



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for  
**Ferns** for the week was **€907.62**  
The amount received for **Ballyduff** for month  
of **September** was **€553.00**  
The amount received from **Cloogue** for the  
month of **September** **€398.10**  
**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 sup-  
ports 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



### Envelope Distributors

Pious List Envelopes are now  
ready for collection either in the  
Sacristy or Parish Office. Thank  
you all for your help, it is much  
appreciated.

### Parish New Mass Times

**From Weekend 9th/10th October.**

**Saturday Vigil Mass: Ferns 6.15p.m.**

**Ballyduff 7.30p.m.**

**Sunday Mass: Ferns 8.30a.m.**

**Cloogue 9.45a.m.**

**Ferns: 11.00a.m.**

### Diaries

For 2022 are now in. Anyone wanting to  
book a Mass in Ferns, Ballyduff or  
Cloogue can now do so by contacting  
The Parish Office on 053 9366514 or  
dropping into the office.

### 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 6.15pm 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](http://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 **Eircode: Y21 FD 73**

### ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH, CLOOGUE

**Weekend Mass Time:** Sunday 9.45am

**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 Al-  
tar & 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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16th & 17th October 2021

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Synodal Pathway

In these days, the Catholic Church throughout the world and in Ireland is beginning  
a series of conversations about what God wants of his people at this time. These  
conversations are often referred to as a Synodal Process. "Synodal" comes from a  
Greek word which means "walking together".

On Sunday 17th October we mark the opening of this Synodal Process entitled, *For  
a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission*. This Synodal Process  
coincides with the start of the two-year Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in  
Ireland which will lead, in time, to a National Synodal Assembly in Ireland.

We pray that the next two years will be a time of prayer, listening and discernment,  
involving a consultative conversation. This will allow all people - both within the  
Church and in society at large, to share their insights into the Catholic Church in  
Ireland - past, present and future - so that we can prepare for a National Synodal  
Assembly in the coming years.

[www.catholicbishops.ie/synod](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/synod) - to learn more about the Synodal Pathway for the  
Catholic Church in Ireland

[www.synod.va](http://www.synod.va) - to learn more about the worldwide Synod

Bishop Ger Nash

### Mission Sunday 24th October

Next weekend will be Mission Sunday weekend. We are asked to be mindful of  
the needs of all in Mission Lands. The total basket collection at all Masses will  
go towards The Missions, so please be as generous as possible. In your prayers  
constantly pray for our missionaries, priests, religious orders and lay missionar-  
ies as they proclaim the message of Jesus and set up schools, medical centres,  
hospitals and evangelise the people.

Special envelopes for Mission Sunday are in each Church for anyone who will  
not be out for the weekend. Many thanks in anticipation of your response.

### Sunday 17th October

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father's annual  
appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. Worryingly, it is in jeopardy.  
The pandemic means that less of us can physically attend Mass, meaning less offer-  
ings in the basket. The implications for overseas missionaries and the communities  
they serve over the coming months will be devastating. You can help right now.  
Please donate €4.00 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at  
[www.missio.ie](http://www.missio.ie) or call Missio on 01 497 2035. To learn more go to [www.missio.ie](http://www.missio.ie)

**Mass Time & Intentions  
This Weekend**

**16th & 17th October 2021**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Bill Ellis, Tincurry

Aidan Banville, Coolbawn & deceased family members of the Banville & Kirwan families

**8.30am:** Marie Dwyer, Carnew Road

**11.00am:** Dave & Patty Moynihan, Enniscorthy Road

Pat Somers, Bunclody, formerly Farmleigh.

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Kevin Murphy, Pairc Mhuire

Catherine Browne, Kiltomas & deceased family members

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:** John & Eileen Roche, Bolacreen

**CONVENT**

**Wednesday October 20th 2021**

**7.00pm:**

**Mass Time & Intentions  
Next Weekend**

**23rd & 24th October 2021**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Patrick & Mary Dwyer & their son

Tony & his wife Nancy

John Dwyer, Rockville & Mary Errity, Pairc Mhuire

**8.30am:** Mary & Lil Bolger & May & Jim

Doyle, Bolachoir & deceased family members

**11.00am:** Margot Kinsella, Effernogue (Months Mind)

Thomas Jackman, Coolbawn

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** William & Mary Carton & their son

Denis & Liam Nolan, Tomnalossett

Thomas Kavanagh, Ballybeg

Colonel Bob Rayburn

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:**

**23rd & 24th October 2021**

**Ministers of the Word**

**6.15pm:** Mary Cash

**8.30am:** Theresa Nolan

**11.00am:** Eleanor Hawkins

**Ministers of Holy Communion**

**6.15pm:** Margaret Maguire & Michael Bernie

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

**11.00am:** Ann Swaine & Liz Villar

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

1. Jesus had spent much time teaching his followers that discipleship was a life of service, a life of giving oneself for others. In spite of that James and John were thinking of what they could get out of it. For Jesus, for the apostles, and for each one of us, the glory of God is revealed when we allow God to work through us as we give ourselves for others. When have you found that you reach a fuller life, and others benefit, when you act in this spirit of service?

2. One of the great problems in a community, a parish, or an organisation, is when you have some people jockeying for status and positions of power. The good of the group and the people it serves take second place to personal prestige. You have probably seen this happen. Perhaps you have also witnessed people with a spirit of service that allowed them to value the good of the group over personal rewards. Recall them and give thanks for their witness.

3. Jesus himself is the great model of this spirit of service. Think of the aspects of Jesus' life and ministry that have inspired you to imitate his giving of his life for others.

**Sincere Sympathy**

Is extended to Ray Walsh on the death of his wife Ita Walsh, Carnew Road & to The Byrne Family on the death of Fr. Martin (Murty) Byrne P.P., Ballymore who died recently.

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

**THE PRIEST ON DUTY**

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

**053 93 66152/087 238 7559**

**If not available please call**

**Very Rev. Pat Stafford ,**

**086 234 4674**

**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 tax payer 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.*

**Baptisms**

As and from 1st November Baptisms in the parish will be multiple celebrations on Saturdays at 3pm and Sundays at 12 noon. All existing bookings will take place as planned.

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the faith  
*Joseph Matthew Kearns*  
*Annie Molly Skelton*  
*Tobiasz Kujawski*  
who were baptised recently.

**The Fr. Jim Fitzpatrick  
Tractor Run**



Will be held on Sunday  
24th October in Ferns.  
Registration from 11am in  
Ferns GAA grounds. All  
proceeds on the day will benefit The  
Jack & Jill  
Foundation and First Light.  
All support greatly appreciated.  
For more information ring Deirdre on  
087 6388977

"Faith is seeing light with your heart,  
when all your eyes see is darkness"

**Reflection for weekend  
16th Oct & 17th Oct 2021  
WHAT IS FAITH ?**

People need to ask, "What is faith for me? If it is mainly a duty or a bargaining chip, we are off track, because salvation is a gift and not a duty; it is free and cannot be bought." If I do something to get what I need this is a commercial relationship with God, a quid pro quo. Faith is born and reborn: not from a duty, not from something that is to be done, but from a look of love to be welcomed. In this way Christian life becomes beautiful, if it is based not on our abilities and our plans, but on God's gaze," Pope Francis says. The pope said, "Often, we do the bare minimum, whereas Jesus invites us to do the maximum possible. How many times are we satisfied with doing our duties — the precepts and a few prayers — whereas God, who gives us life," asks for passion in return.

Jesus shows the need to go from a sense of duty to an attitude of loving and freely giving, he said. The Ten Commandments lead to positive action. "Faith cannot be limited to 'do not,' because Christian life is a 'yes,' a 'yes' of love."

"A faith without giving, without gratuitousness, without works of charity, makes us sad in the end," the pope said. If people feel their faith has become "tired" or they want to "reinvigorate it," he said, "look for God's gaze: sit in adoration, allow yourself to be forgiven in confession, stand before the crucified one. In short, let yourself be loved by him."

**Hook of Faith**

Jordan Peterson is a Canadian psychologist who shot to fame with his 2018 book *12 Rules for Life* which became an international best-seller. In the book Peterson argues that the call to virtue and moral integrity is a requirement to achieve our potential. On his feast day on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, we compare this message to the witness of St John Paul II. We have a homily for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time by Sr Louise O'Rourke who reflects on Jesus' mission to serve and not be served. We have the usual newsletter insert and Pope Francis's message for World Youth Day 2021. Our video this week is by actor Denzel Washington who explains his conversion to Christianity. Finally, we anticipate 'Mission Sunday' which falls next week on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>. Check out these and other resources available at

[www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)