


 **Sunday Envelope Collection**
 The amount received for **Ferns** for the week was **€419.20**
 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 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

 **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
Very Rev Paddy Cushen. P.P. Tel: 053-9366152 / Mobile: 087 2387559.
 E-mail: 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 **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)
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 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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23rd & 24th October 2021

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

They're Really Two-at-One
 Jesus the Nazarene and Francis of Assisi!
 Two attractive men, heart and soul.
 But, risk any closeness, feel a tremor!
 Jesus' mind of at-oneness-with-all was undoubtedly
 Shared and practiced and encouraged by Francis-The Brave.
 So Francis too, reflects that strangeness ...
 Retreat as we may, the truth is plainly there ...
 Amen! The Mind of Christ is essential for all.
 Amen! It is not the prerogative of Jesus-alone.
 Amen! It made, it didn't depend on, his Divinity.
 Recall the old unexplored saying:
 'Francis was more-Jesus than Jesus-Himself!'
 Perhaps it hints at this: Read the Gospels
 With attention! Substitute Francis for Jesus.
 Then we'll have glimpsed something more of both.
 And recognised they're really Two-at-One ...
 Jesus the Nazarene, and Francis of Assisi.
 Shine on each other! Shine on me, and on all ...

Mission Sunday 24th October
 This 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 missionaries 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 24th October
 This weekend parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. The kindness shown will help overseas missionaries to continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people. Thank you for supporting in whatever way you can, and please remember it is more than an appeal for financial help. Missionaries also need spiritual support. On World Mission Sunday missionaries take great strength in knowing that the faithful of the world are keeping them in their thoughts and prayers. Help right now. Donate €4.00 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at www.missio.ie or call Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035. To learn more go to www.missio.ie

Mass Time & Intentions

This 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: George & Stasia Murphy & their
son George & Bill, Kilcasey

CONVENT

Wednesday October 27th 2021

7.00pm:

Mass Time & Intentions

Next Weekend

30th & 31st October 2021

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Elizabeth Mackey, Station road &
Terence Kinsella, Coolroe.

Edward Cooney, Corah, Tombrack .

8.30am:

11.00am: Liam Davitt, Pairc Mhuire.
Pauline Berry, the Glen lane.

Paddy Plummer, Coolbawn.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: James & Cathy Byrne, Monasootha

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am:

"God is our refuge and our strength, an
ever-present help in trouble."

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Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Brendan Kenny

8.30am: Richard Cotter

11.00am: Maura Kelly

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: 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. In this story Jesus cures the blind man, Bartimaeus. Recovery of sight in the Bible is often a metaphor for coming to faith. Perhaps during your life you have had moments of insight, of deeper understanding, of appreciating who Jesus is for you. What was it that helped you to see more clearly?

2. Who has the 'Jesus person' who helped you to see more clearly? Perhaps, as a parent, a teacher, or a friend, you have also been a 'Jesus person' for another and helped her or him to a clearer understanding of the meaning of life, love, and faith.

3. To get to Jesus, Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak so that he would not be impeded. What have you had to discard to be able to see more clearly (e.g., an assumption, a prejudice, a rigid opinion)?

4. 'Your faith has saved you' Jesus said to Bartimaeus. Recall situations in which you have been grateful for the faith that is yours because in some way it saved you.



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith

Annie Alice Tonks

Eoin Rigley

Caleb Christopher Davitt

who were baptised recently.

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 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.*

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.



Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to The Davitt Family on the death of Richard (Richie) Davitt & to Ray Walsh on the death of his son Ray Walsh Jnr who died recently.

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

Marriage

Congratulations to

*Monica Furlong & Eoin Ahern
who were married recently. We wish
them health and happiness in their
married life.*

Mary's Meals

Feeds almost 2 million hungry children every school day in a place of education. An Online Quiz, to support their efforts, takes place on the last Friday of EVERY month at 8pm. To join/donate go to www.bit.ly/QuizforMM or contact Martin Colfer on 087 2596159. Thank you.

Halloween Special at Medieval Ferns Experience



Check out this special event to mark Halloween at the Medieval Ferns Experience – Wexford's newest visitor attraction. We're putting on special family friendly story and re-enactment sessions with a medieval twist - slots available on Thursday next, October 28th at 12 and 2pm. Pre-booking is required to ensure social distancing.

**For information and to pre-book
please phone/text: 089-4946972**

or email: medievalfernsexperience@fernsvillage.ie

**Halloween special rates: Entry fee:
€6 Seniors & Students:**

€5 Children under 12 are free.

Located in Ferns Community Centre, it is open year round: Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 5pm. Watch out for seasonal changes on www.fernsvillage.ie/medieval-fernsexperience/.

Follow us on social media:
[@MedievalFernsExperience](https://www.facebook.com/MedievalFernsExperience) on
Facebook, Instagram & Twitter

Hook of Faith

Last Friday 15th October, British MP David Amess was murdered in England. He was a committed Catholic Christian who argued that religion helps society and how Christianity holds society together. Our video this week features him making his case in one of his final speeches. Sr Louise O' Rourke again offers a reflection on the Scriptures for this Mission Sunday. We have the usual newsletter insert and an article on Saints Simon and Jude that invites us to be absorbed into the mission of the Church. Finally, we offer a meditation for Mission Sunday on the beautiful reflection 'The Mission of my Life' by St John Henry Newman. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com