

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 9th May 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

Sunday 9th May - 11am

1. James & Mary Heffernan and deceased family members.
2. John Joseph (Sonny) Egan, Brehogue (1st A).
3. Jerry Carton (25th A) & deceased members of the Rabbitte and Carton families.
4. Anne & Jack Connolly, their son Declan and grandson Declan Philip & Patrick Gunning.
5. Sr. Angela Delaney, her brother Michael and Angela & Paddy Horan.

Mon. 10th: 10am - May Chapman, Main Street.

Tues. 11th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 12th: 10am - Sr. Agnes Reilly, Mt. Sackville.

Thurs 13th: 10am

Fri. 14th: 10am - Angela & Patrick Egan, Gallen.

Sat. 15th: 10am

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Saturday 15th May - 7pm

Sunday 16th May - 11am

1. Chrissie Sugrue.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

Sunday 16th May - 12 noon

1. Patricia Feeney & deceased family members.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

Sunday 16th May - 9.30am

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. Parish bulletin is available on www.ferbaneparish.ie.

COLLECTIONS - Offertory and Shrine = €1,790. 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.

PUBLIC WORSHIP - The announcement that we can return to public worship is very welcome. I wish to emphasise the need for continued caution and the implementation of all safeguards required to ensure the safest possible return to public worship in our churches. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended. People are encouraged to consider carefully if returning to collective worship is safe and appropriate for them at this time. I take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to you and to parish teams - including sacristans, caretakers, stewards and cleaners - who generously ensure that our churches are safe environments where people can confidently assemble for worship. *Bishop Francis Duffy*.

Reminder: Maximum number of people allowed to gather in Church for daily/weekend Masses, Funerals, Weddings is 50. Two metre distance must be maintained. **Confessions** allowed in Church. **Outdoor worship** not permitted. Drive-in religious services permitted. **MARRIAGE** - Congratulations to Emer Gilligan, Ferbane and Barry O'Rorke, Dublin who were married recently in Ferbane Church.

DEATHS - We pray for the souls of Tom Moran, Maspeth, Queens, New York (formerly of Ballyhaunis, nephew of Patsy Burke) and Sean Dolan, Cloghan (brother of Srs. Brid and Chris Dolan, St. Joseph of Cluny). RIP.

GLOBAL ROSARY MARATHON FOR THE MONTH OF MAY - Pope Francis is requesting that during the month of May the entire Church invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic and, in a special way, he is inviting all of us to pray fervently for those most closely affected by it. Thirty Marian Shrines will take turns leading this prayer throughout the Church and offering the faithful a series of prayer moments for them to participate throughout the entire day.

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €17,800 = Jackpot €7,800; Star Prize €10,000). Winning numbers in last week's draw 2, 7, 19, 25. Bonus 17. No jackpot winner. Four match 3 winners. Next draw on Mon. 10th May. **FERBANE G.A.A. - Lotto:** Winning numbers in last week's draw 24, 27, 28, 31. Bonus 11. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winner. Next draw on Tues. 11th May at 10pm. Jackpot €15,000.

GALLEN UNITED - 24 Hours of Laps on Friday 28th May. Gallen players, managers and committee will run laps for 24 hours solid in aid of Offaly Hospice. 100% of the money raised will go to the charity. Event sponsored by EZ Pay Ireland. Please support.

OUR LADY OF CLONFERT

I come to you, as one of your children, who will never forget the importance of a woman like you. I come because I believe in you. I come to say thanks for the past and the present and ask you to bless me in the future.

You know me, you know how I live and you know my needs. Please help me especially when I need you most. I have problems, worries and anxieties the same as everyone else - help me to cope. So often I would just love to give up when life hurts me and people betray me, but give me the courage never to lose heart.

Bless my family, my life and my friends. Help me, no matter what happens to me in life, to believe, to trust and to hope.

Our Lady of Clonfert, pray for us.

OFFALY LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE - Start Your Own Business Online Courses are open for bookings. *Evening Online Course* runs from 26 May to 30 June, 6.30pm to 9.30pm. *Day Online Course* runs from 10 June to 28 June 9.30am to 12.30pm. These courses are currently FREE OF CHARGE. For more info. and to reserve a place please visit www.localenterprise.ie/Offaly or 087 6480378.

SVP - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Love is a much-used word in our world today. It has become an umbrella term to encompass enjoyment, fascination and infatuation. It is employed at times to suggest a way of living that is without responsibility, without boundaries, without principles. Jesus guides us in a different direction. The One who was known as the 'man for others' lived a life that was marked by humble service, selflessness and sacrifice. From country roads to city streets, from lake shore to mountain top He revealed a love that was new. It was a love that manifested itself in hands that healed, feet that walked the extra mile, eyes that looked with compassion, ears that listened with empathy, and words that lifted up and encouraged. It was a love that promoted the greatest good of all whom He encountered, and nobody was beyond the reach of that love. It was a love that led Him to the Cross. We are called to mirror that love today. It's a tall order and it will lead us to difficult places too. It will cause grey hairs and heartbreak, stressful days and sleepless nights, but, in the end, joy. The love that Jesus proposes is as simple and as difficult as that.