

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 17th January 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

Sunday 17th January

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

Mon. 18th: 10am

Tues. 19th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 20th: 10am - Mass for the intentions of the people who supported the family of the late Tom Egan, Kilcolgan in their bereavement.

Thurs. 21st: 10am

Fri. 22nd: 10am

Sat. 23rd: 10am

Sunday 24th January

- 11am
1. Tommy Smollen.
 2. Molly Anderson and her husband George.
 3. Ultan & Annie McCabe and their daughters Bridie & Lily.
 4. John Connolly, great-grandson Paul Gerard Kelly & baby Molloy.
 5. Paddy Malone & his son Damien.
 6. Charles Whelehan, his father Charlie and mother Mary Kate, his grandparents Catherine & Christy Delaney, Angie & Paddy Horan and Margaret Taylor.

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 continue to contribute to our collection every week. Last week we received €2,190 between Offertory and Shrine. 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:-

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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.

SAINT SARAN'S FEAST DAY - St. Saran, a seventh century Saint, travelled from Clonmacnoise and founded his Church on the bank of the River Brosna in Moystown Demesne. The original Gaelic name for this Church was "Tigh Saran" meaning the House of Saran. It is from this origin that the area of Tisaran in our Parish gets its present day name. This site is also the burial place of Fr. Stephen Daly, a

native of the area, who was the first Capuchin Priest to serve in Ireland. St. Saran's Holy Well "Tobar Saran" is also to be found nearby in Moystown Demesne, not far from where the magnificent Moystown House once stood. These two sites, St. Saran's Church and St. Saran's Holy Well would have been major places of worship and pilgrimage in earlier Christian times. St. Saran died in 661 AD and his Feast Day falls on Wednesday 20th January.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

FERBANE TIDY TOWNS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE - Would like to sincerely thank all the members of the community who contributed so generously to our annual collection. The lights will be left on until the end of January to keep up our spirits in solidarity with other communities during the pandemic.

SEEKING OLD PHOTOGRAPHS - Brosna Press are seeking old black and white photographs for inclusion in a forthcoming book of photographs from the early 1900s up to the 1960s. The photo can be of any

subject, depicting life in West Offaly from the turn of the century onwards. Photographs will be carefully scanned and promptly returned to their owner. Ideally photographs to be supplied with captions. Call 090 6454327 or email diarmuid@brosnapress.ie for more information.

THANK YOU - Fla Harrington wishes to thank all of those who sent messages/cards and phone calls of sympathy on the recent death of his sister Sr. Patricia Harrington. A Mass will be offered for all their intentions.

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

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

'Each of us can discover in Joseph the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence, an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. He reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation'. *(Pope Francis)*

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'What are you looking for?'

'What are you looking for?' These are the first recorded words of Jesus in St. John's Gospel as He addresses His new disciples. It is the most fundamental question in life. One could say that the rest of the Gospel contains a series of responses to that question. For those seeking nourishment for the soul Jesus says '**I am the bread of life**'. For the many longing for hope in the darkness that surrounds us, Jesus says '**I am the light of the world**'. For those searching for a meaningful authentic way to live Jesus says '**I am the Way**'. For all who crave truth in a world of 'fake news' Jesus says '**I am the Truth**'. For the young and old of every nation who need reassurance in the face of death Jesus says '**I am the resurrection and the life**'. Having posed the question, Jesus invites the disciples to 'come and see'. By spending time with Him, they not only came to see who He was, but they came to see who they could be. Having begun as seekers they moved to being followers and ended as disciples. If we want to go beneath the surface of our lives and find the answers to our deepest questions, we must spend time in His presence. He alone is the answer. If He is not the answer, there is no answer, but we must 'come and see'.