



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in
Ferns for the week was **€428.40**
 The amount received for **Ballyduff**
 for month of **September** was **€329.82**
 The amount received from **Cloogue** for the
 month of **September** was **€379.95**
Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer of Cardinal Newman

May the Lord support us all
 the day long,
 Till the shades lengthen and
 the evening comes,
 and the busy world is hushed,
 and the fever of life is over,
 and our work is done.
 Then in his mercy may he give us
 a safe lodging,
 and holy rest, and peace at the last.
 Amen.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

This Sunday is 'Mission Sunday' whose theme this year is 'Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move'. We also have updates on how our diocese is embracing Pope Francis' call to mission. Mission Sunday is also the day of the Pope's annual appeal to support overseas missions and missionaries. We focus on vocations with an article on how the ministry of ordained priests supports and empowers the priesthood of all the baptised. There is news of three Vocations Conferences on zoom from 31st Oct. to 2nd Nov. and a Vocations 'Come and See' weekend in Maynooth from 18th to 19th November. A radio interview explores how nature praises God while the Iona Institute exposes a worrying prejudice in modern Irish society against marriage. We also put the new RSE State curriculum under the spotlight – a programme that is both challenging and one that needs to be challenged. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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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 087 4455393

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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21st & 22nd October 2023

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission Sunday 22nd October 2023

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? For Mission Sunday 2023, Pope Francis has chosen the theme inspired by the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus in the Gospel of St Luke (Lk 24:13-35 "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move").

Sunday 22nd October This 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.

Ferns Diocesan Priest's Assembly

As part of the universal Church's ongoing journey of synodality, the priests of the Diocese of Ferns met together for three days. The assembly of priests worked with facilitators on pastoral development, Scripture, lay ministry, collaboration, synodality, pastoral area formation and leadership. The work of the facilitators especially the lay participation was deeply appreciated. This work complements the synodal meetings of the wider Diocese. Priests also reflected upon the first drafts of a pastoral plan for the Diocese, which is being developed by representatives from the Council of Priests and Diocesan Pastoral Council and grew from the synthesis of communal discernment that concluded Stage 1 of the Irish Synodal Pathway. This plan looks at ways of empowering people, priests and religious to work more closely together in the proclamation of the Good News. As we continue to discern together the way forward in a time of change for parishes, we pray that Parish communities within pastoral areas continue to work together to reflect a reinvigorated communion amongst clergy and laity, an outward pastoral reach and a renewed evangelising mission.

Mass Time & Intentions

This Weekend

21st & 22nd October 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15 pm: Thomas Jackman, Coolbawn
Paul Breen, Coolbawn & his parents Miley &
Sarah Breen, Coolbawn
Ita & Ray Walsh, Ferns Upper

8.30am: Marie Dwyer, Carnew Road & John
& Catherine Dwyer and deceased family
members of The Errity Family

11.00am: Paddy Plummer, Coolbawn
Patrick & Mary Dwyer, Castlelands, their son
Tony & his wife Nancy
Bridget Gethings, Effernogue

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Kevin Murphy, Pairc Mhuire
John Murphy, Corah

The Kirwan Family, Ballybeg

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: David Cantwell, Tipperary

Mass Time & Intentions

Next Weekend

28th & 29th October 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Terence Kinsella, Coolroe &
deceased family members
Liam Davitt, Pairc Mhuire
Jim Murphy, Corah
Mary Byrne, The Barracks, Effernogue
(Months Mind)

8.30am: Colm & Betty Fanning, Coolbawn
James (Jim) Dunbar, Clologue

11.00am: Martin & Bridget Murphy,
Ballylough, Ferns & deceased family members
Thomas & Frances Dunbar, Lodgewood
Bridget Gethings, Effernogue

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Col Bob Rayburn, St. Aidan's
James & Catherine Browne, Kiltomas &
deceased family members

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: James, John & Eileen Roche,
Bolacreen
Annie Breen, Mileslogue

28th & 29th October 2023

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Mary Cash

8.30am: Richard Cotter

11.00am: Irene O'Toole

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Margaret Maguire & Mary Fortune

8.30am: A Volunteer

11.00am: Ann Swaine & Michael Breen

**The Non-Violent Resistance Pro-
gramme (NVR)**

Are you walking on eggshells around
your child? The NVR programme is for
parents or carers who are experiencing
child to parent violence, intimidation,
emotionally abuse or controlling behav-
iours. The course is one hourly sessions
and is for 6/8 weeks in Ferns Parish Pa-
rochial House or in your home.
Experienced NVR Practitioner offering
support in managing conflicts in the
home environment and delivering life
changing skills to manage abusive behav-
iours. Please phone Reg on 089 4294602
to book your place.

**Services of the Word & Holy
Communion.**

Grateful thanks is due to all the Minis-
ters who celebrated the liturgies during
the week. They were greatly appreciat-
ed by all who were present or on live-
stream. This is a sign of what will hap-
pen in the future in parishes.
Well done all.

Icon Retreat

Retreat Master: Lucho Alvarez

Ferns, Co. Wexford: Monday 30th
October-Saturday 4th November
Course Fees:€250

Full Kit €150 includes all materials
needed: Total €400.

No art experience needed.

For further information needed contact:
Monica 087 6419960 or email
luchoiconretreats@gmail.com

Thought for the Day

22nd October 2023 • Mission Sunday

Midnight; half-moon, a hosting of stars; I
turned the clocks back an hour, signalling
winter. I had watched the dying sun light up
the yellow leaves of the dreaming maple and
knew again a yearning for the small wonders.
The mare's-tail persists, and the rushes still
thrust up across the lawn. Now the fire has
fallen to white ash; as we age, we grow per-
haps a little milder, in closer communion with
the earth; a little humbler, the demanding
lover drawing close. I sit in the fraught still-
ness, missing the buoyancy, attending on the
spirit. I know there are huge granaries out
there, amongst the starving. I wait upon the
Lord, doleful, quietly expectant.

Song of the Goldfinch: A Memoir
by John F. Deane, Veritas Publications

Marriage

Congratulations to
**William Kenny &
Catriona Fitzgerald**

who were married recently.
We wish them health and
happiness in their future lives
together.

**The Pope's Monthly Intention
for October**

For the Synod: We pray for the Church, that
she may adopt listening and dialogue as a
lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be
guided by the Holy Spirit towards the
peripheries of the world.

Give a Little

The World Mission Sunday collection,
which takes place on the Sunday 22nd
October, makes it possible for Pope Fran-
cis to aid projects in some of the poorest
countries of our world. Funding received
in Ireland is used for a range of different
child related projects. This includes pur-
chasing chairs and tables for children. In
many areas, the only place children can
sit is directly on the ground. Other items
that are purchased for children include
educational material, uniforms, food and
games. Any donations received, no mat-
ter how small, will greatly help other
children in the world.

Reach Ability Enniscorthy

Are currently recruiting for Community Em-
ployment Scheme

Participants for 19.5 hours per week

Positions Available

Care Assistant / Multi – Task Attendant

HR Administration Assistant

Kitchen /Catering Assistant

Opportunity for practical work experience,
training and development will be given
Opportunities are available in Enniscorthy,
Bree, Bunclody, Olyegate, Castlebridge &
Monagear. Please check eligibility via your
local Intreo Centre Or contact: Email:

amy.walsh@reachability.ie

Telephone: 053 - 9233069

Mobile:087 – 3487205

**Daily rosary available via webcam from
Camolin Parish**

Camolin Parish is now making a recitation
of the rosary available on a twice daily ba-
sis at 9.30am and 8pm. This can be ac-
cessed on this link: [https://churchmedia.ie/
church-of-the-immaculate-conception-
camolin/](https://churchmedia.ie/church-of-the-immaculate-conception-camolin/) or by searching for Camolin
Parish on the Church Media website.

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to the family of Kathleen
Binnions, Tincurry who died recently
R.I.P.

**May God grant her eternal rest and
console the bereaved in their grief.**



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.

Prayer for Peace Pope St John XXIII

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince
of Peace, who are yourself our peace and
reconciliation, who so often said, 'Peace to
you,' grant us peace. Make all men and wom-
en witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly
love. Banish from their hearts whatever might
endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they
may guarantee and defend the great gift of
peace. May all peoples of the earth become
as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace
blossom forth and reign always over us all.
Amen.