



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: 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

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

Email: 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

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

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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) (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



Ferns Parish Newsletter



Vol. 16. No. 12

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 14th & 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, Cloogue.

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:** ~~~

CLOOGUE 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 Sun-
day 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 Mis-
sionary, 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 Novem-
ber 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.

Freefone **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 an Educate
Together/ETB/or some other patronage.
Parents from 2nd to 6th Class in primary
school are eligible to vote and can do so
on www.ceist.ie or directly on [https://
patronage.education.gov.ie](https://patronage.education.gov.ie)