



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received

Ferns for the week was €514.90

The amount received for **Ballyduff for month of July was €534.00**

The amount received from **Clogogue for the month of September €230.00**

Thank you for your generosity.

Ferns SVP

The SVP is always willing to give assistance to anyone who is in need of support. This has been made possible through the generosity of caring people. To contact ring 086 7219303.

Great and glorious God, and Thou Lord Jesus, I pray you shed abroad your light in the darkness of my mind. Be found of me, Lord, so that in all things I may act only in accordance with Thy holy will.
Francis of Assisi

Month of Our Lady

Two months of the year are dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. The month of October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. We give great honour to Mary because of the part she played in the coming of Jesus, the Son of God, our Redeemer and Saviour.

She is a great example to us in being obedient to God's plan for us. When asked by the Archangel Gabriel to become the mother of God her response was 'Let what you have said be done to me'.

Let us give meaning to the month of the Holy Rosary by reciting the rosary personally or with the family, even one decade each day. At the Angelus please try and recite it with your family. There are many prayers we have to Mary the Mother of God, we also have the Hail Mary, Hail Holy Queen, Memorare, etc. Please encourage your family to pray a little, even one Hail Mary daily!

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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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.

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

We have 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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15th & 16th October 2022

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission Sunday

What is World Mission Sunday? World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. It takes place in every single parish worldwide where the Church is present. In Ireland, Missio Ireland is tasked with organising the Mission Sunday collection. Missio Ireland is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission.

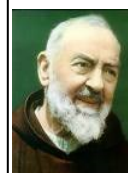
Why is it so important? All offerings made on behalf of World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. This Fund supports missionary activities in over 1,100 young dioceses, mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. As young dioceses grow, so do their needs. On top of this, they are often found in remote areas devastated by conflict or natural disasters. The Universal Solidarity Fund provides aid so that missionaries can continue to go to these places to share the love of God.

What does it support? The needs of young dioceses vary, anything from a motorbike so a priest can celebrate Mass in a remote village, to a community hall so local people can gather in safety; or more urgently, vaccinations and medicines so that parish dispensaries can protect vulnerable children. In essence: • it provides basic infrastructure by helping communities to build schools, clinics, parish halls and churches. • it prepares the future leaders and carers of the Church by supporting the training of sisters, priests, brothers and catechists. • it supports missionary programmes to care for children's spiritual and physical wellbeing by offering safe shelter, healthcare, education and hope for the future.

What is the theme for World Mission Sunday? This year's theme is 'You Will Be My Witnesses' (Acts 1: 8). Every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. The Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. Each baptised person is called to mission, in the Church and by the mandate of the Church.

Sunday 16th October Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. Since the pandemic, there have been less people physically attending Mass, meaning less offerings in the basket. The implications for overseas missionaries and the communities they serve over the coming months will be very challenging. You can help right now. Please donate €4.00 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at www.missio.ie or call Missio on 01 497 2035. To learn more go to www.missio.ie *

The total Basket Collection on Mission Sunday will be donated to the Missions.



Saint Pio Parish Celebration

Due to the fact that the Capuchin Community in Ireland were holding a whole year of celebrations to mark the 20th Canonisation of St. Pio they were unable to come to the parish for the feast of St. Pio on 23rd September and they will be having a Triduum in Dublin for the feast.

Fr. Brian Shortall OFM Cap. Is willing to visit our parish on **Friday 28th October** and he will be bringing two relics of St. Pio. The Mass will take place in St. Aidan's Church, Ferns at 7.30p.m. and this will be part of their year of celebration. It will be a good lead into the month of the Holy Souls.

We hope this date will be convenient for people of the parish and beyond.

St. Pio of Pietrelcina pray for us.

**Mass Time & Intentions
This Weekend**

15th & 16th October 2022

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Aidan Banville, Coolbawn & deceased family members of The Banville & Kirwan families.

Bill Ellis, Tincurry, Ballycarney.

8.30am: Billy O'Reilly, Ballyandrew.
(1st anniversary)

11.00am: Richie Davitt, Coolbawn,
1st Anniversary & his wife Peg.

Margaret Morris, Pairc Mhuire
Billy O'Reilly, Ballyandrew (1st anniversary)

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Pat & Dora Kinsella, Kilbora.
John Murphy, Corah.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: George & Stasia Murphy, Kilcasey & their sons George & Bill.

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

22nd & 23rd October 2022

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Thomas Jackman, Coolbawn
Paula Breen & her uncle Amby Martin

8.30am: Marie Dwyer, Carnew Road

11.00am: Paddy Plummer, Coolbawn

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Kevin Murphy, Pairc Mhuire
James & Catherine Browne, Kiltomas & deceased family members

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: David Cantwell, Tipperary
1st Anniversary

THE PRIEST ON DUTY

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A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

**22nd & 23rd October
Ministers of the Word**

6.15pm: Brendan Kenny

8.30am: Richard Cotter

11.00am: Maura Kelly

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Margaret Maguire & Michael Bernie

8.30am: Eileen Brickley

11.00am: Ann Swaine & Liz Villar

Mary's Meals

Feeds hungry children in a place of education in 20 countries. To help them an online quiz is held on the last Friday of every month at 8pm. It has raised over €23,000 to date to provide more than a quarter of a million meals. To take part or simply donate go to www.bit.ly/QuizforMM or contact Martin Colfer on 087 2596159.. 55 meals can be provided with €5. Thank you.



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.

**First Communion Talk
For Parents**

Now that the schools are back, without Covid restrictions, the Parish Programme, 'Grow in Love' will soon commence in the parish. We have 55 children from our three schools preparing for this most important sacrament in their lives.

There are three elements to this programme the School, Home and Parish. There will be a meeting for parents of the pupils of **all three schools** in Scoil Naomh Maoldhóg, on Thursday 20th Oct. at 7.30p.m. This is an important meeting if you wish your child to receive First Holy Communion this school year. Parents are the first and chief educators of their children in the ways of faith.

I ask all in the parish to please remember the families and children in your prayers. Our faith is such a valuable gift, passed on to us by our ancestors, often at the peril of their lives. Let us freely preserve our faith.

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
16th October 2022**

The purpose of prayer is not to change God's mind but to change ourselves, and we can be slow to move. When have you found that persistence in prayer strengthened your faith in the presence of God with you in that struggle?

The context of the story may be a concern about the delay in the final coming of the Lord. Have there been times when your persistence in prayer, or action, was eventually rewarded after a period when you had doubts about the outcome? What, for you, have been the fruits of persistent prayer?

Behind the story lies the final question of Jesus: Who does have faith? Who have been models of faith and trust in God for you? How has that trust been shown in their lives? How is it shown in yours?

Concert Thanks

The Concert last weekend was a tremendous success. The local Cordon Bleu Choir, the Dublin Gospel Choir and Felim Drew were magnificent, well done all. Grateful thanks is due to the members of the Parish Council and all who helped in any way to make it such a success. We thank all who supported this fundraiser, which will help the finances of the parish.

We thank Brian Cantwell and all at Wexford Co. Council for their support with this venture.

A beautiful night's entertainment was enjoyed by all.

Pope St. John Paul II awards

We are blessed to have three Secondary School Pupils in Transition year preparing for this award. Ava Redmond, Laura Doyle and Moira Grimes. They will be doing work in the parish to achieve the award. They will be welcoming people to Mass, presenting Mass Leaflets, distributing Newsletters, etc. Welcome all.

Eircode

It is most important that you know your Eircode for your premises. In case of an emergency of any kind it is the fastest way to identify your destination and minutes can be most important in any emergency. From the above notice you can see that Fr. Joe Kavanagh will be in charge in any emergency while we are away. If he is called and you can give him your Eircode it will be very easy to find your location.

Where should you keep the Code?

Beside your phone. Inside your door. Beside your bed. Now is the time to look it up and have it ready, because in an emergency panic sets in and if you have not got it, this could be too late and it will increase anxiety.

Pope Francis' Mission Prayer

Heavenly Father,
when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ

rose from the dead,
he commissioned his followers to 'go and make disciples of all nations' and you remind us that through our Baptism we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.

Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit
to be courageous and zealous
in bearing witness to the Gospel,
so that the mission entrusted to the Church,
which is still very far from completion,
may find new and efficacious expressions
that bring life and light to the world.

Help us make it possible for all peoples
to experience the saving love
and mercy of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever.
Amen.