



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received

Ferns for the week was €856.00

The amount received for **Ballyduff for month of August was €426.00**

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

Thank you for your generosity.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

'You shall be my witnesses' is the theme of this 'Mission Sunday' when the whole Church unites to serve the poor in developing countries and bring them Good News. We have Pope Francis' message for this important day, a newsletter insert and a homily. 'The Letter: A Message for our Earth' is a new feature film on 'Laudato Si' and the effects of climate change. It is now available to view through a YouTube link. We have an article on the cohesiveness of the Catholic faith and another on the spirituality of synodality. Finally, more light and inspiration from the pen of Lorcan Brennan. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

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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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.

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.

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

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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22nd & 23rd October 2022

30th 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.

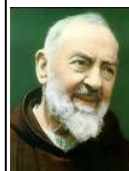
What does it support? The needs of young dioceses vary, anything from a motorbike so a priest can celebrate Mass in a remote village, to a community hall so local people can gather in safety; or more urgently, vaccinations and medicines so that parish dispensaries can protect vulnerable children. In 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 23rd October This weekend parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. The kindness shown will help overseas missionaries to continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people. Thank you for supporting in whatever way you can, and please remember it is more than an appeal for financial help. Missionaries also need spiritual support. On World Mission Sunday missionaries take great strength in knowing that the faithful of the world are keeping them in their thoughts and prayers. Help right now. Donate €4.00 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at www.missio.ie or call Missio Ireland 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



Fr. Brian Shortall OFM Cap., will visit our parish next **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 of the 20th anniversary of his canonisation. It will be a good lead into the month of the Holy Souls.

St. Pio of Pietrelcina pray for us.

St. Anthony's statue.

We are delighted to have a statue of St. Anthony erected in the church. We are most grateful to Martin & William Plummer and Sam for making and erecting it.

Mass Time & Intentions

This 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

Mass Time & Intentions

Next Weekend

29th & 30th October 2022

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Aidan, Anna Mai & Roy Nolan, Clody
Patrick & Mary Dwyer, Castlelands & their
son Tony & his wife Nancy.

8.30am: Colm & Betty Fanning, Coolbawn

11.00am: Liam Davitt, Pairc Mhuire

Eddie Cooney, Corah, Tombrack

The Murphy Family, Ballylough

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: William & Mary Carton & their son
Denis & Liam Nolan, Tomnalossett

Col. Bob Rayburn, The Deanery

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: John & Kitty Burke, Bolacreen & Jim
& Kathleen Campbell

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

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
Jayden Isaac Boateng
who was baptised recently.
We wish him every blessing.

29th & 30th October

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Ena Gray

8.30am: Dermot O'Brien

11.00am: Denis Kinsella

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Maire Bernie & Mary Fortune

8.30am: Eileen Brickley

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins & Mary Sinnott

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.

Grow in Love

First Communion Programme.

Grow in Love is the name of the Religious Education programme that children use in school.

Next weekend we will commence the "Grow In Love" parish programme for the children preparing for First Penance and Holy Communion. Each month we will have a Mass in both St. Aidan's Church and St. Columba's Church Ballyduff. We will have a sacred space table in the Church which the children also will replicate one in their own home. It is hoped that the family will gather to pray at some time each day, even one prayer would be a great start.

May God bless all children and families as they prepare for this important event.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd October 2022 • Mission Sunday:

You Will Be My Witnesses

1. We are often defensive in our relationships with others. We are reluctant to let another see us as we see ourselves. Occasionally we meet someone with whom we can be totally open and know we will be accepted. With whom have you had that kind of a relationship? What was it like for you to have that freedom?
2. Likewise with God, when we come to prayer pretending to be better than we are, we are hiding from God. What difference does it make when you pray to God, acknowledging your faults and limitations? Have you ever found that when you are humble in this way in prayer, God lifts you up?
3. The parable is also a cautionary tale against judging others negatively on the basis of externals. Perhaps God, who looks into the heart, sees them differently. When have you discovered there was more to another person than the negative picture you got from first impressions? What lessons did you learn for yourself from this?

Ministers of The Word

If anyone would like to become a reader at our Masses in 2023 could you please contact the Parish Office by dropping in or ringing 053 9366514. Please have your name in before Nov. 7th as Rotas need to be completed and distributed for next year. All new readers are very welcome.



Sincere Sympathy



Is extended to the family of Bridget Roche, Clovass, Enniscorthy & to the family of Paul Breen, Legan, Longford & formerly of Coolbawn, Ferns who died recently

Rest in Peace.

**May God console the bereaved in
their grief and loss.**

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.

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.

Ferns Notes

If anyone would like to put in an advertisement or upcoming event in the Ferns notes please contact Christopher Power at tineshrule1@gmail.com.

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.