

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 16th May 2021

The Ascension of the Lord

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 15th MAY - 7pm

SUNDAY 16th MAY - 11am

1. Chrissie Sugrue.

Mon. 17th: 10am

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

Wed. 19th: 10am

Thurs 20th: 10am

Fri. 21st: 10am

Sat. 22nd: 10am - Arthur & Kathleen

Reamsbottom and their daughter Kathleen Judge.

SATURDAY 22nd MAY - 7pm

1. Eamon Keegan & dec'd family members

2. Seamus Reams.

3. Teresa & Patrick Devery Creggan.

SUNDAY 23rd MAY - 11am

1. Kieran Kenny, Reynaun.

2. Kieran & Elizabeth Redmond and their daughter Peg Casey and deceased family members.

3. Mary Foley (2nd A) and her husband John (22nd A).

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 16th MAY - 12 noon

1. Patricia Feeney & deceased family members.

SUNDAY 23rd MAY - 12 noon

1. Annie & James Clancy.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 16th MAY - 9.30am

SUNDAY 23rd MAY - 9.30am

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.ferbaneparish.ie. Parish bulletin is available on www.ferbaneparish.ie.

COLLECTIONS - Offertory and Shrine = €1,570. 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.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY - Every year on the Sunday before Pentecost the Church celebrates the achievements of the communications media and focuses on how best it can best use them to promote gospel values. World Communications Day was established by Pope St. Paul VI in 1967. *A word from Pope Francis:* 'In the call of the first disciples, with Jesus who went to encounter them and to invite them to follow Him, we also see the invitation to use all media, in all their forms, to reach people as they are and where they live'.

DEATHS - We pray for the souls of Patricia Quish (nee Reams), Ballyclare and Kathleen Robinson, Ballycumber (sister-in-law of Eamon Robinson and Peggy Nagle). Rest in peace.

GLOBAL ROSARY MARATHON FOR THE MONTH OF MAY - Pope Francis is requesting that during the month of May the entire Church invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic and, in a special way, he is inviting all of us to pray fervently for those most closely affected by it. Thirty Marian Shrines will take turns leading this prayer throughout the Church and offering the faithful a series of prayer moments for them to participate throughout the entire day.

FERBANE LIBRARY - Has reopened for Browsing Services and Contact and Collect Services, mobile printing and photocopying. We have lots of new stock and we look forward to seeing you!

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €17,900 = Jackpot €7,900; Star Prize €10,000). Winning numbers in last week's draw 11, 22, 23, 28. Bonus 15. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners. Next draw on Monday 17th May.

FERBANE G.A.A. - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 5, 15, 19, 30. Bonus 11. No jackpot winner. Three match 3 winners. Next draw on Tuesday 18th May at 10pm. Jackpot €15,200.

GALLEN UNITED - 24 Hours of Laps on Friday 28th May. Gallen players, managers and committee will run laps for 24 hours solid in aid of Offaly Hospice. 100% of the money raised will go to the charity. Event sponsored by EZ Pay Ireland. Please support.

SVP - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

KILREHAN CEMETERY MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE - Would like to thank the twelve volunteers who have kindly agreed to adopt a

OUR LADY OF CLONFERT

I come to you, as one of your children, who will never forget the importance of a woman like you. I come because I believe in you. I come to say thanks for the past and the present and ask you to bless me in the future.

You know me, you know how I live and you know my needs. Please help me especially when I need you most. I have problems, worries and anxieties the same as everyone else - help me to cope. So often I would just love to give up when life hurts me and people betray me, but give me the courage never to lose heart.

Bless my family, my life and my friends. Help me, no matter what happens to me in life, to believe, to trust and to hope.

Our Lady of Clonfert, pray for us.

section of the graveyard for grass cutting. We would also ask that anyone tidying a family members grave to please bring home all debris and not to discard it in the graveyard or the adjoining fields.

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

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

'He was taken up into heaven'

As Jesus ascended into heaven, He blessed His friends and they let Him go. Life is like that. As we move from one stage of the journey to the next we must bless what has been and let it go in order to embrace fruitfully what has yet to be. We must not allow ourselves to become prisoners of the past with all its' hurts and wounds. The past can blind and bind us. Holding on is believing that there is only a past; letting go is knowing there is a future. It was towards that future that Jesus directed His friends as He took their leave. While giving them a glimpse of the world beyond, He directed them to continue His work in this world. This message is presented powerfully in a striking picture of the Ascension in the College Chapel of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Here, as Jesus ascends, we notice that Mary is not looking towards Him, but rather outwards towards us. In other words, we are to find Him now in the lives of the people around us and help them to encounter Him. That is our mission and the reward for our efforts will be, literally, out of this world. The Feast of the Ascension, then, teaches us much about going forward, going out, going home and letting go.