



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns for the week was **€456.30**

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. Please bring one home and see where your financial support is spent. 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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Assistant: Very Rev. Pat Stafford , 086 234 4674

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-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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17th & 18th July 2021

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Deep End Take a break

We all need a break sometimes. I remember once reading a selection of entries for a Mothers' Day competition, in which people were asked why their mother deserved to win a prize. They all had themes in common - she never does anything for herself; she's always thinking of other people; I can't remember the last time she took a break.

In today's Gospel, the disciples need a break. They have returned from their mission, eager to catch up with Jesus, but there is so much happening that they barely have time to eat. Jesus sees their need, and invites them to take a boat with him to a quiet place and rest for a while. But there is no time for rest, as the crowds have followed them on foot. Jesus is moved by them because they are 'like sheep without a shepherd'. He is the Good Shepherd who always cares for his flock, and he responds with compassion and love.

No doubt the disciples are drafted in to help: it turns out it is not break time! We can imagine their exhaustion. We all feel tired or overwhelmed from time to time, from work or family pressures or simply trying to balance everything. Postponing our own needs to care for others is familiar to every parent or caregiver. We don't know if the disciples got a rest at that point, but we know that Jesus valued time apart as he later sends the disciples off in the boat again while he goes away by himself to pray. In the chaos of life, even when there are demands on our time and energy, it is important to take some time to reflect and to pray.

Scoil Naomh Maadhóg

The Board of Management made two appointments for temporary positions for the coming year. Miss Hannah Byrne who was teaching fifth class last year will be returning to 5th class and Miss Katie Fortune will be coming to fill an SET vacancy for the year. We are delighted to welcome back Miss Byrne and look forward to Miss Fortune coming. We wish them every success.

Holiday Time

We wish all on holidays a very happy, care free and relaxing time. Please be mindful in crowds with Covid 19, sanitise, wear a mask & take all advice on precautions. In the sun be careful to wear sunscreen to protect yourself from over exposure to the sun. Please God the weather will be summery. Be safe.

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

17th & 18th July 2021

FERNS CHURCH

6.30pm: Jim & Betty Power, Ballyboy
James Cullen, Pairc Mhuire

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

CONVENT

Wednesday July 21st 2021

7.00pm:

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

24th & 25th July 2021

FERNS CHURCH

6.30pm:

8.30am: Clologue Patron Mass

11.00am:

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Anne Nancy Gethings, Camolin

9.30am:

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

10.15am: Jim Roche, Bolacreen

THE PRIEST ON DUTY

V. Rev. Patrick Cushen P.P.

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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: Ena Gray

8.30am: Maureen Kavanagh

11.00am: Maura Kelly

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.30pm: Mary Cullen & Dora Murphy

8.30am: Eileen Brickley & Sr. Cecelia

11.00am: Mary Sinnott & Tommy Davitt

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

1. The apostles reported to Jesus all that they had done and taught. Perhaps you have had the experience of being able to check in with somebody and share an experience. What was that like for you?
2. Jesus saw that the apostles needed to rest and eat. What has been your experience of finding a restful place after a busy day? What kind of nourishment have you found necessary in order to maintain energy and enthusiasm? Did your experience during the Covid19 pandemic give you any new insights about this?
3. When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and reached out to them. Who has been a Jesus person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus person in that way?
4. It sometimes can be difficult to strike a balance between responding to the needs of others and meeting our need for rest and nourishment. What has helped you to keep the balance right?

Patron

The patrons will be live streamed. Prayers will be said privately and will be available on the Parish Website www.fernsparish.ie

Clologue July 25th

(last Sunday July next Sunday)

Ballyduff 8th August

(2nd Sunday August)

We thank all for caring for the graves of your deceased. May they rest in peace.

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 forward 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

**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 Ss 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.

**Reflection for 17th & 18th July
The Magic of Grandparents**

It all began in 1970 with a boy named Billy. Billy was a little boy with ADD, (attention deficit disorder) and Arthur (Dr Arthur Kornhaber) was his child psychiatrist. Arthur soon realized that despite Billy's behavioural issues at home and school, he was fine when he was with his grandmother.

"In his grandmother's eyes, this kid couldn't do anything wrong," says Arthur. "He didn't have to sit still, he didn't have to pay attention, he just had to eat and smile. And they had great times together."

This proved an *aha!* moment for the good doctor. His experience with Billy, coupled with his own experience with his strong and nurturing grandparents, convinced him that there was magic in grand parenting. "That magic is unconditional love," says Arthur.

A little 8 yr. old boy said when he drew a picture of his family. "My family, well, I'm at the top, and my parents are under me, and my grandparents are under me and my parents...they are there to catch us if we fall..." On next Sunday Pope Francis has instituted the first ever World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The Catholic Grandparents Association are inviting families and parishes to plant a tree in thanksgiving for all grandparents and elders and in memory of those who are no longer with us. Let us mark this special day!

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