



### Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in  
**Ferns** for the week was **€1,090.00**  
 The amount received for **Ballyduff**  
 for the month of **October** was **€572.50**  
 The amount received from **Cloogue** for the  
 month of **September** was **€379.95**  
*Thank you for your generosity.*

*God our Father  
 As we remember those who have gone  
 before us this November  
 Give us the comfort of  
 knowing that they have gone only  
 as far as you  
 and you are very near.  
 Amen*

**Ferns Prayer Group**  
 Next Prayer Group meeting in  
 The Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 15th  
 November at 7.30pm  
**Everyone Welcome.**

### THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

The 'Synod on Synodality' has just ended in Rome. We post the summary synthesis along with an article and video interview with one of the key organisers. We have a homily for the Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time which focuses on hope and the recording of a presentation by Dr Patrick Kenny on the life of Fr Willie Doyle SJ and how he can inspire priests today. We have inputs on two major cultural issues today - David Quinn has an article on false views on gender while William Binchy gives his input to the Oireachtas hearing on Euthanasia. As Science Week begins, we have an article on St Albert the Great who valued both faith and science as sources of truth. Finally, we have a report from 'Aid to the Church in Need' on the desperate plight of the people of Gaza and how Christians are managing to keep hope alive. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)

### ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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**Parish Office:** Tel: 053-9366514. E-mail: [fernsparish@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.fernsparish.ie)



# Ferns Parish Newsletter

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11th & 12th November 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th November 2023

1. While the parable has clear end-of-time applications it can also be applied to any moment of grace. It reminds us that moments of grace come unexpectedly, and we need to be awake to receive them. Recall times when you were alert for such a moment. What were the consequences for you?
2. Grace can also be disturbing. We can be coasting along in life and suddenly an opportunity or a graced moment arrives and we are shaken out of our routine in order to respond. Perhaps you can recall both moments when you were unprepared, and moments when you were able to respond. What lessons have you learned from such experiences?
3. We may be tempted to judge the wise virgins as being selfish for not sharing with the others, but perhaps Jesus is teaching us that there are some things that other people cannot provide for us. We have to acquire them ourselves. What qualities in life do you see as the essential oil that you must provide for yourself?

### Cemetery Prayers for the dead

A Plenary Indulgence can be obtained for the souls in purgatory by visiting a cemetery and saying Three Our Father's, Three Hail Mary's and The Creed.

### The Pope's Intention for November

*For the Pope:* We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

### 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 the 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 24th 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. Aidans Church, Ferns.  
 All are welcome.

*Families will light a candle for their deceased family members.*



### Candle Light Concert

A Candle Light Concert will be held in St. Aidan's Church Ferns on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of November, doors will open at 7.15 pm  
 Featured Artists: Sandy Kelly, Dana, Chrissy Mac and guests  
 Ticket prices €30.  
*Your support would be greatly appreciated.*



**Mass Time & Intentions  
This Weekend**

**11th & 12th November 2023  
FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15pm:** Mary Keating, Pairc Mhuire  
Charlie Fortune, Castle Place  
**8.30am:** Pious List  
**11.00am:** Betty Davitt, Pairc Mhuire  
Maura & John Foley, Coolbawn  
Dave & Patty Moynihan, Enniscorthy Road.

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Pious List

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:** Ronnie Kirwan, Ballymore & Maureen & James Murphy, Clologue.  
George & Stasia Murphy, Kilcasey & their sons George & Bill.

**Mass Time & Intentions  
Next Weekend**

**18th & 19th November 2023  
FERNS CHURCH**

**6.15 pm:** Philip & Ellen Bolger,  
Lodgewood  
Bridget Cooney, Corah (Months Mind) & Eddie Cooney, Corah  
**8.30am:** Mary & Lil Bolger, Bolachoir & deceased family members & May & Jim Doyle, Bolachoir & deceased family members

**11.00am:** Sarah & Timothy O'Shea.  
Molly, Mick & Tom Doyle, Ballyandrew

**BALLYDUFF CHURCH**

**7.30pm:** Margaret "Peg" McDonald,  
Kilcloran

Peg O'Leary & her husband Martin & their son Pat, Coolnaleen

**CLOLOGUE CHURCH**

**9.45am:** Annie Breen, Mileslogue

**Eir Code**

Please have it posted in your home.

**18th & 19th November 2023  
Ministers of the Word**

**6.15pm:** Mary Cash

**8.30am:** Carmel Doyle

**11.00am:** Maura Kelly

**Ministers of Holy Communion**

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

**8.30am:** A Volunteer

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

**The Non-Violent Resistance  
Programme (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 behaviours. The course is one hourly sessions and is for 6/8 weeks in Ferns Parish Parochial 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 behaviours. Please phone Reg on 089 4294602 to book your place.

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the faith  
**Grace Mary Minihane**  
who was baptised recently.

**Grateful Thanks**

The Wexford Branch of Down Syndrome Wexford wishes to thank most sincerely everyone who gave so generously to their recent Gate Collection in Ferns thanks very much to the collectors for all their time & help ,amount collected and banked was €410. This money will stay in the Wexford Branch to provide vital services e.g. speech, language therapy, etc.

**Sincere Sympathy**

On the death of Sister Magdalene, 98 yrs.  
Belfast, formerly of Ferns Adoration Convent, Funeral in Belfast on Monday.  
R.I.P.

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

**Pious List Mass Times for  
the month of November**  
**Ferns**

Sunday 12th November at 8.30 am  
Tuesday 14th November at 9.30 am  
Thursday 16th November at 9.30 am  
Tuesday 21st November at 9.30 am  
Thursday 23rd November at 9.30 am  
Saturday 25th November at 6.15 pm  
Wednesday 29th November at 9.30 am

**Ballyduff**

Saturday 11th November at 7.30 pm

**Clologue**

Sunday 26th November at 9.45 am

**St Peter's College Past Pupils Union**

The AGM of St Peter's College PPU will take place in the College at 7pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Following the AGM Mass will be celebrated for deceased past pupils and staff in the College Chapel at 8pm. 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, or to include the names of any deceased past pupils or staff, please contact Declan Cloney, President St Peters College PPU, Tel: 086 8088678 or David Power, PRO SPC PPU, Tel: 087 7971077.

**Service of Remembrance**

Wexford General Hospital is holding their annual Service of Remembrance at Clonard Church, Wexford on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm** – this is an annual event. **The Service of Remembrance is particularly intended for families and friends of those who died at Wexford General Hospital over the past year or who have a strong connection with the hospital. However, the service is also open to anyone who wishes to attend.**

**Grow in Love Mass**

**Parish Preparation for 1st Communion**

**Ferns:** Sunday 12th at 11am

**Ballyduff:** Saturday 18th at 7.30pm

We look forward to a full attendance.

**Thought for the Day  
Thirty-Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
12th November 2023**

Jesus tells us that there is a right time and a time when it will be too late. I ask God's help that I may realise what it is I might do now, how I might recognise the approaching bridegroom and welcome him. The lamp is given us by God and our prayer or time given to God is the oil. All of God's action in our lives is his gift, but it needs our openness and welcome. Prayer builds up our 'supply of oil', which can give light and fragrance to the rest of our lives. There is a time for preparation and a time for action. There is never a time for carelessness. I ask God to prepare me for the needs of this time.

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**Mission Appeal.**

The total we have collected so far for the Missions is **€2,235.00**

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. Also you could contribute €4.00 by texting the word **Missio** to **30500**.

**Youth 2000**

Anyone between the ages of 16 to 35 years is invited to an introductory meeting in the Pastoral Centre, Bunclody at 7 pm on Monday 13th November 2023, to meet with members of Youth 2000 with a view to setting up a Youth 2000 group in the Parish.

**Tombrack National School  
Clothing Appeal.**

Tombrack School are looking for clothes in good condition for their Clothing Appeal. All items can be left in the Community Garden, Tombrack on or before the closing date of Wednesday 15th November.

*Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated.*