



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns for the week was **€561.70**
The amount received for
Ballyduff for month of May was **€453.30**
The amount received from **Cloogue** for
January-May was **€1363.50**
Vocations Collection €289.00
Sick & Retired Priests €49.00
Thank you for your generosity

St Peter's College Past Pupils Union

School Sports Development fund
Ticket Draw – Tickets €10 each
1st Prize € 2000, 2nd Prize €500
3rd Prize €250, 4th Prize €250
All proceeds go to Astro Pitch
Development Fund
Draw will take place in St. Peter's College
on July 30th 2021
Tickets can be purchased by phoning SPC
PPU PRO, Tel: 0877971077 or
www.idonate.ie/raffle/stpetersppu

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

Patrons

As of last year the patrons
will be live streamed.
Cloogue July 25th
(last Sunday July)
Ballyduff 8th August
(2nd Sunday August)

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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

E-mail: frpaddycushen@gmail.com **Eir Code: Y21 N9 W7**

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.fernسادoration.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



Vol. 15. No. 43

19th & 20th June 2021

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Let us go across to the other side'

'Let us go across to the other side' is an important phrase in Mark's Gospel which occurs many times. Jesus and the disciples are crossing the Sea of Galilee from what is a predominantly Jewish area to a more Gentile (non-Jewish) region. While this phrase signifies Jesus' geographical position, it also suggests that he is inviting the disciples to go a little deeper on their journey. They are perhaps entering into the unknown, moving out of their comfort zones and therefore feeling anxious. The crossing of the water does not go so well for the disciples as a storm begins to brew and eventually the water begins to endanger the boat. To the disciple's astonishment, Jesus is asleep through the whole ordeal. Their anxious call is understandable, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' After all, Jesus has led them, and 'other boats' into this situation and now appears not to care what will happen to them all.

In times of turmoil in life, we too may feel totally abandoned, swamped by fear and anxiety, adrift in a storm where even Jesus appears to be asleep. During such experiences, we might remember the words of Jesus from today's Gospel and repeat them, like a mantra, 'Peace! Be Still'. While the wind is howling around us it can be frightening but Christ is always with us, present within our very selves, offering us this deep peace. Often, coming back into this awareness can help us navigate through the storm and remind us that Jesus is very active in our lives, especially when we are entering into unknown territory. What is required of the disciples in this account, is a more mature faith, a deeper trust in their Teacher, that he will not abandon them. 'May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you; May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm; May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you; May he bring you home rejoicing.' (Shane Claiborne).

FATHER'S DAY



FATHER'S DAY 20th JUNE What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain, The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun, The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature, The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages, The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring, The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity, The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,

When there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete, And so,

He called it ... Dad
Happy Father's Day

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

19th & 20th June 2021

FERNS CHURCH

6.30pm: Dr Dan Purcell, Ballybeg.
Charles & Elizabeth Murphy, Coolpark &
deceased family members.

8.30am: People of the Parish.

11.00am: Joseph Morris, St Anne's, Ferns.
John Paul Cashe, Pairc Mhuire

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Margaret O'Neill, Monasootha

9.30am:

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

10.15am:

CONVENT

Wednesday June 23rd 2021

7.00pm:

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

26th & 27th June 2021

FERNS CHURCH

6.30pm: Masie Jackman, her brother
Stephen & deceased family members.

Michael & Josie Kenny, Pairc Mhuire
Johnny Kavanagh, Coolbawn (Months Mind)

8.30am: Breda Roche, Carnew Road

11.00am: Alice & Aidan Earle, Pairc Mhuire &
their son Padraig.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: John & Mary Kenny, Ballybeg

9.30am: Tom Doyle, Coolnaleen (Month's
Mind)

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

10.15am:



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
Tadgh Aaron & Ryan
Maximiliam Byrne
&
Danny Noah Keely
who were baptised recently.

26th & 27th June 2021

Ministers of the Word

6.30pm: Ena Gray

8.30am: Richard Cotter

11.00am: Ailish Davitt

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.30pm: Mary Cullen & Dora Murphy

8.30am: Eileen Brickley & Sr. Cecelia

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins & Christopher
Power

**Seeing your Life through the
Lens of the Gospel**

1. The image of a boat in a stormy sea is a symbol of life in difficult times and can represent inner turmoil, anxiety and high emotions. When you have been in such circumstances, perhaps a 'Jesus person' came to your assistance and calmed you down? Recall that person with gratitude.
2. The image can also be applied to a family, a community, a parish, or any other group. Remember people who have had a gift of bringing peace to troubled situations.
3. The significance of miracles in the gospels is that they show Jesus as one who brings God's power to bear on human need and suffering. Have there been times when you have been a channel for this healing power of God, holding a crying child in your arms, calming the anxiety of a friend, or being a peacemaker in a group to which you belong?

Standing Orders

If you would prefer to pay your Sunday Envelopes by Standing Order please call to the Parish Office and pick up a form or contact one of the priests. Grateful thanks to all who support the Sunday Envelope collection.

THE PRIEST ON DUTY

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

EXAMINATIONS PRAYER

O Great St. Joseph of Cupertino, who by your prayers, did obtain from God, the grace to be asked at your examination, the only question you knew. Obtain for me, success like yours in the examination for which I am preparing, and in return, I promise to make your name known and cause it to be invoked. Amen. Best of luck to all the young people of the parish who will be sitting examinations.

Life is about more than exam results!

First Holy Communion

Ballyduff Mon. 5th July at 11.00a.m.

Ferns Sat. 10th July 11.00a.m.

Tombrack Sat. 2nd October.

Sincere Sympathy

We offer sympathy to Mag and the extended O'Connor family, Kiltown, on the death of Luke O'Connor.

Also to Rita Martin and extended family on the death of Paul Martin, Cromogue, Bunclody.

R.I.P.

*May the souls of the faithful
departed rest in peace. May God and
Our Lady console the bereaved.*

Live-Steaming in Ballyduff

From Sunday 27th June, 9.30am Mass in Ballyduff will be live-streamed each Sunday morning. To view please go to <http://www.churchservices.tv/stcolumbas> or go to www.fernparish.ie and click on the link for St. Columba's Church.

Lough Derg 2021: Registration is now open to "Do Lough Derg from wherever you are" from 3rd to 5th July. The Prior, Fr La Flynn, will do the Three Day Pilgrimage on the Island during these days. To offer a live link by webcam in support of those who will choose to do the pilgrimage wherever they are, some of the Lough Derg staff will do the pilgrimage in St. Mary's Church in Pettigo. To register or for further information please email fo@loughderg.org, telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518. www.loughderg.org

**Reflection for weekend 19th & 20th
June 2021**

What is Prayer?

Prayer doesn't just happen when we kneel or put hands together and focus and expect things from God. Thinking positive and wishing good for others.. **That is prayer**

When you hug a friend - **That is a prayer**

When you cook something to nourish a family & poor people .. **That's a prayer**

When we send off our near and dear ones and say 'Drive safely' or 'Be Safe' **that's a prayer**

When you are helping someone in need by giving of your time and energy -- **-you are praying.**

Prayer is a vibration – A feeling – A thought.

Prayer is the voice of love, friendship and genuine relationship

Mary's Meal Online Quiz

The next monthly Online Quiz for Mary's Meals, which feeds almost 2 million hungry children every school day, will take place next Friday, June 25th at 8pm. To enter/donate go to www.bit.ly/QuizforMM or ring Martin Colfer 087 2596159. Thank you very much to all who have helped to date.

**FERNS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE
TO KNOCK 4TH JULY 2021**

As you know, with current restrictions, capacity at Mass is very restricted and Knock Basilica is limited to a capacity of 200 people at present. Therefore, the Pilgrimage for this year will follow the same format as last year with a virtual pilgrimage for the diocese. The Pilgrimage Mass will be streamed online on the website www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live and on the Knock Shrine Facebook page. Ceremonies will begin at 2.30pm. Bishop Brennan, Bishop elect Ger Nash and myself will be present for the ceremonies in Knock
Gerry O'Leary
Knock Pilgrimage Director.