



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for
Ferns for the week was **€500.90**

The amount received for **Ballyduff** for
month of September was **€553.00**

The amount received from **Cloogue** for
the month of September **€398.10**

Missions Collection €2,091.00

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

Tombrack N.S.

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs. Elaine Gahan as the new Principal of Tombrack N.S. and we wish her every blessing and success in her new position. Mrs. Gahan has been Deputy Principal and Acting-Principal in Annacurra School. She will commence her new role after Christmas. Mrs. Margaret Kelly will be Acting Principal until her arrival. Mrs. Alice Doyle has generously agreed to help out until then. We thank Mr. Bobby Kenny for his work & wish him well in Rosslare Strand N.S.

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.fernssadoration.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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30th & 31st October 2021

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection for weekend 30th Oct & 31st Oct 2021 Clocks Change.

Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve and too short for those who rejoice, but for those who love, time is eternal. (Author unknown)

How often we have said that time goes so quickly. There is much to do, see, accomplish, and achieve and never enough time to do it all. But with God time is eternal. This can only mean that God doesn't have shares in Rolex or Quartz! We may never have enough time for all we want to do but with God there is plenty of time for everything. When we make time to love and nurture love we are in a timeless place. It is also a place where we are indeed very close to God. (James McSweeney)

Covid 19 Safety for all

Now that our Churches are open again we are asked by the Diocesan Office to take all necessary and reasonable precautions to safeguard ourselves and others.

How best to do it.

1. Sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the Church.
2. Wear a mask at all times in Church covering Nose and Mouth.
3. No hand shaking, elbow greeting is allowed.
4. Churches to be regularly sanitised.

November - Month of the Dead

Feast of All Saints Mon. 1st Nov.

Holy Day of Obligation

Ferns: Monday: 9.30a.m. & 6.15p.m.

Ballyduff: Mass School 10.30a.m. & 7.30pm.

Cloogue: Mass 9.30am

Tombrack School Mass 12.30p.m.

Feast of All Souls Tuesday 2nd November

All Masses will be offered for the Holy Souls today.

Ferns Tuesday: Mass 9.30a.m. & 6.15p.m. **Convent** 9.30am

Ballyduff: Mass 7.30 p.m.

Cloogue: Mass 9.30a.m.

Cemetery Prayers

Ferns: Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Ballyduff & Cloogue: after weekend Mass

All attending are asked to bring a bottle of water which will be blessed during the ceremony and you will be asked to please sprinkle it on your own graves and surrounding.

IRISH WINTER TIME BEGINS

This Sunday,
31st October
at 2.00 a.m.

**DON'T
FORGET** to

put your clocks
and watches
BACK
by one hour.



**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

30th & 31st October 2021

FERNS CHURCH

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

Edward Cooney, Corah, Tombrack .

8.30am: People of the Parish

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:

CONVENT

Wednesday October 27th 2021

7.00pm:

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

6th & 7th October 2021

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Elizabeth & Andrew Kehoe, Coolbawn.

Philip & Ellen Bolger, Lodgewood

8.30am: Martin & Brigid O'Neill, Charlesfort & deceased family members

11.00am: The Doyle, Jordan & Ryan Families
John Foley, Coolbawn & deceased family members

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Mike, Annie & Martin McDonald, Monasootha

Peg O'Leary, Coolnaleen

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Pious List

Prayers for Seamus Redmond, Ballymore

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

6th & 7th October 2021

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Mary O'Brien

8.30am: Dermot O'Brien

11.00am: Josephine Murphy

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Anne Bernie & Bríd Breen

8.30am: Eileen Brickley & Sr. Cecelia

11.00am: Liz Villar & Patricia Keenan

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

1. Today's gospel brings us right to the heart of what a Christian life involves: love of God and of neighbour. Jesus tells us that having life both now and in the future is the fruit of living in a spirit of love. How have you experienced the power of love given, and received, as a source of life and vitality?

2. If you were asked what is most important in life, what would your answer be? Recall the experiences and relationships you have had. Which are the ones that you treasure most? What has particularly enriched your life? How would you encourage another person who asked you how s/he could live a full life?

3. Jesus praises the questioner as one who had answered wisely. Recall some of the wise people you have known, people who in their words and actions impressed you with their capacity to see and treasure what is important in life.



Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to the Family of Maureen Kehoe, Ardamine and formerly Coolbawn. To the Family of David Cantwell, Tipperary who died recently and was buried in Clologue.

Also to Erika Reilly and family, on the death of Billy Reilly, Ballyandrew, who was buried in Greystones. R.I.P.

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

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.

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.

Sunday 31st October

On behalf of Pope Francis, thank you for supporting World Mission Sunday. Your kindness means that overseas missionaries can continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people. If you value the work of overseas missionaries, you can 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



**Pious List Mass Times For
The Month of November
Ferns**

Thursday 4th Nov. 9.30am

Tuesday 9th November 9.30am

Sunday 14th Nov. 8.30am

Thursday 18th Nov. 9.30am

Sunday 21st Nov. 8.30am

Thursday 25th Nov. 9.30am

Sunday 28th Nov. 8.30am

Ballyduff

Tuesday 2nd Nov. 7.30pm

Clologue

Tuesday 2nd Nov. 9.30am

Sunday 7th Nov. 9.45am

Sunday 28th Nov. 9.45am



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
Laoise Peg Tonks
who was baptised recently.

Prayer for After Communion

Lord when we receive you in Holy Communion you are present to us as really as you were to the Twelve at the Last Supper. May we always appreciate the closeness between us in these moments. May we also realise that all those around us in this congregation are now intimately linked to you as well. We are now your body as you have made us your brothers and sisters. As You reached out in love and support to countless others, may we recognise your face in those who come to us in daily life. As you served others may we serve you in them. As you have become living bread for others may we in our turn become bread to nourish those in need in this our world. Amen

Missions Collection

Grateful thanks to all who contributed to last week-end collection, the total of which was dedicated to the Missions. The amount raised €2,091.00. If anyone wishes to contribute there are envelopes in the Churches which can be returned to any of our Churches.,