



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for  
**Ferns** for the week was **€695.20**  
The amount received for  
**Ballyduff** for month of July was **€405.50**  
The amount received from **Clogogue** for the  
month of July **€277.00**  
**Vocations Collection €289.00**  
**Sick & Retired Priests €49.00**  
*Thank you for your generosity*

### Our Cemeteries

We are blessed to have lovely places of rest for our deceased relatives and friends. Graves are beautified at patron time and it is a credit to families for taking such care and showing reverence. When tidying your grave **please** respect the cemetery by bringing home rubbish. Thank you sincerely for your support.

### 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)  
Email: [StAidan.Ferns@svp.ie](mailto:StAidan.Ferns@svp.ie)  
Phone: 086 721 9303

### TEACH na bPaisti

18 Aldercourt, Ferns, Y21 A2X6 Child-care Facility with outside playground available to rent. Long or Short Term Lease considered. Please contact Quinn Property Gorey 053.9480000

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."

### ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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

**Assistant: Very Rev. Pat Stafford, 086 234 4674**

**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.fernсадoration.com](http://www.fernсадoration.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, CLOLOGUE

**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. Clogogue: 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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7th & 8th August 2021

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 August 2021

### Uphill struggle

Have you ever felt like giving up? Elijah certainly did. In today's first reading we meet a prophet who has had enough. He is fleeing from trouble and things seem so hopeless after a day's journey that he sits under a bush and begs God to take his life. Life has a way of getting on top of us, such as when we are grieving a loss, when we are hurt by a friend, when illness strikes, or when we are simply exhausted. We experience the feelings described in the famous anonymous poem Don't Quit: 'When things go wrong as they sometimes will/ When the road you're trudging seems all uphill...'

At these times of struggle it is helpful to pause and to refuel for the journey. Elijah was visited by an angel who offered him comfort and respite, giving him the strength he needed to carry on. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again say he is the living bread. Some people have been complaining about his teaching. Surely this is the son of Joseph, they say, demonstrating their lack of understanding of who Jesus really is. Again, he explains that he is the bread of life - more than physical food, more than an ordinary man, he is the living bread and he is God. In all our struggles, especially when we feel like giving up, Jesus offers us nourishment for the journey. This gift is there for us especially in the Eucharist, offering comfort and strength.

### Those Who Were Buried In The Parish Since June 2020

**June 2020:** Anne Ryan, Ballyboy, Josie Kenny, Pairc Mhuire.

**July:** Siobhán Dignam, Newtown. **October:** Margaret Morris, Pairc Mhuire, Marie Dwyer, Carnew Road, Kevin Murphy, Pairc Mhuire, Joe Jackman, Coolbawn, Liam Davitt, Pairc Mhuire. **November:** Morris Long, Tincurry, John Foley, Coolbawn. **December:** Charlie Christopher, Coolbawn, Johana Fortune, Corah.

**January 2021:** Raymond Morrissey, Camolin, Mikie Kehoe, Corah, Owen Jordan, Coolbawn, Tom Doyle, Coolnaleen, Sheila Ronan, Clologue, Joe O'Leary, Clologue. **February:** Rita Ronan, Coolbawn, Myles Jordan, Carnew Road, William Fortune, Coolbawn, Patrick Bolger, Ballybeg, Baby Kate Murphy, Ballyduff. **March:** Chrissie Breen, Tinnashrule. **April:** Stephen O'Leary, Ballymoteybeg. **May:** Susanna O'Dowd, Ballyregan, Jimmy Kearney, Tombrack, Johnny Kavanagh, Coolbawn. **June:** Luke O'Connor, Kiltown **July:** Grace Franklin, Tomsollagh, Ned Nolan, Kilcloran. **May they rest in peace.**

**Mass Time & Intentions  
This Weekend**

**7th & 8th August 2021**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.30pm:** James Bolton-Lee, Ballybeg

**8.30am:** Michael & Mary Nolan, Station Road

**11.00am:** Miley Breslin, Coolbawn

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm: Mass for all in the cemetery**

**9.30am:** Bill Tomkins & Deceased Family  
Members, Kilbora

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**10.15am:**

**CONVENT**

**Wednesday August 11th 2021**

**7.00pm:** Roy Nolan, Clody

**Mass Time & Intentions  
Next Weekend**

**14th & 15th August 2021**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.30pm:** Dan & Sarah O'Connor, The Glen,  
Effernogue.

Anne Byrne nee Nolan, Layland, Lancashire,  
formerly Kiltown.

**8.30am:** John Lancaster, Ballyboy

**11.00am:** John Byrne, Askinamoe

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Adrian Leonard, Ballybeg

**9.30am:** Sandy Murphy, Kilbora

Tom Furlong, Kilcloran & Deceased Family  
Members

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**10.15am:**

**Ferns Village Golf Classic 2021  
This Friday 13th August**

at Enniscorthy Golf Club.

Team of 4-€120.

To book call Teresa @ 086 6049340

or Tom @ 086 2142339

[www.fernsvillage.ie](http://www.fernsvillage.ie)

**14th & 15th August 2021**

**Ministers of the Word**

**6.30pm:** Mary O'Brien

**8.30am:** Dermot O'Brien

**11.00am:** Ailish Davitt

**Ministers of Holy Communion**

**6.30pm:** Ann Bernie & Brid Breen

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

**11.00am:** Ann Swaine & Eleanor Hawkins

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

1. The story of the Visitation is a story of two pregnant women reaching out to one another. For those of you who are mothers, perhaps you have been in that situation. What blessings do you recall in such encounters?
2. The story and the song of Mary are both celebrating the work of God in her life. When have you been particularly grateful for what was happening in your life? How did you express and celebrate your thanks?
3. Mary is praised for believing that God's promise to her would be fulfilled. How has your trust in God's promise to be with you helped you in your life?
4. Read the Magnificat a few times slowly and let your attention stay with whatever words or phrase you are drawn to. Place yourself in the position of the one saying the prayer. Let it be your prayer of thanksgiving for your own life.

**Tombrack Community  
Heritage Walk**

In aid of Tombrack Community Garden, takes place on Sunday 15th August. Leaving garden at 10.30am sharp. Adults €10 & children under 16 go free. Masks and High Visibility jackets will be required and all Covid regulations will be adhered to.

**THE PRIEST ON DUTY**

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

**053 93 66152/087 238 7559**

**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.*

**Ballyduff Patron 8th August**

This weekend will be Patron day for all who are buried in the cemetery. Mass will be offered on Saturday and prayers will be on live stream at [www.fernsparish.ie](http://www.fernsparish.ie) We thank all for caring for the graves beautifully. May they rest in peace.

**THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK**

John Lennon's famous song 'Imagine' was played at the opening ceremony at the Tokyo Olympics. But are the lyrics appropriate? Does the vision they describe really have the power to unite humanity? Bishop Robert Barron investigates. The homily for this Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time is given by Fr Lar O'Connor where Jesus teaches that the Eucharist is his flesh given for the life of the world. Bishop Barron gives a talk on the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist to explore what this means. We have the usual newsletter insert and the ninth part in the series 'A New Irish Catholicism'. We highlight the heroic witness of Edith Stein or St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross and St Maximilian Kolbe, both who died during World War II. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)

**Reflections for August**

Edith Stein - St Teresa Benedict of the Cross (1891-1942) 9th August  
Edith managed to write little notes that were smuggled out to her Carmelite community from Auschwitz concentration camp. One note read; 'A "science of the Cross" can be gained only if one is made to feel the Cross in the depths of one's being.' Making the Sign of the Cross shows us that our lives are forever guided by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

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St Clare (1193-1253) 11th August

Clare is often portrayed in art as holding a monstrance with the Eucharist in defence of an attack by Saracen mercenaries on her convent community. Clare witnessed to holiness and humanity, wisdom and welcome to all. She was canonised two years after her death.

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St Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941) 14th August

Maximilian worked to spread the message of God's love in Poland and in Japan through the setting up of a printing press. He gave radical expression to God's love when he offered to take the place of a father who was going to be executed by the Nazis in 1941 in Auschwitz.