

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 21st February 2021

First Sunday of Lent

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

Sunday 21st February

- 11am
1. Andrew Wynne and deceased members of the Wynne & Smollen families.
 2. Tracey Buckley.
 3. Rita Kelly, her husband Paddy and their son Joe.
 4. Patrick Feeney and deceased family members.

Mon. 22nd: 10am

Tues. 23rd: 10am - Charles Brazil (50th A) and his wife Teresa.

Wed. 24th: 10am - People's Mass.

Thurs. 25th: 10am

Fri. 26th: 10am

Sat. 27th: 10am

Sunday 28th February

- 11am
1. Agnes Holmes.
 2. Phyllis Rigney.
 3. Catherine & Thomas Shea.
 4. Jim & Mary Cox, Clononey.
 5. Joe, Paddy & Dinny Delaney and their parents Joe & Mary.
 6. Liam Shanahan.
 7. Bernadette Devery & her parents John & Ellen, Endrim and deceased family members.

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 - Offertory/Shrine for last weekend = €1,435. 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.

DEATH - We pray for the soul of Francis (Fla) Harrington, Ballyvora. May he rest in peace.

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.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES - Available in the Church for collection. This Lent we are asked to remember the people of South Sudan: *As we move through the Lenten time, the time when we contemplate Jesus in the desert, pray for us the people of South Sudan and pray for peace here. Accompany us, hold our hands, hold the hands of the Church in South Sudan. Hold the hands of our brothers and sisters in South Sudan, walk with us during this Lent time. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.*

'My appeal to you is, please don't leave South Sudan alone.' (Fr. James Oyet Latansio).

POPE FRANCIS ON LENT - *'To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned because of the Covid-19 pandemic'.*

'Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming Him into our lives, for allowing Him to make His dwelling within us'.

PARISH OFFICE - Wed. from 9am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm. **Bulletin deadline is 3pm on Wednesday.** Tel: 090 6454309 or 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 Ferbane Parish Facebook page.

'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 February:

'Living Christian Faith as Young Adults'.

A group of young Irish adults, for whom Christian Faith is of great importance, will discuss the strength it gives them and how we can better communicate the joy of the Gospel today. www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live or on Facebook @knockshrine.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

'The Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness'

The word Lent means springtime. It is the season of lengthening days, new life, new hope, new beginnings. The Latin root of the word is 'lente', which suggests the call to slow down, proceed slowly, gently, carefully. In the first three centuries of the Christian era, the followers of Christ prepared for Easter by praying and fasting for three days. In some places, this was extended to the entire week before Easter. By the fourth century Lent had developed to its current length of forty days to replicate the time Jesus spent in the wilderness in preparation for His public ministry. The Wilderness is a barren strip, thirty-five miles by fifteen between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea. In that bleak place, He couldn't have been more alone. He is confronted by Satan, but emerges victorious from the struggle. Nobody witnessed the dramatic event, so He must have reported it often to His friends. The episode raises the curtain on the Lenten drama and invites us once more to enter the quiet place where deepening and re-evaluation take place. **'Solitude is the audience chamber of God'.**