



Sunday Envelope Collection

The amount received in
Ferns for the week was **€618.00**
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.

St. Leo the Great Pope, Doctor, Feast Day November 10th

He shares the title of "Great" with two other Popes: Gregory I and Nicholas I. Conscious of this supreme responsibility, he spent most of his pontificate combating Pelagians, Nestorians, and other heretics. To him we owe the defined doctrine of the two-fold nature, one person in Christ.

Prayer

Lord, eternal Shepherd, watch over Your flock and guard it under the patronage of Your Pontiff St. Leo, whom You made shepherd of Your whole Church.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

Sr Imelda Wickham is a Presentation Sister originally from Bree who ministers to prisoners in Dublin. On 'Prisoners Sunday' we catch up with Sr Imelda who talks about her work with prisoners and argues for reform of the system. We include the Iona Institute's submission to the NCCA on the new Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE) programme for Senior Cycle pupils. A video interview with Bishop Robert Barron tracks the rise and fall of the 'New Atheism' while Jim Thompson reviews Pope Francis' latest teaching document on the environment 'Laudate Deum'. Now that Halloween is over for another year, Patricia McNally wonders what it is we are celebrating? We have an article on 'Saints from the Past and for the Future' and focus on St Elizabeth of the Trinity whose feast day falls on 9th November. 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. 12

4th & 5th November 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th November 2023, Prisoners' Sunday

1. The condemnation of the scribes and pharisees by Jesus brings to mind the public discourse about the Church in recent years. This has highlighted the failures of church people to live up to the values of the Gospel. This has had a negative effect on many people and on their religious practice. How do you find hope in the midst of this negative criticism?
2. When our actions match our words about gospel values, then our words carry more weight. Recall people whom you admired for this quality. Perhaps your own experience at times confirms this.
3. Our passage ends with a paradox. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted. For Jesus the way to greatness and a full life is through service of others. When have you found the way of service brought unexpected rewards?

November - Month of the Dead

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.

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



The Pope's Monthly 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.

Mass Time & Intentions

This Weekend

4th & 5th November 2023

FERNS CHURCH

6.15 pm: Pious List

The deceased members of the Doyle,
Ryan & Jordan families & the souls
in purgatory

8.30am: The O'Neill Family, Charlesfort
Colm & Betty Fanning, Coolbawn

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

CLOLOGUE CHURCH

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

Mass Time & Intentions

Next 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

Eir Code

Please have it posted in your home.

11th & 12th November 2023

Ministers of the Word

6.15pm: Ena Gray

8.30am: Denis Kinsella

11.00am: Eleanor Hawkins

Ministers of Holy Communion

6.15pm: Ann Bernie & Mary Fortune

8.30am: A Volunteer

11.00am: Ann Swaine & Eleanor Hawkins

**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 offer-
ing 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.

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. Follow-
ing the AGM Mass will be celebrated for
deceased past pupils and staff in the Col-
lege Chapel at 8pm. Past pupils and fami-
ly members of the deceased are cordially
invited to attend. Refreshments will be
served in the College immediately fol-
lowing 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.

**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.
All Welcome*

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

Clologue

Sunday 19th November at 9.45 am

Sunday 26th November at 9.45 am

Sincere Sympathy

Is extended to the family of
Breda Canny, Greenville Court,
Enniscorthy who died recently
R.I.P.

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

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting on Monday night
6th November at 8.00pm in
The Pastoral Centre.

Service of Remembrance

Wexford General Hospital is holding
their annual Service of Remembrance at
Clonard Church, Wexford on **Thursday
16th November 2023 at 7.30pm** – this is
an annual event.

**The Service of Remembrance is particu-
larly 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 hos-
pital. However, the service is also open
to anyone who wishes to attend.**

Marriage

Congratulations to

Gavin Breen & Kellianne McGannon

who were married recently.

We wish them health & happiness in life.

Thought for the Day

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
5th November 2023, Prisoners' Sunday**

***For the Parents of one who has
committed a crime***

No one else can see beauty in his dark-
ened life now. His image has closed like
a shadow. When people look at him, he
has become the mirror of the damage he
has done. But he is yours; and you have
different eyes that hold his yesterdays in
pictures no one else remembers. Despite
all the disappointments and shame, may
you find in your belonging with him a
kind place, where your spirit will find
rest. May new words come alive between
you to build small bridges of understand-
ing. May that serenity lead you beyond
guilt and blame to find that bright field of
the heart where he can come to feel your
love.

John O'Donohue, Benedictus

**Prayer for Prisoners' Sunday
5th November**

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We
pray for those in prison. Break the bonds
of fear and isolation that exist. Support
with your love prisoners and their fami-
lies and friends, prison staff and all who
care. Heal those who have been wounded
by the actions of others, especially the
victims of crime. Help us to forgive one
another, to act justly, love mercy and
walk humbly together with Christ in his
strength and in his Spirit, now and every
day. Amen.

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Mission Appeal.

The total we have collected so far for
the Missions is **€2,195.00**
If you would like to support the Mis-
sions you may still send your contri-
bution in an envelope and put it in the
envelope box or the Sunday collec-
tion at Mass.

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