

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said, 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this

moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All: Praise to your, Lord Jesus Christ.*

#### THE APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day, He rose again. He ascended to Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

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#### MASSES - ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FERBANE

**Saturday 15th/Sunday 16th April - Easter Sunday**

9pm Sat. Easter Vigil.  
6.00am Dawn Mass in Clonmacnois.  
9.00am -  
11.00am -  
7pm Sun. -  
*Mon. 17th: 10am*  
*Tues 18th: 10am*

*Wed. 19th: 10am - Paddy McLoughlin.*  
*Thurs. 20th: 10am - Johnny & Bridie Coughlan and their grandson Stephen.*  
*Fri. 21st: 10am*

*Sat. 22nd: 10am*

**Saturday 22nd/Sunday 23rd April**

7pm Sat. *Shared:* James Reams & his son David; Padraig Foley and his father Patrick and Tess & Willie Hctor.  
11.00am *Shared:* Ciss Flynn, Coole; John & Bridgie Boland; Elizabeth (30th A) & Joseph Anderson.

7pm Sun. -



#### MASSES - SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

**Sunday 16th April - Easter Sunday**

12 noon -

**Sunday 23rd April**

12 noon *Shared:* Christina Kelly and deceased members of the Kelly family; Patricia Killian and dec'd family members; Egan & Sote families.



#### MASSES - ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

**Sunday 16th April - Easter Sunday**

9.30am -

**Sunday 23rd April**

9.30am Sarah & Joseph Dooley and deceased family members.

#### STATION MASSES THIS WEEK

*Friday 21st:* Michael Rigney Snr., Clonboniff, 8pm.  
*Friday 21st:* Noel & Mairead Flynn, Rosfaraghan 8pm.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS - Sunday 9th April:**

Parish Collection €2,335; Shrine €445.

**DEATHS** - Please pray for the souls of *Mary Nevin, Shannon Harbour; Baby Conor Egan, Dysart* (grandson of Paddy & Ann Egan, Ballyvora); *Anthony (Tony Collins), Lissywollen, Athlone* (uncle of Ruth Kavanagh, Ballycumber Road); *Sr. Ann Guinan, Athy* (sister of Loretta Fleming, Athlone Road) and *Mary Feeney, Grange, Co. Sligo* (mother of Mairead Heavin, Moystown), all of whom died recently. May they rest in peace.

**MARRIAGES** - Congratulations to *Annette Turley, Tisaran & Shane Kelly, Shannonbridge* who were married in High Street Church and also to *Gary Sheridan, Aughaboy & Corina Slattery, Shannonbridge* who were married in Shannonbridge Church.

**ALTAR SOCIETY** - Group 2 this week.

**TRÓCAIRE BOXES RETURN** - Our thanks to those who have handed in their Trócaire boxes. If you have not yet returned your box you may do so at any Mass over the coming days. For security reasons- please don't leave them unattended in Churches. Thank you for remembering those in need during Lent.

# Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 16th April 2017

Easter Sunday

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.*  
*You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.*  
*Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.*

#### PENITENTIAL RITE

**I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what  
I have failed to do,  
through my fault,  
through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING** - (*Acts 10:34. 37-43*)

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him

that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.' The word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R. This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.**

1. Give thank to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' **R.**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R.**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

#### SECOND READING - (*Col. 3:1-4*)

*A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.*  
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. The word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God.*

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia.

#### GOSPEL - (*John 20:1-9*)

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.*

## SUNDAY 16th APRIL

**FERBANE/BELMONT MINOR CLUB** - *Sunday 16th April*: Senior Hurling Championship v St Rynagh's in Birr at 1.30pm. *Monday 17th*: U17 Hurling League v Kilcormac/Killoughey in Kilcormac at 11am. *Thursday 20th*: U6, U8, U10, U12 Hurling Training in Moystown at 6pm. *Friday 21st*: U6, U8, U10, U12 Football Training in Ferbane at 6pm. *Saturday 22nd*: U14 Féile Hurling Blitz v Ballinamere/Durrow in Kinnitty at 11.45am (arrive by 11.15am). *Sunday 23rd*: Senior A Football Championship v Tullamore in O'Connor Park at 1.30pm. **Intermediate Football Championship** v Shannonbridge in Cloghan at 5pm.

## MONDAY 17th APRIL

**HIGH STREET/BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP** - *No meeting* on Monday 17th April. Our *Sponsored Walk* takes place on Sunday 23rd April in Boora at 3pm. Please support. *Special Night* on Monday 8th May with Mairéad McGuinness in High Street Hall at 8pm. All welcome **LEARN TO DANCE** - Dance lessons continue in Ferbane GAA Centre each Monday evening at 8.30pm. Learn the Jive, Waltz, Quickstep etc. in great company and have fun as well. Cost is only €10.

**GALLEN UNITED** - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €11,500 = **Jackpot €1,500; Star Prize €10,000**). Numbers drawn 3, 5, 9, 25. Bonus 26. *Congratulations to jackpot winner Myra Mooney who received €2,900*. Four match three winners. **Next draw on Tuesday 18th April**. Tickets from committee members or local businesses. *Astroturf Pitch Hire*: The Astroturf pitch is available for booking for all occasions. Contact Liam at 087 6864992. **Gallen United half yearly lotto tickets are due for renewal**. Committee members will be in contact with current ticket holders. First draw upcoming on Tuesday 18th April.

## TUESDAY 18th APRIL

**PARENT & TODDLER GROUP** - Meet every Tuesday morning from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Heritage Centre. Contact Ruth 086 2114855 or Marie 086 8646805.

**FERBANE ATHLETIC CLUB** - Juvenile training continues each Tuesday evening from 19.15 to 20.15 at AIT Indoor Arena in Athlone. All athletes from 8 years upwards are welcome. Fee €5 per session (all of which goes to AIT).

**FERBANE G.A.A.** - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's lotto draw 2, 17, 21, 28. Bonus number was 22. No jackpot or match three winner. Five book prizes. Next draw takes place in the GAA Clubhouse on Tuesday 18th April at 10pm with a jackpot of **€5,400**. Please support.

## WEDNESDAY 19th APRIL

**COFFEE MORNING** - Are taking an Easter break for two weeks. Happy Easter to you all.

**HIGH STREET / BELMONT SOCIAL DANCING** - Classes continue on Wednesday 19th April in High Street Hall at 8pm. Learn to waltz, military two step, blue rose-is etc. Admission only €5. Refreshments served. All welcome.

**FERBANE PRAYER GROUP** - Prayer Meeting time is for giving praise and thanks to God our Creator for his love and goodness. You are very welcome to the next Prayer Meeting on Wednesday 19th April at 8.30pm in St. Cynoc's Junior School. **CARDS** - Progressive 25, single hand, 20 games, in Ferbane GAA Clubhouse continues every Wed. at 8.45pm. Come for the chat, cup of tea and money!!

## THURSDAY 20th APRIL

**FERBANE LIBRARY** - Will re-open on Thursday 20th April at 1pm.

## FRIDAY 21st APRIL

**NAOMH CIARÁN** - *Registration* for all on Friday 21st April from 6-7pm at the GAA pitch. FREE GAA socks to all who register on the night. *Training* for U6, U8 and U10 recommences on Friday 21st April at 6pm and every Friday night thereafter.

**CLUAIN CHIARÁIN PRAYER CENTRE** - *Prayer Vigil* on Friday 21st April. Mass at 9pm. Adoration and prayers follow until 2.10am. All welcome. Enquiries to Dave 085-7746763. *Divine Mercy Sunday* ceremonies commence at 1.30pm on Sunday 23rd April.

## SATURDAY 22nd APRIL

**FERBANE TIDY TOWNS NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN EVENT** - Join us for the Launch of our *Adopt a Patch Scheme* starting on Saturday 22nd April where we invite ALL members of the community to clean up your patch from dawn until dusk in recognition of *National Spring Clean Month*. Contact Ferbane Tidy Towns on 087 618 4729 for the provision of gloves, bags and to arrange rubbish collection. Please wear hi-vis vests - stay safe! See you outside on Saturday the 22nd! Thank you for helping to keep Ferbane tidy! In association with An Taisce & Offaly County Council.

## SUN. 23rd APRIL ONWARDS

**BELMONT & DISTRICT FISHING CLUB** - Open Competition on Sunday 23rd April at the Canal, Shannon Harbour from 2-6pm. Entry €10 Seniors; €5 Juniors and Senior Citizens. Prizes on the day. For more information contact 087 9383553 or find us on Facebook - Belmont Anglers.

**FERBANE BELMONT COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME** - Will present a *Jobs Fair* along with other Community Employment Schemes in Offaly, in the Tullamore Court Hotel on

Monday 24th April from 10am. This will highlight the importance of Community Employment Schemes and how people can benefit from being on a CE Scheme. All welcome.

**BHM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP** - Are organising a clean up in Belmont village on Wednesday 26th April from 6pm to 9pm. All help appreciated.

**FERBANE APOSTOLIC WORK** - Are holding their *Annual Display* of missionary items on Sunday 30th April in St. Cynoc's Junior N.S. Concelebrated Mass by visiting missionaries at 11am followed by Display, Cake Sale, Raffle, Sale items and refreshments. **USED STAMPS**: If you have any used postage stamps please leave them into the Convent for the Missions.

## OTHER NOTICES

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** - Meetings each week in Ferbane. Contact 01 852 7000.

**IRISH KIDNEY ASSOCIATION** - The Offaly Branch I.K.A. wish to thank all those who supported their fundraising during Organ Donor Awareness Week which realised €1,323.80. A special word of thanks to the volunteer collectors and also to the management and staff of Spar and Centra for their co-operation and kindness.

**HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES - A BIG THANK YOU** - As it would be impossible to mention by name so many of our generous parishioners who have helped in various ways towards making our Holy Week and Easter celebrations in the Parish experiences of communing and blessing - we simply offer sincere thanks to all involved. We are very grateful to choirs, musicians, servers, altar societies, offertory gift bearers, collectors, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, all who had feet washed, Pray & Play leaders, all who helped lead and organise the Stations and many other times of prayer. We pray that they and all of us will each know the joy of the Resurrection in our own hearts during this season of new life, thanksgiving and hope.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** - All notices must be sent in to the Parish Office by 3pm on Wednesday afternoon. Tel: 090 6454309.

Email: parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie.

## EASTER WISHES

*Fr. Peter, Fr. Michael and Sr. Joseph extend every prayer and good wish to all parishioners and especially to those who have returned home to celebrate Easter with their families. To the sick and all at home - we remember you in our prayers this Eastertime.*

## A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR WORLD

*Compassionate God and Father of all,  
we are horrified at violence in so many parts of the world.  
It seems that none are safe, and some are terrified.  
Hold back the hands that kill and maim;  
turn around the hearts that hate.  
Grant instead your strong Spirit of Peace –  
peace that passes our understanding but changes lives,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## EASTER JOY

*Jesus came to earth,  
to show us how to live,  
How to put others first,  
how to love and how to give.*

*Then He set about His work,  
that God sent Him to do;  
He took our punishment on Himself;  
He made us clean and new.*

*He could have saved Himself,  
calling angels from above,  
But He chose to pay our price for sin;  
He paid it out of love.*

*Our Lord died on Good Friday,  
but the cross did not destroy  
His resurrection on Easter Monday  
That fills our hearts with joy.*

*Now we know our earthly death,  
like His, is just a rest.  
We'll be forever with Him  
in heaven, where life is best.*

*So we live our lives for Jesus,  
think of Him in all we do.  
Thank you Saviour; Thank you Lord.  
Help us love like you!*

By Joanna Fuchs