

 **Sunday Envelope Collection**
 The amount received for **Ferns** for the week was **€873.35**
 The amount received for **Ballyduff** for month of **September** was **€553.00**
 The amount received from **Clogogue** for the month of **September** **€398.10**
Vocations Collection €289.00
Sick & Retired Priests €49.00
Thank you for your generosity

Thank You
 A huge thank you to all who helped out with our Harvest Thanksgiving Mass. The altars looked wonderful in all 3 churches with all the fresh fruit and vegetables. Our grateful thanks to all who contributed produce. Special thanks to Mary Skelton, Doreen Moran, Josie Kinch, Ellen Quigley & Bridget Kinsella who decorated the altar so beautifully.

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

Very Rev Paddy Cushen. P.P. Tel: 053-9366152 / Mobile: 087 2387559.

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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, CLOLOGUE

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. 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**



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.

Diaries

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



Ferns Parish Newsletter



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9th & 10th October 2021

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection for weekend 9th Oct & 10th Oct 2021

In weakness, Christians discover God's fatherly love (Pope Francis)

When Christians recognize their own weakness and frailty, they discover God's love and care for them, Pope Francis said. "The awareness of being little, the awareness of the need of salvation is indispensable for receiving the Lord. It is the first step in opening ourselves up to him."

"In prosperity, in well-being, we have the illusion of being self-sufficient, that we are enough, that we do not need God," he said. "Brothers and sisters, this is a deception, because each one of us is a person in need, a little one. We must seek out our smallness and recognize it. And there, we will find Jesus."

"Those who seek God find him there, in the little ones, in those in need," he said. "This is the reason why Jesus gets angry: any affront to a little one, a poor person, a child, a defenceless person, is done to him."

Pope Francis said that contrary to popular belief, to recognize "one's littleness is a starting point for becoming great" and a way to discover "the true meaning of life."

"When we feel small in the face of a problem, small in front of a cross, an illness, when we experience fatigue and loneliness, let us not get discouraged," he said. "The mask of superficiality is falling and our radical weakness is re-emerging: it is our common ground, our treasure, because with God, weakness is not an obstacle but an opportunity." "This is how we become great: not in the illusory pretence of our self-sufficiency — but in the strength of placing all our hope in the father, just like the little ones do, they do this."

Grandparents Faith Café

An online social and spiritual space for grandparents. Tuesday 12th October via Zoom at 7.30pm. Theme: Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia Family Year. Special guest for October is Julia M. Sezelski, Assistant Director, Marriage and Family Life, Laity at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Registration is now open and is free. Email us to receive the Zoom Log in details on info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com

Parish Mass Times Adjustments

Since the beginning of June you have been aware that there is only one priest in the parish and we have three Churches to be catered for. Up to the present we have been blessed with Mass at 9.30a.m. each weekday, two Saturday Vigil Masses and four Sunday Masses. I am blessed to have Fr. Pat Stafford (retired), who is willing to help regularly and I am most grateful to him for his support and generosity.

When it comes to Fr. Pat or I going away for Pilgrimage or Holiday then it will be impossible for one priest to supply all Masses as at present. At least one hour and a quarter will be needed between Masses. Unfortunately, the morning Mass in Ballyduff will be dropped. To help facilitate a comfortable time between Masses the following arrangement will **commence on 09/10th October.**

Saturday Vigil Mass: Ferns **6.15p.m.** Ballyduff **7.30p.m.**
Sunday Mass: Ferns **8.30a.m.** Clogogue **9.45a.m.** Ferns: **11.00a.m.**

All areas will change a little but this seems best for the present, please understand..

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

9th & 10th October 2021

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Anne-Marie O'Gorman (Bolger)
Margaret Morris, Pairc Mhuire.

8.30am: Dermot Cullen, Pairc Mhuire.
Anto O' Brien Coolbawn.

11.00am: Catherine Morris, St Anne's, Ferns
Declan Jordan, Tombrack.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: William Kehoe, Raheen.
Fr Aidan Jones.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am:

CONVENT

Wednesday October 13th 2021
7.00pm:

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next 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

THE PRIEST ON DUTY

V. Rev. Patrick Cushen P.P.
053 93 66152/087 238 7559

*"He who kneels before God, can
stand before anyone"*

16th & 17th October 2021

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Ena Gray

8.30am: Maureen Kavanagh

11.00am: Frances O'Toole

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Mary Cullen & Dora Murphy

8.30am: Eileen Brickley & Sr. Cecelia

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins & Christopher
Power

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

1. We often get satisfaction from the things we own, clothes, cars, homes, gadgets, or money. There would be something unnatural if we did not. But what happens to us when our possessions begin to 'own' us, when they take a hold of us, when we become obsessed with them? Jesus seeks followers who have the freedom to let go of possessions in order to be a servant of others. In whom have you seen this freedom? When have you experienced it yourself?
2. Growth implies change. That change sometimes means letting go of something we have at this moment: job, status, home, security, or something else we value. There can be an apparent loss in letting go. Yet have you ever found that you gained by having the freedom to let go of something to which you had previously clung?
3. The disciples thought that Jesus was making impossible demands of people following him. He acknowledged that discipleship was impossible to us on our own efforts alone. How have you experienced the benefits of the help of others and of God when you were faced with difficulties in life?

Ferns Diocesan Youth Services,

FDYS is recruiting youth workers for a new Youth Work Project in the Bunclody area. The Application Form and job specification are available from Kieran Donohue, 053 91 23262 or email: fdyswexford@gmail.com

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.*

Ancient Connections

Dear Friends of Ferns,
There are a number of plans and activities in progress through the *Ancient Connections* project which will improve the destination offering in **Ferns, Co. Wexford**, over the coming year.
There will be an **Enterprise and Innovation** training and support programme for the new Ferns Medieval Experience and local tourism enterprises; an **Events and Festival Organiser** will be appointed to deliver an exciting weekend of community events, family fun and the *Creative Camino Launch Event* in May 2022, and the **Holy Wells Arts Commissions** will be awarded to local artists, to promote further cross-border collaboration, in honour of St. Aidan (North Wexford) and St. David (Pembrokeshire). A number of these efforts are currently being advertised on eTenders.ie. Follow the links below for more detailed information, to view the tender brief and learn more about how *Ancient Connections* will be involved in putting Ferns on the map in 2022! Email **Eoghan Greene** for further details or to get involved.
We thank you for your continued support and request you **SHARE** this information, where appropriate.

**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

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
Molly May MacPartlin
Caoimhe Eilís Whelan
who were baptised recently.

Blessing For a Mother-to-be

You know your life has changed for ever,
For in all the days and years to come,
Distance will never be able to cut you off
From the one you now carry
For nine months under your heart
May you be blessed with quiet confidence
That God will guide you and mind you.
May the emerging spirit of your child
Imbibe encouragement and joy
From the continuous music of your heart.
So that it can grow with ease,
Expectant of wonder and welcome
When its form is fully filled
And it makes its journey out
To see you and settle at last
Relieved, and glad in your arms.

Truly great friends are hard to find,
difficult to leave and impossible to forget.