

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 21st March 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

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.

Mon. 22nd: 10am

Tues. 23rd: 10am - People's Mass.

Tues. 24th: 10am

Thurs. 25th: 10am - Martin & Teresa Murphy and their grandsons Noel & Enda Connaughton and deceased family members.

Fri. 26th: 10am

Sat. 27th: 10am

Sunday 28th March

- 11am
1. Pat Daly (1st A).
 2. Seamus Feeney, his daughter Patricia & deceased family members.

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.

COLLECTIONS - Offertory, Shrine and Lenten Alms = €2,760. 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.

DEATHS - Please pray for the souls of Tommy Grogan, Kinnitty (father of Karen Kelly, Ballylin); Louise Coleman, Belmont and Michael Treacy, Ferbane Nursing Home, all of whom died recently. RIP.

GALLEN UTD - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €17,000 = Jackpot €7,100; Star Prize €10,000). Winning numbers in last week's draw 1, 10, 15, 18. Bonus 25. No jackpot winner. Three match 3 winners. Next draw on Monday 22nd March.

"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 Wed. 24th March at 9.30pm.

PALM SUNDAY - Sunday next 21st March is Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week. If people wish to have palm branches in their homes we will bless them virtually at the 11am Mass on that day.

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

'AMORIS LAETITIA' - Family Year - To mark the 5th anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation

'*Amoris Laetitia*' (The Joy of Love) on the beauty and joy of love in the family the Holy Father has launched a year dedicated to the family which will conclude on the 26th June 2022 on the occasion of the '10th World Meeting of Families' in Rome. '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*').

KNOCK SHRINE - On the 19th March Pope Francis gave international recognition to Knock Shrine. This is very welcome news for all of us who have a special devotion to Our Lady of Knock.

SVP - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

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

PARISH OFFICE - Wed. from 9am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm. Bulletin deadline is 3pm on Wednesday. Tel: 090 6454309 or email 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 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 25th March:

'Studying Christian Faith'. Máire McDonald is Vice Principal of a busy Secondary School in Dublin. Judith King is an internationally recognised Psychotherapist and Margaret Naughton is a busy Hospital Chaplain. Yet they have all found time to fulfil their passion of doing a PhD in theological studies. They share with us how their theological studies enriches their faith and their work.

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

'Unless a wheat grain falls to the ground and dies it remains only a single grain'.

By using the image of the wheat grain falling to the ground and dying Jesus teaches that life comes through death, greatness through service. The image captures in a striking way the story of His own mission and ministry. By dying, He destroyed our death. From the time of Jesus, the history of the Church has been adorned with examples of valiant souls who, through their blood, provided the seed of renewal and rebirth. **'The blood of the martyrs was the seed of the Church'**. Not only the Church but the world in general owes everything to people who give selflessly. We can recall the heroic sacrifices of our parents, who never counted the cost. The simple grain of wheat contains the wisdom of the ages. It is not what we take up but what we give up that makes us rich. Self-sacrifice and self-forgetfulness are the master keys to true happiness. It is indeed in giving that we receive. It is in sharing that we retain. It is in dying that we are born again to eternal life. If we choose to become wrapped up in ourselves, we become very small parcels. The great Spanish painter, Pablo Picasso expressed it better than most when he wrote that **'the meaning of life is to find your gift, but the purpose of life is to give it away'**.

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