



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in
Ferns for the week was **€847.60**
 The amount received for **Ballyduff**
 for the 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 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 women 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.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

The late Fr Tony Scallan was a priest of the diocese of Ferns who was a great advocate of the dignity of people with disabilities and their right to work. We share a special documentary on his life thanks to our friends in CMT. The homily for the Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time comments on Jesus' great commandment to love God and our neighbour as ourselves. We include a letter from Pope Francis to mark the 150th anniversary of the birth of St Therese of Lisieux. We explore what the witness of St Charles Borromeo might teach us about the synodal pathway as we celebrate his feast day on 4th November. We feature new research on the link between social media use and mental health. Finally, as the Opera Festival begins in Wexford, we have an article that compares Christian spirituality to harmonious music. 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



Vol. 18, No. 11

28th & 29th October 2023

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th October 2023

1. You may feel some sympathy with the Jews struggling to cope with 613 laws and wondering which were the important ones. Have you ever felt overwhelmed by the rules and regulations of your own tradition? And have you ever been blessed by meeting someone, or reading something, that was able to cut through all the layers and point out to you what is essential in life? Who was that person? What did s/he say or do? Is there some phrase or text that encapsulates such wisdom for you?
2. If you were asked what is most important in life, what would your answer be? Recall the experiences and relationships you have had. Which are the ones that you treasure most? What has particularly enriched your life? How would you encourage another person who asked you how s/he could live a full life?
3. In the unusual circumstances of recent years social life was disrupted by Covid. We had to find unusual and creative ways of showing love to our neighbours. What ways of reaching out to others did you find were most appreciated?

November - Month of the Dead

Feast of All Saints Wednesday 1st November

Holy Day of Obligation

Ferns: Tuesday Vigil 6.15p.m. Pious List

Wednesday: 9.30a.m. People of The Parish

Ballyduff : Tuesday Vigil Mass 7.30pm. Pious List

Cloogue : Wednesday Mass 9.45am Pious List

Feast of All Souls Thursday 2nd November

All Masses will be offered for the Holy Souls today.

Ferns Thursday: Mass 9.30 a.m. Pious List

Ballyduff Thursday: Mass 7.30 p.m. Pious List

Cloogue Thursday: Mass 7.30 p.m. Pious List

Cemetery Prayers

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.



IRISH WINTER TIME BEGINS

This Sunday, 29th October at 2.00 a.m.

DON'T FORGET to put your clocks and watches
BACK by one hour.



**Mass Time & Intentions
This 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, Cloogue

11.00am: Martin & Bridget Murphy,
Ballylough, Ferns & deceased family
members

Thomas & Frances Dunbar, Lodgewood

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

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

CLOOGUE CHURCH

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

**Mass Time & Intentions
Next Weekend**

4th & 5th November 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15 pm: Pious List

8.30am: The O'Neill Family, Charlesfort

11.00am: Pauline Berry, The Glen Lane
John & Sarah Kennedy, Ballylough

BALLYDUFF CHURCH

7.30pm: Mike, Annie & Martin McDonald,
Monasootha

Elizabeth & Thomas Kavanagh, Ballybeg
Ned Coleman, Clonee Lower, Camolin

CLOOGUE CHURCH

9.45am: Ann Sinnott, Ballintore
Thomas & Annie Turner & their son John,
Ballycarrigeen

4th & 5th November 2023

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Brendan Kenny

8.30am: Dermot O'Brien

11.00am: Frances O'Toole

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Marie Bernie & Mary Fortune

8.30am: A Volunteer

11.00am: Michael Breen & Patricia Keenan

**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.

**The Council for Vocations and 'The
Hook of Faith' Present**

**'Take The Risk For Christ: Inspiring
priests from the past, for the present and
for the future'**

On Zoom 31st Oct.-2nd Nov. 2023 from 8-9pm

Tues. 31st Oct. 'The Priestly Witness and
Courage of Fr Willie Doyle SJ' with Dr
Patrick Kenny

Wed. 1st Nov. 'Hopes of a Newly
Ordained and Gratitude of a Jubilarian'
with Fr Shaun Doherty and Fr Billy Swan.

Thurs. 2nd Nov. 'Priests for the Future'
with Fr Tomas Surlis, Rector St Patrick's
Seminary Maynooth and Stephen Sherry,
Seminarian for the Diocese of Clogher.

To take part just send an email to
thehookoffaith@gmail.com.

All are welcome

First Friday

Invalids in the parish on the sick list will
be visited on Thursday 2nd November &
Friday 3rd November with Holy
Communion.

**Thought for the Day
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
29th October 2023**

I know I have always been more than half
in love with the easeful wonder of creation
and the warming glow that the loveliness of
things offers to the heart ...

When, late evening, I lean on the topmost
bar of the red gate, looking out on the shad-
owed world, I search the innermost reaches
of the spirit and feel scared lest I discover
emptiness, a well that has run dry and hold
only woodlice and weevils in its depths; but
then I have swung round with joy to hear
the scratchy song of the whitethroat as it
rises from a fence and flies low and fast
into a field; then I know a gratitude that
tells of the sacred otherness of the earth.

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

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

Saturday 4th November at 6.15 pm

Tuesday 7th November at 9.30 am

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

Cloogue

Sunday 19th November at 9.45 am

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
16th 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 de-
ceased are cordially invited to attend. Refresh-
ments will be served in the College immedi-
ately following the Mass. For further infor-
mation, or to include the names of any de-
ceased 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.

Communion & Confirmation

Many thanks to all parents who took part
in the talk for parents of those preparing
for the sacraments of First Penance,
Communion and Confirmation. Some
parents sent apologies for which we are
grateful. As a result of this meeting the
parish programme for the children pre-
paring for Penance and Communion will
take place in Ferns this Sunday at 11.00
a.m. Mass and in Ballyduff on Saturday
next at 7.30p.m. At these Masses pupils,
parents and community will make com-
mitments to help the children prepare.
There will be ceremonies for the Confir-
mation pupils commencing in November.
We ask all in the parish to please pray
for those preparing for these important
milestones in their lives. May parents
and all of us bear witness to the faith by
our example and witness to faith.

**St. John's Community Hospital
Mass of Remembrance**

Tuesday 7th November in St. Senan's
Church, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.
***Join us in remembering with love
deceased members of our community.***

Mission Sunday Collection

Grateful thanks to all who contributed most
generously to the collection last week end.
The total collected was €2,055.00. This will
help greatly to the missionary work of the
church in poorer areas of the world.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the faith
**David Michael Anthony Francis
Connors**
who was baptised recently.

**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.