

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 24th January 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

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, his 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.
 7. James & Nuala Cooney.

Mon. 25th: 10am

Tues. 26th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 27th: 10am

Thurs. 28th: 10am

Fri. 29th: 10am

Sat. 30th: 10am

Sunday 31st January

- 11am
1. John Egan (1st A) and his parents Josie & Kieran.
 2. John & Christina Butler and their daughter Mary O'Reilly.
 3. Jane & Patrick Devery.

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 €1,800 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.

DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Gertrude McPhail, New York* (sister of Josie Egan, Ballyclare) and *Michael Dooley, Broughal* (formerly Keelogue), both of whom died recently. May they rest in peace.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: JANUARY 18th - 25th - Theme: 'Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit'. Prayer of Pope Francis: 'Let us pray together so that Jesus' desire may be accomplished, that they may all be one. Unity is always higher than conflict'.

RASHINA N.S. ENROLMENT 2021/22

Enrolment for Junior Infants for the 2021/22 school year is open from Monday 25th January. You can print off an enrolment form on www.rashinans.com. If you would like an enrolment pack or have an enrolment form sent to you in the post, please email rashinans@hotmail.com with your details. Please return completed enrolment form by post. Visit our website to view recent activities in our school. Looking forward to hearing from you.

ST CYNOC'S N.S. ENROLMENT - We are now enrolling for September 2021. To request an enrolment form which can be posted out to you you can email the school at stcynocsns@gmail.com or phone the school 090 6454249 and leave a message. Alternatively you can visit the school website www.stcynocsns.ie to download and print an enrolment form. All completed enrolment forms must be posted back to the school.

PTAA - Temperance Sunday falls this year on Valentine's Day, 14th February. Parents with young children are encouraged to make another pledge of love and give up alcohol for the 6 weeks of Lent.

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)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

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.

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Casting and mending

Jesus' new team takes shape. Four men, Peter, Andrew, James and John are selected. Ordinary people doing their everyday chores are now called to do extraordinary things. Fishermen casting and mending nets are summoned to become fishers of men and women. From a life bringing fish to shore they are now asked to bring people to God. I wonder why Jesus chose fishermen to be His first disciples? Could it have been something to do with the qualities of patience and persistence that are essential to the work of the fisherman? The good fisherman never gives up. The persistent fisherman tends to catch more and bigger fish. The patient fisherman will always find an imaginative way. As with the fishermen so it is with disciples of every age. Today as ever the disciple must find ways of casting out to those who have never heard the Good News and, increasingly, to those who have slipped from the net. The disciple must mend too. The more progress we make in our world the more brokenness lies all around. The casting and mending of the nets represent the Church's unchanging twofold task of maintenance and mission, a task that demands today as never before the qualities of the fisherman - patience and persistence.