

 **Sunday Envelope Collection**
 The amount received for **Ferns** for the week was **€633.55**
 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 €2560.00
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

*"It is not enough to say
 we are Christians.
 We must live the faith,
 Not only with our words,
 But with our actions." Pope Francis.*

Tractor Run
 Our first Fr. Jim Fitzpatrick tractor run raised **€33,000** donated **€16,500** to the Jack & Jill charity & **€16,500** to the first light charity. Thank you to everyone for their generous supper and donations. Ferns community group.

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.

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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.
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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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20th & 21st November 2021

Jesus Christ The King B

Reflection for weekend of the 20th & 21st November 2021

The Pope wanted to make a very clear statement about kingship

Pope Pius XI created this feast in 1925. The Blackshirts under Mussolini were already in power in Italy. A comical-looking rabble-rouser called Adolf Hitler had just become leader of the Nazi party in Germany. The world lay in the Great Depression and atheism was on the increase. What Pius XI was doing in creating this feast was to say to the world that despite dictatorships and economic collapse and false values, Jesus Christ was still King of the Universe. In 1969 Pope Paul VI gave the feast its current date on the last Sunday in the liturgical year. This is a tremendous feast with which to end the liturgical year because it turns upside down all the pre-conceived ideas we have about hierarchy, kingship and what it means to be in authority. Their idea of kingship is of an all-powerful ruler, controller and dictator. Jesus' actions have made it clear that he is not that kind of king. He has not come to 'lord' it over people. He is not interested in an earthly type of kingdom. His kingdom is very different. His words and deeds presented a different way of living, one that is not about control or power but love and service. Jesus' power comes from God and it is a power that builds people up rather than diminishes them. The only thing that matters to him is the truth and that truth is God. We're left with the question; who or what do we belong to?

HOPE-FILLED FUTURE

We humans are complex creatures. In our weakness, we can be possessed by evil. In our fragility, we can be closed down by pain. Yet in our endurance, we can be stretched by love. The message of this feast is that we have a hope-filled future and that things will get better if we can only open ourselves to the teaching, life and rule of our Universal King, Jesus the Christ, God's Suffering Servant.

Feast of Christ the King

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Jesus Christ our Universal King, it is the last Sunday in the present Church Year. We are asked to reflect on Jesus who is our leader. In the past a king was very important and he ruled his kingdom. Those in his kingdom served him, worked for him, paid taxes to him, defended him, and were even sent out to fight and die for him. He usually lived in palatial surroundings. Jesus was a much different kind of king. He died for us his subjects, he did so that we could have eternal life. He gave us a way of living that would bring goodness and life to ourselves and others. If we follow him faithfully we will gain eternal life. Let us serve him loyally.

Deceased Ceremony of Light

This Friday 26th 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. Aidans Church, Ferns.
 All are welcome.
Families will light a candle for their deceased family members.



Mass Time & Intentions

This Weekend

20th & 21st November 2021

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Patrick & Nan Kearney, Tincurry & deceased family members & Aidan & Winfred 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, Kilcloran

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Peter O'Leary, Ballyfoley & deceased family members and David Cantwell, Month's Mind

CONVENT

Wednesday 24th November 7.00pm:

Mass Time & Intentions

Next Weekend

27th & 28th November 2021

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Patrick Dunbar, Ballylough

8.30am: Pious List

11.00am: Maureen Murphy, Charlesfort. Maureen Kehoe, Coolbawn (Months Mind).

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Cecilia Browne, Clonee, & her parents John & Ellen Sinnott, Clonee

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Pious List

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**



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
Klara Rose Highland
who was baptised recently.

27th & 28th November 2021

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Brendan Kenny

8.30am: Maureen Kavanagh

11.00am: Irene O'Toole

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Maire Bernie & Mary Fortune

8.30am: Eileen Brickley & Sr. Cecelia

11.00am: Michael Breen & Patricia Keenan

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 21st November 2021

1. The feast we have today, and the gospel, give us an opportunity to reflect on the different ways in which we, and others, exercise influence and leadership. The authority of Pilate came from position and power. The authority of Jesus came from his integrity and what he stood for. Recall leaders you have known whose influence was like that of Jesus (teachers, community leaders, family members).
2. The values of the kingdom of God cannot be imposed. It is never a matter of fighting battles, or forcing others into compliance. Perhaps through experience you have learned the limitations of the use of force, as a parent, a teacher, a group leader. What has been the good news, the learnings for you, in this?
3. Jesus came to bear witness to the truth and we are all created for a purpose. Who are today's witnesses to truth in the world? Who are the people whose witness to truth has impressed you, either now or in the past? In what way have you been able to be a witness to truth? What was it like for you to be such a witness?

Time on your hands?

In association with Wexford County Council & Ferns Community we are in the process of setting up a Men and Women's Shed in Ferns Community Centre. Those retired or with a bit of spare time would really benefit from this. If anyone is interested or would like to obtain further information please contact John on 087 7940830

The Hook of Faith

The annual 'Week of Witness' is an initiative of 'Aid to the Church in Need' that highlights the real life experience of thousands of Christians who suffer persecution for their faith. It takes place this year from 22nd to 28th November and we mark the occasion with resources and articles. We have a homily for the Feast of Christ the King where Pilate raises the ever-relevant question for our time 'Truth, what is that?' We have the usual newsletter insert and an article that looks back on 'Science Week' that took place from 7th to 14th of this month. We have a video on the theology of the saints and an article on St Columbanus, one of the greatest Irish missionaries abroad whose feast day falls on 23rd November. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

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.

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.



Pious List Mass Times For The Month of November Ferns

Sunday 21st Nov. 8.30am

Thursday 25th Nov. 9.30am

Sunday 28th Nov. 8.30am

Clologue

Sunday 28th Nov. 9.45am

Day Trip To Arboretum Garden Centre Leighlinbridge

Saturday 4th December. Cost €45pp.

Your tour includes: Coach Transportation, Breakfast and Tour to Old Leighlin.

Pick Up Points: Enniscorthy: 9.00am

Bunclogh: 9.20am, Ballon: 9.40am

Arboretum: 10.00am.

For further details please contact:

John Candy 087 2632324

Vera Lomax 087 7634521

May Kelly 087 7468724



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Stockist of Mass Cards,

Mass Bouquets and a

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occasion. We also stock a range of gifts

including Statues, Rosary Beads, Holy

Pictures, Holy Medals &

Baptism gifts.

Christmas Gifts, Christmas Mass

Bouquets, Boxed Christmas Cards and

Candles now in stock.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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Christmas Lights for Ferns -

This Thurs. 25th Nov. 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.