



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for  
**Ferns Church €415.00**

**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**

### 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, CLOGUE

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



# Ferns Parish Newsletter



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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Saints in the making

There is a patron saint for almost every situation you could imagine. When we've lost something, we talk to St Anthony; faced with a hopeless situation, we pray to St Jude. We ask St Christopher to help with a safe journey, and St Cajetan to intercede for a job interview. As we discovered this year, there are even patron saints for pandemics – St Edmund and St Roche. The list goes on. Many people have a favourite saint they reach out to in times of need.

There is something about the saints that touches even the most cynical of hearts. Turning to a favourite saint is more than mere superstition. At its most basic level it is a reminder that we are not alone, that there is a life beyond this one and we are connected to it. At a deeper level it is an opportunity to reflect on these holy women and men who were shining examples of faith and virtue while alive, and who continue their great work by leading us closer to God.

This All Saints Day, the Beatitudes challenge us to look beyond the difficulties of this life and see the bigger picture. They offer a way of life that leads to eternal life. The saints whose help we seek embodied many of the qualities of the Beatitudes – gentleness, mercy, fighting for justice, working for peace, bearing suffering with dignity. We all know people who embody these qualities – the many saints who may never be canonised but who show us how to live as followers of Christ. As we reflect on those who have gone before us, it leads us to ponder how we are doing: are we saints in the making?

### Reflection for weekend 31<sup>st</sup> Oct & 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 2020

#### *My soul waits silently for God .. (Psalm 62.5)*

The ability to wait requires three qualities according to Daniel Coleman. First, *humility*...as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters .So our eyes look to the Lord (Psalm 123:2) There's a story told of a man who waited so long to see his doctor that he ended up sending the doctor a bill for his time!. Seriously, in life there's a correlation between status and waiting. Lower status people generally wait for higher status ones and the wise learn to wait with grace. Waiting reminds us that we're not in charge; it humbles us in ways we need to be humbled. Second, trust. 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding' (Proverbs 3:5) Among trapeze artists, a special relationship exists between the flyer and the catcher. Once the flyer lets go, he must trust the catcher to grab him. Likewise, we must do what God tells us, then wait for Him, even when we don't clearly see His hand at work. Those are the reasons that deepen and develop our faith. Finally, *expectation*. 'My soul waits silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him' (Psalm 62:5) Eugene Peterson writes, 'in prayer, we are aware that God is in action, and that when the circumstances are ready, when others are in the right place, and when our hearts are prepared. He will call us into action. Waiting in prayer is a disciplined refusal to act before God acts'

## Mass Time & Intentions This Weekend

**31st Oct & 1st Nov 2020**

### FERNS CHURCH

**6.30pm:** Elizabeth Mackey, Station Road  
Edward Cooney, Corah Ferns

James & Cathy Byrne, Monasootha

**8.30am** Martin & Bridget O'Neill & their sons  
Tomas, Brendan & Ciaran, Tombrack  
Mary & Lil Bolger & Mary & Jim Doyle  
Bolachoir & deceased family members.

**11.00am** James (Jim) Dunbar, Clologue &  
Ferns

Pat Somers, Bunclody

## Mass Time & Intentions Next Weekend

**7th & 8th November 2020**

### FERNS CHURCH

**6.30pm** Elizabeth & Andrew Kehoe,  
Coolbawn.

Philip & Ellen Bolger, Lodgewood.

Mike, Annie & Martin McDonald, Monasootha.

Peg O'Leary, Coolnaleen.

Seamus Redmond, Ballymore.

**8.30am:** Pious List

**11.00am:** Patty Moynihan, Enniscorthy Road.  
Thomas & Renee Kearns, their daughter  
Sadie, son Jimmy and son in law Anthony.

### BALLYDUFF CHURCH

**7.30pm: ~~~**

**9.30am: ~~~**

### CLOLOGUE CHURCH

**SUNDAY**

**10.15am: ~~~**

### 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**

### Envelope Distributors

Pious List Envelopes are now ready and  
will be distributed by the usual distributor  
in your area. Thank you for all your  
help, it is much appreciated. If you have  
not received your Pious List yet please  
just contact your distributor.

### 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. or any of  
the priests houses.

*"Today 1st Nov., Bishop Brennan will  
lead a service of remembrance at the  
Cathedral in Enniscorthy at 3pm to  
remember the dead of the Diocese  
and their grieving friends and fami-  
lies... I am also inviting each priest of  
the diocese to do so, in his own  
church, at this time... Let us set aside  
this time for prayer and reflection, let  
us remember those who have died  
and who grieve, and let us ask God  
our Father for the resilience and the  
courage required, as we journey  
through these trying days."*

### Ferns Parish Remembrance

**Today 1st Nov. at 3.00p.m.**

**In the Parish Church.**

### 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.

**Now in the Parish Office €5.00**

*A great encyclical well worth getting.*

### Parish Office Hours during Phase 5

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

### Mission Envelope Appeal

I am delighted to say that from a small num-  
ber of Mission Envelopes returned from the  
Ferns area of the parish we have **€890.00**.  
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 do-  
nate **€4.00** (€3.60 will go to the missions.)  
When our churches reopen for Mass we will  
have an opportunity to contribute to a collec-  
tion in the Church for this worthy cause. If  
you wish to make a contribution now there are  
envelopes for the Missions in each church  
which can be returned to the Sunday envelope  
box or bring it with you when Mass is open to  
all again.

**Mass will be live streamed each day.**

### Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to The Jackman Family on the  
death of Joe Jackman, Coolbawn & to The  
Murphy Family on the death of Kevin  
Murphy, Pairc Mhuire & to The Davitt  
family on the death of Liam Davitt,  
Pairc Mhuire R.I.P.

*May the souls of the faithful departed rest  
in peace and may God in his mercy  
console the bereaved.*

### Church Opening

Daily for private prayer. No public  
Mass, only live streamed at normal  
times. **Mon. 7.00p.m. Mass All Souls**  
followed by prayers for the departed.

### Rosary & Benediction

Tues. - Fri. Church at 7.00p.m.

Due to Prayers of Remembrance on  
Sunday at 3.00p.m, there will not be  
7.00p.m. Rosary And Benediction.

### 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.**

### A Prayer as I put on my Mask

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the  
world, help me to see the sacrament in  
the wearing of the cloth—Let it be “an  
outward sign of an inward grace”. A  
tangible and visible way of living love for  
my neighbour, as I love myself.

Christ, the Son, since my lips will be cov-  
ered, uncover my heart, that people  
would see my smile in the crinkles  
around my eyes. Since my voice may be  
muffled, help me to speak clearly, not  
only with my words, but with my actions.  
Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my  
ears, remind me to listen carefully and  
full of care—to all those I meet. May  
this simple piece of cloth be shield and  
banner, and each breath that it holds, be  
filled with your love. In your Triune  
Name and in that love, I pray .  
May it be son. May it be so.

### Pious List

Pious List Mass intentions will be  
offered in St. Aidan's Church as fol-  
lows for all names on the list.

**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.  
“We have loved them in life, let us  
not forget them in death.”

### Ferns Favourites Cook Book

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