

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 31st January 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

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.

Mon. 1st Feb.: 10am - The Keena Family, Creggan.

Tues. 2nd: 10am - Candlemas Day.

Wed. 3rd: 10am - Feast of St. Blaise.

Thurs. 4th: 10am - People's Mass.

Fri. 5th: 10am - First Friday.

1. Sean Egan, Ballyclare (3rd A).

2. Molly & Kevin Coleman and Kieran & Bridget Kelly, Kilcummin and deceased members of the Coleman and Kelly families.

Sat. 6th: 10am

Sunday 7th February

- 11am
1. Oliver & Kate Daly, Ballyclare.
 2. Kathleen Flaherty.
 3. Dr. Gabriel Murphy.
 4. Shane Ryan (16th A).

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 €1,640 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:- BIC: ULSB IE 2D
IBAN: IE28 ULSB 9857 2021 5400 50
Please note your box number or your name when transferring money. Thank you.

FEAST OF ST. BRIGID - Monday 1st Feb.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - Candlemas Day, Tues. 2nd February - Candles will be blessed as usual at 10am Mass in Ferbane Church. If people in High Street and Boora wish to leave candles in their Churches they will be blessed before 12 noon that day.

ST. BLAISE - Feast Day, Wed. 3rd February - Patron of sore throats and sick cattle. A Prayer for the Blessing of Throats will be included in the 10am Mass in Ferbane on that day.

HIGH STREET N.S. ENROLMENT 2021/2022 - We are now enrolling for September 2021. To request an enrolment form please email the school hightstreets@gmail.com with your details. Enrolment forms can be posted / emailed to you. All completed enrolment forms must be posted back to the school on or before March 1st.

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.

RASHINA N.S. ENROLMENT 2021/2022

Enrolment for Junior Infants for the 2021/22 school year is now open. 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.

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.

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.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

(December 8th 2020 - December 8th 2021)

*Mail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
To you God entrusted his only Son,
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.*

*Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.*

Amen.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'There was a man possessed by an unclean spirit'

In the first chapter of St. Mark's Gospel we are given an insight into a day in the life of Jesus as He moves from prayer to active ministry. We find Him teaching in the synagogue, visiting the home of Peter, healing those who were sick and finally, praying in the wilderness. On entering the synagogue He is confronted by a man possessed by an unclean spirit. It is His first encounter with the Kingdom of Darkness and marks the beginning of a ferocious battle that will continue from Capernaum to Calvary. Good and evil are very hard to explain or understand. What we do know is that each of us is a mixture of both. **'The battle line between good and evil runs through the heart of every person'** (*Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn*). The struggle is essentially an internal one. Consequently, we should make it our constant care to nourish our hearts with all that is good, beautiful, noble and worthwhile so that the light may triumph over the darkness. The greatest threat to our efforts occurs when the lines become blurred, when the unacceptable is seen as acceptable, the indefensible as defensible, the inappropriate as appropriate. This blurring of lines is sadly, a hallmark of our increasingly secular world. To see evil and call it good, mocks God. **To see the good and choose the good, gives Him glory.**