



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received

**Ferns for the week was €753.00**

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

The amount received from **Cloogue for the month of August €321.20**

*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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**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 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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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### World Mission Sunday

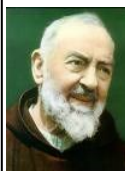
**What is World Mission Sunday?** World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. It takes place in every single parish worldwide where the Church is present. In Ireland, Missio Ireland is tasked with organising the Mission Sunday collection. Missio 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 9th October** and World Mission Sunday is a time for the faithful of the world to show their appreciation towards the work of overseas missionaries. The generosity offered will be used to support missionary activities in over 1,100 struggling dioceses, mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. You can help right now. Please donate €4.00 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at [www.missio.ie](http://www.missio.ie) or call Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035. To learn more go to [www.missio.ie](http://www.missio.ie) \*



### 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**

**8th & 9th October 2022**

**FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Joe Harney, Castlelands  
Dermot & Tommy Cullen, Pairc Mhuire

**8.30am:**

**11.00am:** Declan Jordan, Berryfields  
Catherine Morris, St. Anne's & deceased  
family members of The O'Brien Family.

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Sheila Doyle, Coolnaleen.  
William Kehoe, Raheen

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:**

**Mass Time & Intentions  
Next 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.

**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**

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.

**15th & 16th October  
Ministers of the Word**

**6.15pm:** Mary Cash

**8.30am:** Theresa Nolan

**11.00am:** Eleanor Hawkins

**Ministers of Holy Communion**

**6.15pm:** Mary Cullen & Dora Murphy

**8.30am:** Eileen Brickley

**11.00am:** Eleanor Hawkins & Christopher  
Power

**Mary's Meals**

Feeds hungry children in a place of edu-  
cation 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](http://www.bit.ly/QuizforMM) or contact Martin Colfer on  
087 2596159.. 55 meals can be provided  
with €5. Thank you.

***Sincere Sympathy***

Is extended to the family of Nancy  
Whelan, Ferns Lower who died  
recently

***Rest in Peace.***

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

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the faith  
***Bridget Connors***  
who was baptised recently.  
We wish her every blessing.

**St Aidan's Church Choir**

Would you like to join our Choir? We are  
looking for new members to join our  
Choir and would be delighted to have you  
on board. All are very welcome.

**Sick**

If you are unable to get to Mass and  
would like to be visited on the First  
Friday please contact the Parish Office.

**Ferns Iconography Group**

Invite you to an

ICON WRITING RETREAT

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022

Ferns Pastoral Centre

Directed by ICONOGRAPHER

**LUCHO ALVAREZ**

*In a prayerful atmosphere you will learn  
to create an icon using egg tempera and  
gold leaf.*

*Teachings on the history and spirituality  
of icons given each day.*

For further Info and booking

Phone: Monica 087 6419960 or

Marie 087 4166630

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
9th October 2022**

1. The cure of the lepers is not just a  
physical cure, it also brought the people  
healed back from exclusion into the com-  
munity. Perhaps you have experienced  
the movement from exclusion to inclu-  
sion. What was it like for you to be ac-  
cepted once again when you had felt ex-  
cluded?
2. Who were the Jesus people for you  
who brought about this change? For  
whom have been able to do this, perhaps  
by healing a rift with a friend, or by lis-  
tening to the opinion of someone you had  
dismissed out of hand, or by opening the  
door in some other way to another?
3. Some people work hard at breaking  
down barriers in society, seeking inclu-  
sion for those who find themselves la-  
belled as lepers by society or by a section  
of society. Where have you seen this  
happening? Who has been doing this  
kind of work? Where is the good news in  
such action?
4. When we do good for another, we may  
not do it for the thanks we hope to get,  
but it can hurt when no gratitude is  
shown. Sometimes it is those closest to  
us who can take us for granted. What  
helps you to cope in such circumstances?
5. How have you experienced the posi-  
tive effects of thanks given and received?

**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 Bap-  
tism  
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 expres-  
sions  
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.