



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for  
Ferns for the week was €866.00

The amount received for  
Ballyduff for month of May was €

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

### 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)

### Patrons

The patrons will be live  
streamed.

**Cloogue July 25th**

(last Sunday July)

**Ballyduff 8th August**

(2nd Sunday August)

### St Peter's College Past Pupils Union

School Sports Development fund

Ticket Draw – Tickets €10 each

1<sup>st</sup> Prize € 2000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize €500

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize €250, 4<sup>th</sup> Prize €250

All proceeds go to Astro Pitch  
Development Fund

Draw will take place in St. Peter's College  
on July 30<sup>th</sup> 2021

Tickets can be purchased by phoning SPC

PPU PRO, Tel: 0877971077 or

[www.idonate.ie/raffle/stpetersppu](http://www.idonate.ie/raffle/stpetersppu)

### ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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E-mail: [frpaddycushen@gmail.com](mailto:frpaddycushen@gmail.com) Eir Code: Y21 N9 W7

**Parish Office:** Tel: 053-9366514. E-mail: [fernsparish@gmail.com](mailto: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.fernsadoration.com](http://www.fernsadoration.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](http://www.fernsparish.ie)



# Ferns Parish Newsletter



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3rd & 4th July 2021

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4 July 2021

This is the carpenter, surely?

'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house.' We might find ourselves sympathising with Jesus in today's Gospel: no matter what a person achieves in life, in their home place they will always be identified with their childhood selves and their family. While this generates a sense of belonging, it can be stifling.

There is always someone to ensure we don't get ideas 'above our station'!

Returning home to Nazareth, Jesus teaches in the synagogue but his former neighbours turn on him. Who does he think he is, this carpenter, the son of Mary? This could have been a moment of grace, if they were open to hearing what he had to say. Perhaps the implications of the Good News were just too challenging coming from one of their own.

Sometimes God's Word comes in an unexpected package. As individuals and communities, we can be guilty of silencing certain voices. Do we listen to young people with their energy and idealism, or the elderly with their experience and wisdom? Are we biased against certain groups in society, do we shoot them down before they speak? When our hearts are open, we come to recognise the prophets who are bringing the dream of God to fruition among us.

'Although they heard you Lord, they failed to listen. They heard only what they wanted to hear. The truth hurt them, you made them feel uncomfortable, and they rejected you... Show us how we may seek your Kingdom and help to bring peace to a troubled world.'

(Tony Singleton)

### Reflection for weekend 3rd & 4th July 2021

#### World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly coming soon on Sun 25<sup>th</sup> July Pope Francis speaks to grandparents and the elderly

The prophet Joel once promised: "Your old men shall dream *dreams*, and your young men will have visions" (3:1). The future of the world depends on this covenant between young and old. Who, if not the young, can take the dreams of the elderly and make them come true? Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; in this way, together, we can build the future. You need to show that it is possible to emerge renewed from an experience of hardship. I am sure that you have had more than one such experience: in your life you have faced any number of troubles and yet were able to pull through. Use those experiences to learn how to pull through now. Dreams are thus intertwined with *memory*. I think of the painful memory of war, and its importance for helping the young to learn the value of peace. Those among you who experienced the suffering of war must pass on this message. Keeping memory alive is a true mission for every elderly person: keeping memory alive and sharing it with others. . And the foundation of life is memory. Finally, as my predecessor, Pope Benedict, himself once said: "the prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others." [4] Your prayer is a very precious resource: a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 262). Especially in these difficult times for our human family, as we continue to sail in the same boat across the stormy sea of the pandemic, your intercession for the world and for the Church has great value: it inspires in everyone the serene trust that we will soon come to shore. (Pope Francis)

**Mass Time & Intentions  
This Weekend**

**3rd & 4th July 2021**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.30pm:** Statia Banville, Coolbawn & deceased family members of The Banville & Kirwan families

**8.30am:** People of the Parish.

**11.00am:**

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Paddy Hall, Kilthomas

**9.30am:**

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**10.15am:** Mary Byrne, Milltown

**CONVENT**

**Wednesday July 7th 2021**

**7.00pm:**

**Mass Time & Intentions  
Next 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: 9.30am:**

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**10.15am:**



**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the faith  
**Amie Katie Plummer**  
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.

**10th & 11th July 2021**

**Ministers of the Word**

**6.30pm:** Brendan Kenny

**8.30am:** Sister Eileen

**11.00am:** Frances O'Toole

**Ministers of Holy Communion**

**6.30pm:** Maire Bernie & Mary Fortune

**8.30am:** Eileen Brickley & Sr. Cecelia

**11.00am:** Eleanor Hawkins & Mary Sinnott

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

1. Personal prejudices and agendas can block us from listening to the what another person has to say. Who do they think they are? Perhaps you have experienced this. What difference has it made to you when you were able to focus on the content of what was being said and leave to one side your own prejudices about the speaker?
2. It has been said that there is nothing as useless as the right advice at the wrong time. We may want to reach out to another but may be unable to because at that moment the other person is not ready to be helped. Like Jesus we can 'do no deed of power'. As Jesus had to be patient and wait for another opportunity, so do we. What have you learned about the importance of patience in working with others?
3. Religion easily brings up prejudices. Some dismiss religion as superstition, old hat, or based on an outdated world view. Even among believers, prejudice can make it hard for individuals to listen to an alternative way of looking at things, to consider a different way of celebrating liturgy, or to live at peace with difference. Yet a closed mind can lead to a stagnant faith. When have you found that a willingness to consider a different perspective led to a deepening and strengthening of your faith?

**THE PRIEST ON DUTY**

**V. Rev. Patrick Cushen P.P.**

**053 93 66152/087 238 7559**

**Bishop-Elect Mons. Ger Nash**

We welcome the appointment of Mons. Ger Nash as the future Bishop of Ferns. Mons. Ger comes from Co. Clare, the Diocese of Killaloe. He replaces Bishop Brennan who has served our diocese as Bishop for the past 15 years. We thank Bishop Brennan for his good work in the diocese and we wish Bishop-Elect Ger Nash every best wish and blessing and a fruitful ministry in Ferns.

**Parish Sick List**

If anyone in the parish would like to be attended with Holy Communion on the First Friday please contact Parish Office.

**Ferns Parish Shop**

We now have stock in for First Holy Communion. We have a lovely selection of rosaries, prayer books, rosettes, pins and communion chains & much more.

**Fr. Pat Stafford 086 234 4674**

He has kindly agreed to help out in the parish for the foreseeable future. He will be a great help. We are all most grateful to him for his generosity in helping out, now that there will not be a curate in the parish. Pray for vocations please.

**First Holy Communion**

**FERNS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE  
TO KNOCK 4<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://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.

**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.

**Charities Act Form (CHY3 Cert)**  
€4,247.70