

# Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 28th February 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

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## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

### Sunday 28th February

- 11am
1. Agnes Holmes.
  2. Phyllis Rigney.
  3. Catherine & Thomas Shea.
  4. Jim & Mary Cox, Clononey.
  5. Joe, Paddy & Dinny Delaney and their parents Joe & Mary.
  6. Liam Shanahan.
  7. Bernadette Devery & her parents John & Ellen, Endrim and deceased family members.

*Mon. 1st March: 10am*

*Tues. 2nd: 10am*

*Wed. 3rd: 10am - People's Mass.*

*Thurs. 4th: 10am - Sr. Anne Claffey, Endrim.*

*Fri. 5th: 10am - First Friday. Modd & Elizabeth Egan and deceased family members.*

*Sat. 6th: 10am*

### Sunday 7th March

- 11am
1. Bridie Devery and Dan & Rose Devery.
  2. Bernadette Nannery (1st A).
  3. Mike & Kate Duffy and Michael Cusack.
  4. Bernard & Kathleen Corcoran.
  5. Seamus Dolan, his father Patrick, his mother Catherine and his sister Kitty.

**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](http://www.ferbaneparish.ie).

**COLLECTIONS** - Offertory/Shrine for last weekend = €1,910. We deeply appreciate your continuing generosity at this difficult time. If you wish to offer financial support to the Church by electronic transfer 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. Míle buíochas.

**DEATH** - We pray for the soul of Marion Feehan, Ballyclare. May she rest in peace.

**FR. STEPHEN DALY OF TISARAN** - Fr. Stephen was born in Tisaran in 1575. He entered the Capuchin Order in Belgium on the 8th December 1606, he was then thirty-one years of age. In March 1615, Fr. Stephen returned to his native area of Tisaran and by doing so he became the first Capuchin Priest to serve in Ireland. On the 1st March 1620, Fr. Stephen then aged 45 years of age, died and is buried in Tisaran Cemetery. The anniversary of his death occurs on this Monday 1st March.

**WORLD BOOK DAY QUIZ** - Thursday 4th March is World Book Day. World Book Day is Ireland's biggest annual event promoting the enjoyment of books and reading. Offaly Libraries would like to invite you to participate in our **World Book Day Family Quiz**. This is a fun quiz for all the family with multiple choice questions against the clock... Tickets must be booked in advance through Eventbrite. Quiz will commence @ 6pm sharp.

**WEST OFFALY TRAINING** - Are offering *Train the Trainer, QQI Level 6*. This course

will be offered online from the 15th March for 10 sessions. For more information call 057 9152003 / 086 8413082 or email [josephine@westoffalytraining.com](mailto:josephine@westoffalytraining.com).

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

**TROCAIRE BOXES** - Available in the Church for collection. Your support is greatly appreciated. **Here are my hands, hold them. Please don't leave South Sudan alone. We need you prayers. We need your support. We need your love.** (Fr. James Oyet Latansio, South Sudan Council of Churches).

**THE ANNUAL OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** - Are in High Street Church for anybody who has not collected them yet. If you did not receive a box of envelopes and would like to get a box please contact Fiona in the Parish Office 090 6454309.

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

## LENT 2021

**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays of Lent at 8pm, broadcast from Ferbane Church on Parish Radio 106.5FM and on Ferbane Parish Facebook page.

*'Living the Christian Faith - Lenten Conversations'*. Knock Shrine, Thursdays of Lent at 8.30pm, chaired by Fr. Eamonn Conway, DD, Professor of Theology at Mary Immaculate College.

*Topic for Thursday 4th March:*

*'Living Christian Faith in the Classroom as Young Teachers'*.

Three recently qualified primary teachers explain how their religious faith is important to them and how it influences their work as teachers in the classroom.

[www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live) or on Facebook @[knockshrine](https://www.facebook.com/knockshrine).

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**'He was transfigured'**

Mountains in Scripture are places of revelation. We think of Nebo, Sinai, Tabor, Calvary. Mountains provide a different perspective. From the height, we see things in a new way. The Tabor event happened 1,800 feet above the plain, when Peter, James and John had withdrawn from the crowd, recalling the wilderness experience of Jesus, which was recounted in last Sunday's Gospel. The disciples had been accompanying Jesus for a long time. They had walked with Him, talked with Him, listened to Him, but it was only in the quiet space that they saw Him in a different light. Jesus showed His disciples His glory, a glory that had been there all the time. We miss things that have been there all along. Most people spend their time 'looking at' life, but not actually 'seeing into' it. Children see magic, because they look for it. If only we opened ourselves to the world around us with the eyes of wonder we would notice the fingerprint of God in ordinary things from the spider's web to the robin's nest; from the rising of the sun to its setting; from the milky way to the ebb and flow of the tide. The glory of heaven is constantly breaking-in. Earth is the place where heaven unfolds. Heaven is very near. All we need is perception. **'Nature is a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants to us a glimpse of His infinite beauty and goodness'**. (St. Francis).