



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in
Ferns for the week was **€480.20**
 The amount received for **Ballyduff**
for the month of October was **€572.50**
 The amount received from **Cloogue** for the
month of October was **€254.00**
Thank you for your generosity.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Queen Feast Day November 19th

At the age of fourteen she was married to Louis of Thuringia and lived with him in happy domestic life until he went to the crusades and died at Otranto. Driven from her home, she and her children lived in abject poverty until friends rescued them. She became a Franciscan tertiary, devoting herself to the poor.

Prayer

St. Elizabeth, you gave your bread to the needy and bestowed your favours like sweet smelling roses. Pray that by our devotion to the destitute, we may win the favour of God. Amen.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

Next Wednesday 22nd November marks the 60th anniversary of the death of President John F. Kennedy. An article explores the influence of his Catholic faith on his life, vision and leadership. As Science Week ends, the newsletter insert offers reflections on how the observation of the natural world can draw us towards faith and worship of our Creator God. We have a homily for the Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time and Pope Francis's Message for 'World Day of the Poor' which is also marked this Sunday. We have article on the life of St Columbanus whose anniversary falls on 23rd November and an article on the Holy Face by Patricia McNally. Finally, we upload the second of the trilogy of zoom recordings on 'Taking the Risk for Christ' where a newly ordained and a Silver Jubilarian share their hopes and gratitude. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH INFORMATION

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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

Vol. 18, No. 14

18th & 19th November 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th November 2023 World Day of the Poor

1. A gift given in love, is given to be enjoyed, treasured, and used. Through fear, one servant failed to recognise the loving trust being shown to him and buried the talent. When have you found that overcoming fear helped you to make the most of opportunities in life?
2. On the level of our own personal life, faith is not given to us to be locked away, but to be 'traded' with. We trade with it when we believe in its value, trust it, and use it, bringing it into the experiences we have in daily life. Can you recall times when relying on your faith has brought you rewards?
3. Likewise with our own personal gifts and talents. We can fall into the trap of seeing these as our personal possession so that we can do with them as we like, rather than share them as gifts so that they can be multiplied. What is your experience of hoarding or sharing your own gifts? When did you feel most alive?
4. Pope Francis in his letter *The Joy of the Gospel* wrote, 'I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelisation in their respective communities. ... The important thing is to not walk alone, but to rely on each other as brothers and sisters.'

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.

Families will light a candle for their deceased family members. All are welcome.



Candle Light Concert

A Candle Light Concert will be held in St. Aidan's Church Ferns on Sunday 26th of November, doors will open at 7.15 pm
 Featured Artists: Sandy Kelly, Dana, Chrissy Mac and guests
 Ticket prices €30. Tickets can be purchased online at www.bcunningham.ie or the Parish Office.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Tickets available in Parish Office.



Mass Time & Intentions

This 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

Margaret "Peg" O'Leary, Coolnaleen,
also remembering deceased members of
her family

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Annie Breen, Mileslogue

Mass Time & Intentions

Next Weekend

25th & 26th November 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15pm: Pious List

Mona Martin, Woodview House,
Ballingale

Elizabeth & Andrew Kehoe,
Tombrack Wood

8.30am:

11.00am: John Kirwan & his wife Annie &
their son John, Baltinglass
May Sweetman, Dublin

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

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

Andrew Browne, Ballybeg

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Pious List

25th & 26th November 2023

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Brendan Kenny

8.30am: Maureen Kavanagh

11.00am: Joe Sinnott

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Margaret Maguire & Mary Fortune

8.30am: A Volunteer

11.00am: Ann Swaine & Liz Villar

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.

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

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

Clogogue

Sunday 26th November at 9.45 am

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.*

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
Nellie Connors
who was baptised recently.

Ferns Parish Shop

*Stockist of Mass Cards, Mass Bou-
quets and a selection of cards for any
occasion. We also stock a range of
gifts including Statues, Rosary Beads,
Holy Pictures, Holy Medals &
Baptism gifts.*

**Christmas Gifts, Christmas Mass
Bouquets, Boxed Christmas Cards
and Candles now in stock.**

**Your support would be
greatly appreciated.**

Feast of Christ the King

Next week-end will be the feast of Christ the King, the final Sunday of the Church Year. The following Sunday, which will be the fourth Sunday before Christmas, we will commence a new Church year with the Season of Advent.

World Day of the Poor

Sunday 19th November 2023 is the seventh World Day of the Poor, with the theme of not turning away. Pope Francis takes his inspiration from the elderly Tobit, who says to his son, "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tobit 4:7).



Carnew Musical Society Presents it's 55th Production **"The Addams Family"**

A New Musical Comedy

St. Brigid's Hall, Carnew, Co. Wicklow
Monday 27th Nov. to Saturday 2nd Dec.
at 8.00p.m. sharp. Matinee Saturday 2nd
December at 2.00p.m.

Tickets from €12 to €20 (+ Booking Fee)
from www.gr8events.ie



Pioneer Calendar 2024

The 2024 Pioneer calendar is available from Pioneer centres and from Central Office (01 805 4226). The calendar is designed to offer spiritual support to families which are being impacted by alcohol and addiction. The calendar is priced at €5. Further information from www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar.

Thought for the Day 19th November 2023 World Day of the Poor

The poor we see with the eyes of flesh; they are there and we can put finger and hand in their wounds and the scars of the crown of thorns are visible on their foreheads; and at this point incredulity no longer has place and we should fall at their feet and say with the Apostle, *Tu est Dominus et Deus meus* (You are my Lord and my God!). You are our masters, and we will be your servants. You are for us the sacred images of that God whom we do not see, and not knowing how to love Him otherwise shall we not love Him in your person?'

**Blessed Frederic Ozanam,
Vincentian Words to Live**

Mission Appeal.

The total we have collected this year for the Missions is **€2,235.00.**

Also you could contribute €4.00 by
texting the word **Missio** to **30500.**
Many thanks to all for your generosity.

Prayer to St Cecilia for our Parish Choir Feast day 22nd November

Eternal God, you gave us the gift of St Cecilia, a powerful protector and patron of music. We strive to pass our days faithfully and innocently like holy St. Cecilia so that we may come to Heaven where we may praise You in concert with her. God the Holy Spirit, Have mercy on us. Holy Trinity, one God, Have mercy on us. St Cecilia, special patron of singers, musicians and authors. Pray for us!

The Newman Centre

Sincere Sympathy

To the McDonald and Doran families on the death of Aidan McDonald, Camolin. R.I.P. Also to Tina Killeen and family on the death of her sister Anne Levingstone, Craan, Bree. R.I.P.

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