



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received

Ferns for the week was €575.50

The amount received for Ballyduff for month of Sept/Oct was €496.50

The amount received from Cloogue for the month of October €556.00

Thank you for your generosity.

St Peter's College Past Pupils Union

Mass will be celebrated for deceased past pupils and staff in the College Chapel on Sunday 20th November at 7pm. Past pupils and family members of the deceased are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served in the College immediately following the mass. For further information please contact Declan Cloney, President St Peters College PPU, Tel: 086 8088678 or David Power, PRO SPC PPU, Tel: 087 7971077.

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

Very Rev Paddy Cushen. P.P. Tel: 053-9366152 / Mobile: 087 2387559.

E-mail: frpaddycushen@gmail.com **Eir Code: Y21 N9 W7**

Assistant: Very Rev. Pat Stafford , 086 234 4674

Parish Office: Tel: 053-9366514. E-mail: fernsparish@gmail.com **Eir Code: Y21 X5 W9**

Opening Hours: 9am-1pm & 2pm-4pm Mon-Fri

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

Advent Prayer

'We wait in Joyful Hope'

You are welcome to a short time of prayer with others in preparation for Christmas.

Each Wednesday beginning 30th November

In the Parish Pastoral Centre, Ferns 7.30p.m.—8.00 p.m.

with a cuppa afterwards.

All denominations welcome.

Parish Concert

We are delighted to announce that the profit made from the Concert held on Friday 7th October was the excellent sum of €6,074.00.

We thank all involved in the organising of the event which was most enjoyable. Thanks for the support.



Ferns Parish Newsletter

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19th & 20th November 2022

Christ The King

A Prayer of Remembrance

God, thank you for the special people in our lives whom we are remembering in a special way during the month of November. We thank you for being a compassionate God who walks with us in our dark moments of grief and loneliness. We are thankful for all who continue to love and support us through our grief. Lord, continue to be a light for us, giving us hope, direction and courage. May we now live our lives treasuring the memories of those special people we have known and loved and help us to bring light and hope to others. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Deceased Ceremony of Light

Friday 25th November at 7.30p.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. Aidan's Church, Ferns.

All are welcome.



Families will light a candle for their deceased family members



Christ the King

This is the final Sunday of Year C and as we draw to a close our reading of Luke's Gospel we hear the account of Jesus' crucifixion. It is the Feast of Christ the King and this Gospel certainly gives us an opportunity to lay aside a lot of cultural baggage we may have about kings, leaders and kingdoms. Jesus' kingdom is unlike the one that Pilate, or many other earthly leaders know. It is a kingdom built on love, service, justice, reconciliation and peace. Few 'kings' can measure up to this: responding to violence with forgiveness, giving those with no hope a reason to hope, putting the crisis of the world before financial gain or power. Who do you know in our world today who is the more living example of this type of kingship, making daily sacrifices in endless service to those around them?

We hear much about the climate crisis in our world today, the loss of bio-diversity, the breakdown of our ecosystems and the lack of political will to embrace the solutions that are available. This is due to greed and the powerful influence of so called leaders. Once again many will gather in Chile next month for the 25th UN Conference on Climate Change. We must pray for them, that they will be courageous and put the future of our environment above financial gain and lead for the best interests of our world and for the generations to come.

Today's Gospel gives a powerful image of Jesus as servant King, shining like a beacon of light for society in today's world.

'The power of truth, of honesty, of forgiveness – with no frills! How different the world would be if it was governed by this kind of power.'

Mass Time & Intentions

This Weekend

19th & 20th November 2022

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Patrick & Nan Kearney, Tincurry & deceased family members & Winifred Mullett, Tincurry & deceased family members.
The Doyle, Ryan & Jordan Families & all the souls in purgatory.

Paul Breen, Coolbawn, (Months Mind)

8.30am: Mary & Lil Bolger, Bolachoir & May & Jim Doyle, Bolachoir.

11.00am: John & Annie Kirwan & their son John, Baltinglass.

May Sweetman, Dublin
Paddy Kelly (Months Mind)

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Margaret (Peg) McDonald, Kilcloran Thomas & Gretta Carton, Aidanswood & Pat Carton.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Ronnie Kirwan, Ballymore & Maureen Murphy, Clologue.

Mass Time & Intentions

Next Weekend

26th & 27th November 2022

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Jim Brooks, Ballyboy.

Terence Kinsella, Coolroe.

Mona Martin, Late of Woodview House, Ballingale

8.30am: Pious List

11.00am: Bridget (Bridie) Gethings, Effernogue

Martin O'Neill & Family, Charlesfort.

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

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

Andrew Browne, Ballybeg.

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Pious List.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

Will take Monday night at 8pm in The Pastoral Centre.

26th & 27th November

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Ena Gray

8.30am: Richard Cotter

11.00am: Ailish Davitt

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Maire Bernie & Mary Fortune

8.30am: Eileen Brickley

11.00am: Michael Breen & Patricia Keenan



Pious List Mass Times For The Month of November Ferns

Friday 25th Nov. 9.30am

Sunday 27th Nov. 8.30am

Tuesday 29th Nov. 9.30am

Clogogue

Sunday 27th Nov. 9.45am

Mission Appeal.

The total we have collected so far for the Missions is **€2,202.10**.
If you would like to support the Missions you may still send your contribution in an envelope and put it in the envelope box or the Sunday collection at Mass. Grateful Thanks.

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to the Kathleen Binnions on the death of her husband Mervyn Binnions, Tincurry who died recently
Rest in Peace.

May God console the bereaved in their grief and loss.

Our Sick

If you have a member of your family or community who would like to receive Holy Communion monthly please contact the Parish Office or Fr. P. Cushen.

The sacraments can be a great assistance to the sick and dying.

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe

20th November 2022

1. Today's feast puts before us Jesus as a person who never used power for his own selfish advantage. Who have you known who used power for the benefit of others rather than for their own self-interest? When have you used power in this way?

2. The power of God is shown in an unexpected way in the Crucifixion, not in a wonderful display of spectacular dominance, but in Jesus sharing our human weakness. When has the honesty of another sharing his/her human vulnerability with you had a powerful effect? When has your honesty in that way had a positive effect on another?

3. Jesus is an example of someone in apparent helplessness. In human terms he was powerless. It was his trust in the love of God for him that helped him through. It was only later with the hindsight of the resurrection that the moment of helplessness could be seen as one in which the power of God was present. Have you had experiences on which you can look back now and see that the power of God was at work in your moments of helplessness?

4. We may also identify with the good thief, reaching out in support of the innocent Jesus. Who has reached out to you when you experienced unfair treatment? To whom have you reached out in that way?

5. The scene also puts before us the liberating power of forgiveness. The forgiveness of Jesus brought new life to the criminal hanging on the cross with him. When have you found that forgiveness given, or received, was a source of new life for yourself or for others?

Local Link Wexford: Clologue – Ferns – Ballyduff – Camolin – Gorey Route.

Did you know that **Local Link Wexford** run a bus service from **Clologue** via **Ferns, Ballyduff & Camolin** to **Gorey** every **Tuesday & Friday** morning?

There are scheduled stops but they can also pick passengers up from their homes, offering a door to door service along the route.

Booking is required by calling **053 901 1828**. You can also register once and a seat can be reserved for you every week.

Call **053 901 1828** or email: wexford@locallink.ie for further information on timetable & fares.

Or check timetable on Local Link website:

www.locallinkwexford.ie/timetables.

Free travel pass accepted and children under 5 travel free.

A.G.M.

Ferns Community Project C.L.G. (Community Employment) will hold an A.G.M. on Wednesday, 7th December 2022 at 8pm in St. Mogue's Cottage, Ferns.

All are welcome to attend.

County Wexford

Community Workshop Enniscorthy

Are currently recruiting for Community Employment Scheme. Participants for 19.5 hours per week
Positions Available: Care Assistant

Multi – Task Attendant

HR Assistant

Garden Centre Assistant

Sports & Leisure Attendant
Kitchen & Catering Assistant

Opportunity for practical work experience, training and development will be given. Opportunities are available in Enniscorthy, Bree, Bunclody, Oylegate, Castlebridge & Monageer

Please check eligibility via your local

Intreo Centre Or contact

Email – amy.walsh@cwewe.ie

Telephone – 087 – 3487205

St. Vincent de Paul - Ferns Branch – Christmas Appeal

New dedicated Website -

www.svp.ie/fern appeal

This new website is enabling donations made locally, by the people and businesses of Ferns Town and surrounding area, to be given directly to local people in the same area who seek assistance from the Ferns Branch of SVP.

Many local families and individuals will face impossible choices this Christmas, due to the substantial increases in food, electricity, fuel, etc. Your help will make a real difference. Please visit the website for more information and perhaps while you are there you would make a donation – remember every little helps. The website will be live for donations until January 13th 2023.

The Ferns Branch of SVP is very grateful for all donations received.

“Local People assisting Local People”