not that he didn't make any more money; it is that he failed to appreciate the opportunity he had been given and to make the most of it.

We are all dealt different cards in life, and undoubtedly some are much tougher than others. We are like the servants in the parable who are given different amounts of money to look after. The point is not the amount of 'talents' given to each. It is not the circumstances of our lives or our natural gifts that are important, but how we use them. Jesus was cautioning against playing it safe. Instead of turning inwards or living in fear, we are called to meet challenges head on and discover what wonderful things might happen 'Talent is like electricity. We don't understand electricity. We use it.'

Maya Angelou

### Reflection for weekend 14<sup>th</sup> & 15th Nov. 2020

#### 'You harvest what you plant' ....Galatians 6:7

George Bernard Shaw said, 'People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are'. I don't believe in circumstances. People who get ahead are those who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and if they can't find them, they make them.' A farmer can plant anything he wants; the land doesn't care one way or the other. Suppose he plants both wheat and poisonous hemlock. The land will return poisonous hemlock as plentifully as it does wheat. Your mind is far more fertile, but the same principle applies. It doesn't care what kind of seeds you plant, success or failure, good or evil, anxiety or peace-what you sow returns to you. The Bible says 'if you follow your selfish desires, you will harvest destruction...if you follow the Spirit, you will harvest eternal life' (Galatians 6:8) Success lies in your daily routine. So get to know God better through His Word and prayer. Make up your mind to be of service to somebody every day. Tackle a problem bigger than you. Encourage everyone you meet. Take the first steps toward overcoming a bad habit. Do something for someone who can't repay you. Change your thinking from TGIF (thank goodness it's Friday) to TGIT (Thank goodness it's today!) Do three things that will take you outside your comfort zone. Be thankful for what you have. Ask for help when you need it. Give God the best part of your day. 'This is the day the Lord has made, rejoice and be glad in it' (Psalm 118:24) The time to be happy is now, and the place to be happy is here.

## **Mass Time & Intentions**

**This Weekend**

**14th & 15th Nov 2020**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**9.30am** Claire McHugh, Camolin Park  
**6.30pm:** Mary Keating, Pairc Mhuire Thomas & Molly Doyle and their son Michael, Ballyandrew.

Margaret McDonald, Kilcloran.  
Ronnie Kirwan, Ballymore and Maureen Murphy, Clogogue.

**8.30am** Pious List  
**11.00am** Betty Davitt, Pairc Mhuire Patricia Cahill, Pairc Mhuire

## **Mass Time & Intentions**

**Next Weekend**

**21st & 22nd November 2020**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.30pm:** Patrick & Nan Kearney and deceased family members, Tincurry. John Doyle, Ballintore.

James & Catherine Browne Kilthomas, their son Kevin, daughter in law Peg and grandson Timmy.

**8.30am:** Marie Dwyer, Rockville, Carnew Rd. (Month's mind).

**11.00am:** John & Annie Kirwan and their son John, Baltinglass.

Mona Martin, Ballingale.

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**Sat. 7.30pm:** ~~~**Sun. 9.30am:** ~~~

**CLOGOUE CHURCH**

**SUNDAY 10.15am:** ~~~

**Friday 27th November Ferns**

7.00p.m. Mass and Service of Light for dead.

## **Convent Chapel**

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

## **THE PRIEST ON DUTY**

**V. Rev. Patrick Cushen P.P.**  
**053 93 66152/087 238 7559**

## **Pious List**

### **Returning of Envelopes**

They may be returned to the Church Sunday Envelope Box or the Sacristy before or after daily Mass at 9.30a.m.

### **Sincere Sympathy**

Is extended to The Long Family on the death of Maurice Long, Tincurry, R.I.P. Also to the Foley Family on the death of John Foley, 16 Coolbawn R.I.P. John was one of the last family members who lived in the estate since it was built in 1939. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace and may God in his mercy console the bereaved.

### **Plenary Indulgence for Holy Souls**

*To gain the indulgence you are asked to say Our Father, Creed and pray for the Pope's Intentions, visit a Church or Cemetery. Confession & Communion. within the month or after restrictions.*

### **Church Opening**

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

### **Rosary & Benediction**

Mon. - Fri. Church at 7.00p.m. in the Parish Church Ferns.

### **Baptisms**

During lockdown Baptisms will only be in emergency.

### **Funerals**

According to Covid 19 Phase 5 ruling. Limited to family/25 people.. Social distancing at all times.

### **Parish Newsletters**

They are available at Day Break and Centra and from all Churches which are open daily for private prayer.

### **Signed Mass Cards**

If needed, Parish signed Mass Cards are available at Centra Super Market or The Sacristy before or after Mass daily

## **Mission Envelope Appeal**

From Ferns area envelopes returned so far we have **€1,150.00**.

Please if possible help and support this most worthy cause in these pandemic times. Your generosity will make a huge difference to all working on the missions and the spread of the gospel message in faith and care of the most vulnerable in our world. We are Missionary, let us respond fraternally.

You could text MISSION to **503000** to donate **€4.00** (€3.60 will go to the missions.)

### **New Encyclical of Pope Francis**

**The third Encyclical of the Pope "Fratelli Tutti"**

**On Friendship, Love and Respect.**  
**Now in the Parish Office €5.00**

### **Ferns Favourites Cook Book**

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

### **LOTTO DRAW: Tuesday 3rd**

**November 2020**

**JACKPOT NUMBERS: 5 22 31 32**

**WINNER: No Winner**

**FERNS LUCKY DIPS**

1. Fergal & Charlie c/o Fergal Mulhall
2. Harry Kinch
3. Ciaran Roberts
4. Sina Camilleri

**NEXT DRAW: Tuesday 17th November 2020**

**JACKPOT: €9,900**

**LOCATION:** Kilrush/Askamore GAA Club Grounds at 10pm  
Tickets can be bought from sellers or local retailers.

To play online use the link fernsgaa.com/lotto.html

Thank you to everyone for their continued support.

## **Pious List**

Pious List Mass intentions will be offered in St. Aidan's Church **each week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30a.m.**

The Annual Mass for the dead and **Service of Light** for those who died in the past year will be live streamed at **7.00p.m, on Friday 27th November,** Candles will be lit for each person who died or was buried in the past year in our parish.

Please remember the souls of the faithful departed in your prayers. "It is a good and wholesome thought to pray for the dead .." 2 Macc.

### **Lonely and like to Chat!**

**If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning Senior Line. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you.**

**Freephone 1800 80 45 91**

### **Parish Office Hours during Phase 5**

For emergency needs before and after daily Mass. Emergency 087-2387559

### **New Secondary School for Gorey**

The Patronage of the new school will be decided shortly. Bishop Brennan encourages all parents eligible to vote to please **CEIST** at latest this Sunday. If we want it to be Catholic, parents have to vote for it, otherwise it will be Educate Together/ETB/or some other patronage. Parents from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class in primary school are eligible to vote and can do so on [www.ceist.ie](http://www.ceist.ie) or directly on <https://patronage.education.gov.ie>