



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns for the week was **€785.00**

The amount received for
Ballyduff for month of June was **€974.00**
The amount received from **Cloogue** for the
month of June **€383.60**

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

Email: StAidan.Ferns@svp.ie

Phone: 086 721 9303

Financial Reports

The Financial Reports for the year Jan. 2020 to Dec. 2020 for both Ballyduff and Cloogue are available in both Churches with the Newsletter this week. The Ferns report was distributed early in the year. We are most grateful to all who support our Churches. Thanks to all for your generous financial support and faith.

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-Tuesday & Thursday 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



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10th & 11th July 2021

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection for weekend 10th & 11th July 2021

16th July The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Mount Carmel rises high into the sky dominating the landscape below, just a few miles from Lebanon near Haifa, a large city in the north of present day Israel. High over New Ross rises our own Mount Carmel Convent. It all began when Mother Mary Teresa of the Holy Ghost was born in New Ross on 29th July 1769. Her father and brother were local medical doctors. The Kavanagh home was at Ringwood, The Rower, Co. Kilkenny and their medical practice was located a few miles away at No. 2 John Street, New Ross. In 1775, during the period of the Penal Laws, Dr. George Kavanagh and his son became Protestants in order to save their property. Dr. Kavanagh's daughter decided to become a nun and joined the Carmelite Monastery in Ranelagh (Dublin). In April 1791, at 22 years of age, Sr. Mary Teresa Kavanagh made her profession as a Carmelite Nun. For many years Mother Kavanagh had nurtured hopes to found a monastery in her native town, as reparation for the defection of her father and brother from the Catholic Church. In 1816 her prayers were heard when her sister's brother in law, Dean Chapman, Parish Priest of New Ross, applied to Ranelagh Carmel for a group who would undertake the running of a school for the education of poor children in his parish. The Mother Prioress of Ranelagh agreed. Needless to say, many difficulties beset such a project, since as yet, Catholic education was banned by law and threatened by penalties, though somewhat lessened at the time. Still, the Dean was determined to face the task and brave the difficulties which he foresaw would arise. Thus the project was launched, but the difficulty of procuring a suitable residence for the nuns and accommodation for a school was now to be dealt with. Obstacles presented themselves on all sides. Finally, Dean Chapman offered to give up his own house and the land adjoining and transfer them for the purposes of the foundation. When it became known that a community of Catholic religious women were about to be established in the town (a nun had never been seen in New Ross since before the Reformation) a storm of bigotry arose. The Parish Priest was freely accused of having obtained a lease of his residence under false pretences and threatened with litigation on the part of the landlord. It seems that Dean Chapman acquired the lease of a small house with garden and a plot of ground in an area known as Bishop's Land from the local Protestant owners, the Banks family. However Dean Chapman was equal to the occasion and was not cowed by the attitude taken by his critics. On Friday 18th July 1817, Mother Kavanagh and the founding group accompanied by the Carmelite Provincial, Fr. Leo Oates O.D.C. entered and took possession of the new convent which they named Mount Carmel. Mother Kavanagh was Prioress for 18 years, and guided the destinies of her foundation with singular tact and prudence in trying times.

On July 16th 1971 Bishop Donal Herilhy D.D bishop of Ferns laid the foundation stone of the existing convent and chapel at Mount Carmel 50 yrs ago. To this day Mount Carmel is dedicated to contemplative prayer, detachment, poverty, and death to self. It has attracted women of the greatest holiness: Saints Teresa of Ávila, Thérèse of Lisieux, and Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein). Integral to Carmelite spirituality is the Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Happy feast day New Ross Sisters! (History of Carmel)

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

10th & 11th July 2021

FERNS CHURCH

6.30pm:

8.30am: Luke O'Connor, Kiltown
(Months Mind)

11.00am: Susie Bolger, Carnew Road

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: People of the Parish

9.30am:

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

10.15am: Susanna O'Dowd, Ballyregan
(Months Mind)

CONVENT

Wednesday July 14th 2021

7.00pm:

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

17th & 18th July 2021

FERNS CHURCH

6.30pm: Jim & Betty Power, Ballyboy

8.30am: People of the Parish.

11.00am: Siobhan Dignam, Olcote, Newtown
1st Anniversary

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm:

9.30am:

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

10.15am: Patrick Murphy, Clologue

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith

Ruairi Michael Hall

who was baptised recently.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

July: Universal: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

August: Evangelisation: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

17th & 18th July 2021

Ministers of the Word

6.30pm: Mary O'Brien

8.30am: Denis Kinsella

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.30pm: Ann Bernie & Brid Breen

8.30am: Eileen Brickley & Sr. Cecelia

11.00am: Liz Villar & Patricia Keenan

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

1. Jesus gave the disciples a share in his mission by sending them out ahead of him. It was a gesture of trust and confidence on his part, even though they did not fully understand his mission. Have you ever been surprised by the trust shown in you by others to speak or act on their behalf?

2. Jesus sent the disciples out two by two. Perhaps your experience gives you examples of the value of having another with you when engaged in an important task.

3. The apparently strange instructions given by Jesus were intended to counteract practices by bogus preachers who used preaching as a mask for money-making. True disciples of Jesus focus on the mission and not on their own comforts. Is it your experience that vested interests can impede a task, whereas having the right motives makes your mission more effective?

4. The task of the disciples was to call people to repent, (metanoia = conversion, change the way we look at God and at other people). Who have been the disciples, the people in your life who have called you to be more trusting in God? To whom have you given this call?

THE PRIEST ON DUTY

V. Rev. Patrick Cushen P.P.

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Charities Act Form (CHY3 Cert)

The parish and curacies can claim back income tax paid by subscribers of €250.00 or over in the year. It will not cost the taxpayer anything. Last year we received through this scheme a total of €4,247.70, which was great, considering especially with fundraising non-existent from sources outside the church, through various events. If all who received letters recently, to be signed for this scheme sent back the forms we would be eligible to receive €10,000.00 approx., which would be a tremendous amount, costing the taxpayer nothing. Already we have a number of forms returned and have forwarded them to the revenue commissioner. If you have received one of these letters, could you *please sign it and return.*

Clonard Drive In Bingo

Takes place every Wednesday night at 7.30pm in Clonard Community Centre Car Park. Gates open at 6.30pm. Books of 8 €10 for Single & €15 for Double. All Lines €50, Double Lines €50 Full House €100. All proceeds go directly to Clonard Church and Clonard Community Centre

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 July 2021

The first mission

Two phrases come to mind as I read about the disciples heading off on their first mission: 'baptism of fire' and 'to be thrown in at the deep end'. We use these expressions to describe a difficult introduction to a new job or activity, when we are expected to learn as we go and cope with whatever obstacles we face. In today's Gospel, Jesus sends the Twelve out on their first mission. It is a challenging one and his instructions are brief and very specific: they are to bring nothing but a staff - no food or money - meaning they will have to rely on the hospitality of others for all their needs. They are to stay wherever they are welcomed, rather than move around from house to house, so they can't be choosy about their lodgings. Simplicity is key - no baggage, no luxuries, no distractions, nothing but the task of reaching to people. It might not be plain sailing, but Jesus offers advice for those difficult times too.

It appears their mission of preaching and healing was successful, as we are told the disciples came back eager to fill Jesus in. Imagine the experiences they must have had during this time - the people they met and helped, the generosity of those who welcomed them, the conversations on the road, the chance to share their excitement at everything Jesus was doing. They were certainly thrown into a challenging situation, but they returned with a fresh perspective and strengthened faith. Jesus calls us to step out into the unknown, his words as our guide and his bond with us unbreakable.

'A boat is safe in the harbour, but this not the purpose of a boat.' (Paulo Coelho)

World Day of Grandparents

and the Elderly Sunday 25th July

On 31 January 2021, Pope Francis announced, after the Sunday Angelus, that the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on Sunday, 25 July, the Sunday nearest the memorial of Sts Joachim and Anne (26 July). The voice of the elderly 'is precious,' Pope Francis said, 'because it sings the praises of God and preserves the roots of the peoples.' The elderly, he continued, 'remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between the different generation, to pass on to the young the experience of life.'

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this inaugural commemoration is 'I am with you always' (Mt 28:20). It expresses the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially in these challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The theme, 'I am with you always' is also 'a promise of closeness and hope that young and old can mutually share', notes the press release. Not only are grandchildren and youths invited to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have a mission of evangelisation, proclamation and prayer and of encouraging young people in their faith.