

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 14th March 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

Sunday 14th March

- 11am
1. Noleen Mooney (*Months Mind*).
 2. Lucy Brazil (*Months Mind*).
 3. Kieran & Brigid Kelly.
 4. Patrick Kenny, Clonboniff.
 5. Denis Rosney.
 6. Mary & Pat Flynn.

Mon. 15th March: 10am - Sonny & Lily Gleeson.

Tues. 16th: 10am - Kieran Moftyn and deceased members of the Molloy and Moftyn families.

Wednesday 17th March - St. Patrick's Day

- 11am
1. Peg & William Doyle and Michael Egan.
 2. Denis & Una Lyons and their daughters June & Edel.
 3. Joe & Oran Caulfield, Winifred and Patrick Boylan and their son James.
 4. Thomas & Rose Maher and Agnes Fogarty, Derricabeg.



Thurs. 18th: 10am - People's Mass.

Fri. 19th: 10am

Sat. 20th: 10am

Sunday 21st March

- 11am
1. John & Sarah Doyle, Main Street, Jimmy & Mary Bridget Roche and their son Sammy.
 2. Elizabeth & Christy Wynne and their son Larry and granddaughter Fiona.
 3. Kieran & Nancy Egan.

MOTHER'S DAY - Sunday 14th March

Prayer for a Mother

Lord bless my mother, today and every day. Bless her for bringing me into the world and for all she has ever done for me, all her countless acts of love. Bless her for all the good things I have received through her caring. Bless all these mothers who try to care for their families in difficult circumstances. Bless all those mothers who have gone to their heavenly home. May they find joy and peace in the family of God. Amen.

MASSES - All ceremonies can be heard on 106.5FM Parish Radio.

All our weekday and weekend Masses can now be viewed on our new live stream link www.churchservices.tv/ferbane.

Our Parish bulletin is available to view on www.ferbaneparish.ie.

Thank you to Diarmuid Cannon for providing such an invaluable service to the community over the past year.

COLLECTIONS - Offertory/Shrine for last weekend = €2,195. 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.

GALLEN UTD - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €17,000 = Jackpot €7,000; Star Prize €10,000). Winning numbers in last week's draw 4, 6, 9, 28. Bonus 20. No jackpot winner. Three match 3 winners. Next draw on Monday 15th March.

LÁ FHEILE PÁDRAIG - Wed. 17th March. Dóchas linn Naomh Pádraig, aspal mór na hÉireann.

"CUMHACHT AN NÁDÚIR" - A Wildlife Documentary exploring the power of nature during the pandemic including a feature on the local area of Clonony. This very interesting Documentary will be on TG4 on Wednesday 24th March at 9.30pm.

THRESHOLD OF HOPE - An online musical experience with Deirdre Ní Chinnéide on Tues. 30th March at 8pm. This is a FREE event on www.churchservices.tv/deirdrenichinneide.

'AMORIS LAETITIA' - **Family Year** - On 19th June the Church will celebrate five years since the publication of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *'Amoris Laetitia'* (The Joy of Love) on the beauty and joy of love in the family. On that day Pope Francis will launch a year dedication to the family which will conclude on 26th June 2022 on the occasion of the '10th World Meeting of Families' in Rome. To mark the beginning of this special year the Irish bishops have announced a 'Week of Prayer' (13th-19th June). **'In the family three words need to be used. I will repeat this. Three words, PLEASE, THANK YOU, SORRY. Three essential words.'** (*Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia*).

SVP - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES - Are available in the Church for collection. Please support.

LENT 2021

Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent at 8pm, broadcast from Ferbane Church on **Parish Radio 106.5FM** and on www.churchservices.tv/ferbane.

'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 18th March:

'Proclaiming Christian Faith as a priest or religious today'. Sr. Ursula Lawler, Lecturer in Christian Ethics at Mary Immaculate College, returned missionary and editor of the *Africa Magazine*; Fr. Sean Deegan SPS, Ballyhaunis, Parish Priest Fr. Stephen Farragher and Fr. Eamonn Conway will discuss living priesthood and religious life today in conversation with young *Irish Catholic* journalist Jason Osbourne.

www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live or on Facebook @knockshrine.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

'God so loved the world that he sent His only Son to save it'

Nicodemus appears on three occasions in the Gospel of John. He was a man of substance, a renowned teacher of the Law, an influential leader within his community and yet he was searching for more. Having heard about Jesus he was curious. Drawn by the simplicity of His message and the power and authority of His preaching, he approaches the Master under cover of darkness. There in the quiet space he elicits from the Lord the wonderfully consoling teaching that summarises the entire Gospel and will change his life forever: **'God so loved the world that He sent His only Son to save it'**. In that tender moment of enlightenment a heart is touched, a thirst is quenched and a curious searcher becomes a devoted follower. The expert in the Law meets Love in person, is surprised by Love and is now impelled to spread that love because love changes the way we hear and speak and respond. The extent of the change in the life of Nicodemus becomes evident when we next meet him defending Jesus at His trial before the Sanhedrin and finally, and most movingly, walking up the Hill of Calvary on Good Friday, carrying precious spices in order to give the Saviour a decent burial. It is he, together with Joseph of Arimathea who take Jesus from the Cross and return Him to His mother. **Because of his encounter with Jesus, Nicodemus gave up what he was to become what he was meant to be.** Isn't that the challenge and opportunity of the Lenten journey?

LENT - 'During Lent let us find ways to overcome our indifference'. *Pope Francis*