



Sunday Envelope Collection
 The amount received for
Ferns for the week was **€1178.00**
 The amount received for **Ballyduff** for
month of October was **€728.00**
 The amount received from **Clogogue** for
the month of October **€308.00**
Missions Collection **€2410.00**
Thank you for your generosity

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 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 sup-
 ports we can offer you, from practical help
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 of confidence.
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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, 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
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St. Aidan's Church, Ferns
 Has a live Webcam Streaming for all Masses. The camera is focused on the Al-
 tar & 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

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 Fri-
 day of EVERY month at 8pm. To join/
 donate go to www.bit.ly/QuizforMM or
 contact Martin Colfer on 087 2596159.
 Thank you.

Trocaire Collection
 Due to the extreme crisis in East Africa
 where 60 million people are suffering
 from starvation, violence and torture we
 are asked by the Irish Bishops Confer-
 ence to support the efforts being made by
 Trocaire, on our behalf, to help those in
 this dreadful situation, by our prayers and
 financial help. Please be generous. The
 collection will take place at the end of all
 Masses this weekend. Grateful thanks.



Ferns Parish Newsletter



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Reflection For the weekend of 6th & 7th November 2021

Do more than
 exist, live. Do more than touch, feel. Do more than look, observe. Do more than read,
 absorb. Do more than hear, listen. Do more than think, ponder. Do more than talk, do
 something. (John Roads)

All of us are called to do that little bit more. It is being alert to those little things that
 could pass us by. November may be a month when life and light seem to be scarce. For
 many it is simply a month to get through. We can get through any month any day when
 we are alive to what God has given to **US**. God is our guiding light, our hope for today,
 our inspiration to keep going, our energy to that little bit more. It is also worth keeping
 an eye out for those who will need that little bit more love, support and encouragement
 during this month of November. Remember to pray that little bit more for our deceased
 loved ones. (Fr James McSweeney)

The Hook of Faith

Mgr. Billy Oliver O'Neill was a Tipperary born priest of the diocese of Savannah in the
 US who was known to many here in Ferns. He died last week, aged 79. We feature an
 interview with him during one of his last visits home. The Homily for the Thirty-Second
 Sunday of Ordinary Time reflects on the example of the woman who was praised by
 Jesus for giving everything she had. We have the usual newsletter insert and a reflection
 on grief in this month of November. Courtesy of the Irish Catholic, we have a video on
 Climate Change and what faith communities can do and are doing. We have a feature on
 St Leo the Great whose feast day falls this week and share more light in the November
 darkness with reflections by Lorcan Brennan. Check out these and other resources avail-
 able at www.thehookoffaith.com

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. Aidans Church, Ferns.
 All are welcome.

Families will light a candle for their deceased family members



Mass Time & Intentions

This Weekend

6th & 7th November 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

CONVENT

Wednesday 10th November 2021
7.00pm:

Mass Time & Intentions

Next 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

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you."

13th & 14th November 2021

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Ena Gary

8.30am: Sister Eileen

11.00am: Joe Sinnott

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Mary Cullen & Dora Murphy

8.30am: Eileen Brickley & Sr. Cecelia

11.00am: Mary Sinnott & Tommy Davitt

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. The scribes are presented as ostentatious and devious, acting more out of self-interest than the love of God or people. There can be a element of self-interest in each of us. Perhaps there have been times when you have been disturbed by glimpsing in yourself 'other motives' in your doing good. Recall when you were awakened to this fact. Where was the good news for you in that awakening?
2. In material terms what the widow had to offer was very little. Recall when you felt yourself called to give and gave even though you apparently had very little. Perhaps you have had the experience of finding that what you thought was little and insignificant meant a great deal to another person. Recall some of those moments.
3. At this critical moment for the church Pope Francis has called a synod and has invited all believers to make a contribution. It's easy for us to see this as a call to professional church people, clergy and religious. They have always taken care of this kind of thing. Now the call is that the voices of the little ones can also be heard. How can you help this to happen in your church community?

THE PRIEST ON DUTY

V. Rev. Patrick Cushen P.P.

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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 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.

The Facts of Death

At some stage when we were children someone took us aside – usually behind closed doors – to explain what were called 'the facts of life'. But some of us don't learn the 'facts of death' until we stand at our parents' graveside – and for this there is no dress rehearsal.

If we are blessed to be granted the time span of our own parents we will continue to protect our children and we in turn will cradle theirs. But it is still we who are next.

That process of letting go which began at birth is completed at death. There is a freedom granted with the deaths of one's parents and not just from the burden of care – though there is that too – but a freedom to move into a larger space, a freedom I some way to be more fully ourselves. This is perhaps their most important legacy, their last gift, and I am happy to have received it, and not left it unopened, unrecognised at the graveside.



Pious List Mass Times For The Month of November Ferns

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

Cloogue

Sunday 7th Nov. 9.45am

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

Service of Remembrance

Wexford General Hospital is holding their Service of Remembrance at Clonard Church, Wexford on **Friday 12th November 2021 at 7.30pm.**

However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, it will not be possible for family and friends to attend the service this year. The service will be broadcast via the **'Church of the Annunciation, Clonard Parish'** Facebook page. It will also be broadcast live on the Parish Radio station **92.9fm**. The Service of Remembrance is particularly intended for families and friends of those who died at Wexford General Hospital and provides an opportunity to remember as a community, our loved ones that have died - to reminisce and celebrate their lives and all they meant to us.