

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 28th March 2021

Palm Sunday

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

Sunday 28th March - Palm Sunday

- 11am
1. Marion Feehan (*Months Mind*).
 2. Pat Daly (*1st A*).
 3. Seamus Feeney, his daughter Patricia & deceased family members.

Mon. 29th: 10am - Kieran Foley, Athlone Road and his uncle Pat Foley.

Tues. 30th: 10am - People's Mass.

Tues. 31st: 10am - 1. Alo McNamee.

2. Ned Duffy and his parents Peter & Mary Ann.

EASTER CEREMONIES

HOLY THURSDAY, 1st April

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm Ferbane

GOOD FRIDAY, 2nd April

Stations of the Cross 12noon High Street

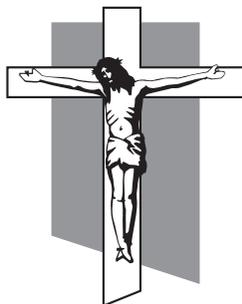
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm Ferbane

Prayer around the Cross 7pm Ferbane

HOLY SATURDAY, 3rd April

Easter Vigil Mass 7pm Ferbane

EASTER SUNDAY, 4th April 11am Ferbane



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. Also our Parish bulletin is available to view on www.ferbaneparish.ie.

COLLECTIONS - Offertory and Shrine = €2,420. 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.

DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Josie Egan, Ballyclare; Patricia Fleming, Coolnahinch and Donal Hynes, Athlone** (father of Donna Pyke, Endrim), all of whom died recently. May they rest in peace.

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €17,000 = Jackpot €7,200; Star Prize €10,000). Winning numbers in last week's draw 3, 4, 9, 21. Bonus 13. No jackpot winner. Four match 3 winners. Next draw on Monday 29th March.

THRESHOLD OF HOPE - An online musical experience with Deirdre Ní Chinnéide on Tuesday 30th March at 8pm. This is a FREE event on www.churchservices.tv/deirdrenichinneide.

STUDIES PROGRAMME - Will be commencing at Banagher FET Centre on Monday 19th April. *Modules include:* Concreting; Floor and Wall Tiling; MIG Welding and NZEB Awareness and Safe Pass Training. A training allowance is payable where applicable. For further details you can contact: (M) 085 8016195 / 085 8051912.

'AMORIS LAETITIA' - Family Year - To mark the 5th anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *'Amoris Laetitia'* (The Joy of Love) on the beauty and joy of love in the family the Holy Father has launched a year dedicated to the family which will conclude on the 26th June 2022 on the occasion of the '10th World Meeting of Families' in Rome.

TRÓCAIRE - Please return the contents of your Trócaire box in an envelope to the Presbytery at your earliest convenience.

SVP - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

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

PALM SUNDAY

'Blessings on him who comes on the name of the Lord'

Today we turn our faces to Jerusalem once again and are transported back to the event that marked the beginning of the week we call 'holy'. It's a curious scene as the King of Peace comes to His city riding on a donkey. Contrary to popular opinion, the donkey was regarded as a noble animal in Palestine. When a king went to war, he rode on a horse. When he came offering peace, he rode on a donkey. Holy Week is a week of contrasts, a week of exaltation and humiliation, acclamation and condemnation, darkness and light, betrayal and loyalty, despair and hope, sadness and joy, fickleness and faithfulness, human suffering and divine triumph. During the days ahead, through word, music and especially through symbol, we remember and enter into the greatest story ever told. Our lives are determined more by what is done to us than by what we do and in His passion and death, Jesus shows us how to respond to what is done to us. In His final hours on earth He absorbs and transforms hatred and returns it as love.

Holy Week is an academy of love.

HOLY THURSDAY: Eucharist and Priesthood were born on this night in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. The two gifts are inextricably linked. No priests; no Eucharist. In washing the feet of His friends, Jesus showed us that celebration of the Eucharist should lead to humble service.

GOOD FRIDAY: The wood of the Cross is the throne of grace, a sign of His love, an invitation to love, a revelation about love. On this day, we tell the story of the last hours of Jesus; we pay our respects to His body; we are nourished with food for the journey. While the world changes, the Cross stands firm. **It's no wonder we call this Friday 'Good'.**

HOLY SATURDAY: The Scriptures don't explain the Resurrection; the Resurrection explains the Scriptures. On this most holy night, we light the Paschal candle; we proclaim the Easter story; we bless the Easter water; we receive the Bread of Life. We allow the symbols to speak. He is risen Alleluia!

A Íosa, fuair tú bás ar ár son. D'éirigh tú ó na mairbh. Tiocfaidh tú arís.