



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received for **Ferns** for the week was **€726.15**
 The amount received for **Ballyduff** for month of October was **€728.00**
 The amount received from **Cloogue** for the month of October **€308.00**
Missions Collection €2,608.70
Trocaire Collection €2,250.00

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

Christmas Lights for Ferns - Date for Your Diary:

November 25th at 8pm – Ferns Online Family Quiz. This year we're going online again to raise funds for erecting and maintaining Christmas lights. Depending on funds raised, we plan to purchase additional lights for sections not covered previously. Registration and payment details can be found on our website: www.fernsvillage.ie. With your support we look forward to lighting Ferns up this Christmas.

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.

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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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 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 & 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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13th & 14th November 2021

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

NATIONAL MEMORIAL MASS, SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

The Bishops of Ireland will undertake a pilgrimage to Knock Shrine this November and celebrate the National Memorial Mass in memory of all who died on the island during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Covid-19 pandemic has been a particularly challenging time for those who have lost loved ones and have often had to cope with their grief without many of the usual spiritual and community supports.

To pastorally support everyone who has suffered the pain of bereavement during the pandemic, and in the context of the month of November as the traditional time when we remember our dead, on next Sunday 14 November at 3.00pm, the Bishops of Ireland will undertake a pilgrimage to the International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine in Knock. The bishops will celebrate Mass for all those who have died in our country during the pandemic, and for their families. At the Mass the bishops will also offer prayers of thanksgiving for all those who so selflessly sacrificed so much during the pandemic.

This Mass will be live-streamed on www.knockshrine.ie and broadcast on the RTÉ News Now digital television channel and online. The bishops invite everyone to join with them in prayer on this solemn occasion.

Bishop Ger is preaching at a Service of Remembrance in St Iberius Church, Wexford on Sunday, 14th November and he has asked me to represent him in Knock at the Memorial Mass. Gerald O'Leary, Director of the Knock Pilgrimage

Trocaire Collection—Gratitude

Last weekend we had an appeal from Trocaire through the Irish Bishops Conference to support 60 million people from East Africa who are suffering from extreme hunger and drought. This collection followed on from the Mission Sunday collection (Propagation of the Faith) just a fortnight earlier. The mission collection was excellent bringing in €2,608.70.

Beyond our wildest dreams we collected **€2,250.00** which is a great credit to the faith of all who contributed. Our numbers attending Mass are still suffering the effects of Covid 19 but the generosity of Church going Catholics is still superb. We have a great tradition of helping those badly in need in various parts of the world and still that spirit of generosity thrives. *Excellent generosity.*



Deceased Ceremony of Light

Friday 28th November at 7.00p.m. Annual Mass and

Service of Light for the deceased,

especially those who died in the Parish in the last year will be held in St. Aidan's Church, Ferns.

All are welcome.

Families will light a candle for their deceased family members.

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

**13th & 14th November 2021
FERNS CHURCH**

6.15pm: Thomas & Molly Doyle, and their son Michael, Ballyandrew.

Mary Keating, Pairc Mhuire .

8.30am: Pious List

11.00am: Betty Davitt, Pairc Mhuire.

Claire McHugh, Camolin Park.

Richie Davitt, Coolbawn, (Months Mind).

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Sheila Doyle, Coolnaleen.

Andrew Browne, Ballybeg.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Ronnie Kirwan & Maureen Murphy, Ballymore.

Molly Turner, Ballycarrigeen

CONVENT

Wednesday 17th November 2021

7.00pm: Aidan, Anna Mai & Roy Nolan, Clody

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

**20th & 21st November 2021
FERNS CHURCH**

6.15pm: Patrick & Nan Kearney, Tincurry & deceased family members & Aidan & Winifred Mullet, Tincurry & deceased family members

8.30am: Pious List

11.00am: John & Annie Kirwan & their son John, Baltinglass

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Margaret (Peg) McDonald, Kilbora.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Peter O'Leary, Ballyfoley & deceased family members

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

20th & 21st November 2021

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Mary Cash

8.30am: Denis kinsella

11.00am: Ailish Davitt

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Margaret McGuire & Michael Bernie

8.30am: Eileen Brickley & Sr. Cecelia

11.00am: Ann Swaine & Michael Breen

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

World Day of The Poor 14th November

1. Jesus speaks of the established order falling apart, but the collapse of the old order opened the way for new possibilities. Our church is in crisis, and the world is facing climate disaster. Where have you seen something new and hopeful emerge in the midst of all this, e.g. some action arising from better eco awareness (less waste, a community garden, et al)?

2. The parable of the fig tree. Even in winter it begins to put forth leaves which give a hint of the fruit to come. Where have you found signs of hope in a wintry situation – in your own life, in the life of some group, in the life of the Church, in our world?

3. Jesus proposes no clear time-scale for the events being foretold, so the final sentence (v.32) is a call to alertness, to live the present to the full. What difference does it make to you when you are able to live the present moment to the full?



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith

Max Myles Martin

McDonald Kelly

who was baptised recently.

St Peter's College Past Pupils AGM

The AGM of St Peter's College PPU will take place at St Peter's College Secondary school on Tuesday 23rd November 2021. Mass will be celebrated in College Chapel at 7.30 pm followed by AGM in school at 8pm. Those wishing to attend please email your name to ppu@stpeterscollege.ie

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 forward 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.

**Prayer for Those Suffering with
Depression**

(Pope's Intentions for November)

Lord, You know the darkness that envelops me. This cloud descends on me and, when it does, I seem to lose all perspective. It seems like it will never lift. I know I have pulled out of it before, but when it starts again, it clouds everything. Help me to trust in You in this difficult time. I know that after the rain, the sun shines again and that above the clouds, the sun is always shining. But please impress this conviction in my heart, so that Your gift of hope will carry me through. I believe that You can heal me and so I entrust myself to You. Give me the graces I need to 'hang in there' until Your healing Love, which I know is constantly working on me, finally penetrates and gives me the relief that I need. Amen.



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

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

Clologue

Sunday 28th Nov. 9.45am

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

A History of Ferns

Just published on Wednesday is a History of Ferns P.143 by Christopher Power. It gives valuable information of our locality. It is available in the Parish Office at a most attractive price of €10.00.

We congratulate Christopher for giving us this valuable information which will be of value to many generations to come.

Sympathy

We offer sympathy to Catherine Donohoe, Monageer and her son James on the tragic death of Martin R.I.P. James is a teacher at Scoil Naomh Maoldhóg, Ferns.

We thank all for their efforts, support and prayers for the recovery of his body which helps being closure to this tragedy.

"If you can't do anything about it then let it go. Don't be a prisoner to things you can't change."