



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns Church €360.00

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 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

Cloogue 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

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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)

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, CLOOGUE

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. Cloogue: 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



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7th & 8th November 2020

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Deep End...The time is now

I am a procrastinator. If a task is awkward or unpleasant, I am likely to put it off till another day. In any given week, I have a 'to-do' list I need to get through. The most important items always get done – things that can't be avoided, like work deadlines or paying bills. But bigger projects often get put on the long finger and I find myself transferring items to the following week's list. It is part of life to learn how to prioritise, and to be prepared to tackle the important things. Even when we are not ready to face a certain situation, sometimes we need to push ourselves to just dive in.

Among the wedding customs in Jesus' time was a night-time procession from the bride's home to the grooms. The bridesmaids would go out with torches lit to welcome the groom and his entourage. The parable in today's gospel sets two groups in contrast – the 'foolish' bridesmaids who run out of oil because they have failed to prepare, and the 'sensible' ones who are ready with their lamps and oil, who recognise the importance of the task. Only one group was ready when the groom approached.

This parable encourages us to focus on the here and now, to nurture our relationship with God in the present and to live well. There is no point in procrastinating, or waiting until the bridegroom is at the door. As well as having the light of faith, we need the fuel – the actions – to keep it lit so we are ready when the Lord comes.

'It's a terrible thing, I think, in life to wait until you're ready. I have this feeling now that actually no one is ever ready to do anything. There is almost no such thing as ready. There is only now. And you may as well do it now. Generally speaking, now is as good a time as any.'

Hugh Laurie

Reflection for weekend 7th & 8th Nov. 2020

"Do not let your hearts be troubled and afraid" John 14:27

'Do not let your hearts be troubled and afraid'. The peace Jesus gives doesn't depend on conditions and circumstances. It comes from knowing you're God's child and that your Father controls the universe, loves you and always has your best interests at heart. Erikson Tada discovered a supernatural peace when an accident confined her to a wheelchair, and Corrie Ten Boom found it in a Nazi death camp. Missionary Elisabeth Elliot found it ministering to the Indian tribe who massacred her husband. She wrote: 'Only in acceptance lies peace...not resignation'. There's a big difference! Author Creath Davis points out that: 'Resignation is surrender to fate. Acceptance is surrender to God.'

Brought to you by the Diocesan Pastoral Council

Mass Time & Intentions This 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.

Mass Time & Intentions Next 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, Clologue.

8.30am Pious List

11.00am Betty Davitt, Pairc Mhuire
Patricia Cahill, Pairc Mhuire

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

Rev. Ricky O'Connor C.C.

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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 Jackman Family on the
death of Joe Jackman, Coolbawn & to The
Murphy Family on the death of Kevin
Murphy, Pairc Mhuire & to The Edwards
Family on the death of Brendan Edwards,
Ballylough R.I.P

*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 Ceme-
tery. Confession & Communion. within the
month or after restrictions.*

New Encyclical of Pope Francis

The third encyclical of Pope Francis "*Fratelli
Tutti*" on human fraternity and social friend-
ship. **Now in the Parish Office €5.00**

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 Office Hours during Phase 5

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

New Secondary School for Gorey.

St Aidan's Parish, Ferns is delighted to support the work being done by **CEIST** to secure a **Catholic Post Primary school in Gorey**. As many parents and grandparents will know, the Department of Education and Skills has announced a brand new, 600 student, post-primary school for Gorey in 2021. The provision of a state-of-the art Catholic Post-Primary school would offer real choice to parents.

CEIST Catholic Schools Trust, oversees the work of over 107 Post Primary schools in Ireland, including St Mary's Secondary School, New Ross, Presentation Secondary School, Wexford, Coláiste Bríde, Enniscorthy and St. Mary's Secondary School, Arklow. **CEIST** schools have a super reputation providing top class education for boys and girls in Wexford and beyond. You should also note that the proposal from **CEIST** is for a **co-educational school** with an **Ionad Lán Ghaelach**. 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>

Your voice matters – your vote matters. Please make sure you vote.

At present there is no Catholic Secondary School in Gorey. Bishop Brennan has asked that we encourage parents of children from 2nd to 6th Class to vote for a **CEIST Patronage** of the new school. Others will be seeking to obtain it, e.g. Educate Together, ETB, etc. By voting for a Ceist school you do not have to send your child there but are helping to have the option of a Catholic Secondary School to serve the Gorey area.

"All that is needed for others to win the patronage of this new school is for Catholic Parents to do nothing." Others will be proactive. Please, Please vote before 15th Nov.

*It is very important that anyone with a Camolin postal address would vote.
If you need help please contact the School Office. You will need your Eir Code.*

Mission Envelope Appeal

From envelopes returned we have
€1,010.00.

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 mis-
sions.)

When our churches reopen for Mass we
will have an opportunity to contribute
to a collection in the Church. 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.

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.

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.