

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 10th January 2021

The Baptism of the Lord

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

Sunday 10th January

- 11am
1. Michael Feighery (*1st A*), his brothers Seamus and Kieran and deceased family members.
 2. Jim Kilmartin (*2nd A*), and his parents Rose and Michael.

Mon. 11th: 10am - Joe Hiney (2nd A).

Tues. 12th: 10am - Frank Grogan (Months Mind).

Wed. 13th: 10am - May Moore, Ballylin (3rd A).

Thurs. 14th: 10am - Kate, Jack & Seamus McCormack.

Fri. 15th: 10am - 1. Dolores Clarkson.

2. Arthur McDonagh.

Sat. 16th: 10am - Jack & Rose Rigney.

Sunday 17th January

- 11am
1. William & Margaret Ryan.
 2. Michelle Kenny, Tom Flynn and baby Aaron Kenny.

MASSES - All ceremonies can be heard on 106.5FM Parish Radio. Also the 11am Sunday Mass will be live streamed on **Ferbane Parish Facebook page**. Our Parish bulletin is available to view on www.ferbaneparish.ie.

COLLECTIONS - We the Priests of our Parish would sincerely like to thank those who so kindly continued to contribute to our collections in the past couple of weeks.

24th, 25th, 26th, 27th Dec.: €6,168

3rd Jan: €1,815

We are extremely grateful and greatly appreciate your generosity in these most difficult times. We will continue to pray with and for you all each day. If anybody wants to offer financial support to our Church you can do so by electronic transfer if it is more convenient to do so. Our bank details are as follows:-

BIC: ULSB IE 2D

IBAN: IE28 ULSB 9857 2021 5400 50

Please note your box number or your name when transferring money. Please also note that the Green envelopes have been renumbered due to a decrease in people using them on a weekly basis. Some people have opted to use our banking facility while others give a once off yearly donation. If you did not get a box of envelopes and would like to receive one, please do not hesitate to contact Fiona or any of the Priests and we will arrange to have one delivered to you.

DEATHS - We pray for the repose of the souls of *Ann Doorley, Park, Banagher* (sister of P.J. Cannon, Deerpark, Belmont); *Claire Killian, Moystown* and *Brendan Condron, Portlaoise* (late of Tullamore, brother of Nuala Guinan, Gallen). May they rest in peace.

BAPTISM - We welcome into our Christian Community *Sarah Flynn Daly* who was baptised recently.

FERBANE G.A.A. - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 3, 4, 9, 29. Bonus 13. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners. Next draw on Tuesday 12th January at 10pm. Jackpot **€14,000.**

BELMONT GAA CLUB AGM - You are welcome to attend our Club AGM which will take place on Friday 15th January at 8pm via an online platform.

If you would like to receive a link to attend online please contact a committee member

or contact us through social media. We are always looking for people to get involved with the Club so if you or someone you know is interested please don't hesitate to contact us.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

PARISH OFFICE - Wednesday from 9am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm. **Bulletin deadline is 3pm on Wednesday.** Tel: 090 6454309 or Email: parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

They followed the star

Balthazar, Caspar and Melchior must have been very single minded. We are told that they only saw the star at the beginning of their journey and near the end. It follows that most of their searching was done in darkness. They must have had to ask for directions and trust the guidance of others. In the end, their reward was great. Like the Wise Men we have hitched our wagon to the star of Bethlehem. It is not always visible, but it is always there. We too must be humble enough to seek the support, advice and direction of fellow travellers as we move towards the light.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Jesus was baptised in the Jordan by John

On Christmas night we greeted a baby. In the Epiphany we learned of His mission to all nations. At His Baptism His ministry begins. He plunges into the waters of the Jordan to signify His total commitment to His task. Water is where life begins. It is the difference between life and death. In Genesis God parts the waters. In the Flood saga the waters bring death. In the Exodus event the chosen people pass from slavery to freedom by crossing the Red Sea. In Baptism we passed from slavery to freedom, from death to life. It conferred on us a dignity beyond measure. It marked the beginning of a walk with the Lord that will last forever. On this significant feast, let us remember and re-echo the profound words spoken by Pope St. John Paul II near the end of his long pontificate: **'The day of my Baptism was the most important day of my life'**.