

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 5th September 2021

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 4th SEPTEMBER - 7pm

John Kenny, Ballyclare and his uncles, Tom, Sean and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 5th SEPTEMBER - 11am

John & Mary Kenny, Leamore.

Mon. 6th 10am

Tues. 7th: 10am

Wed. 8th: 10am

Thurs. 9th: 10am - People's Mass.

Fri. 10th: 10am

Sat. 11th: 10am - Maureen & Tom Murphy.

SATURDAY 11th SEPTEMBER - 7pm

1. Peter Horan (*Months Mind*).

2. John Joe Keenaghan.

3. Peter Guinan.

SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER - 11am

1. Mary Rourke & Bridie & Patsy Rourke.

2. Johnny Keenaghan & his parents and deceased family members.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 5th SEPTEMBER - 12 noon

Thomas & Catherine Shea.

SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER - 12 noon

Patrick, Alice & John Guinan, Keelogue.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 5th SEPTEMBER - 9.30am

Patrick & Elizabeth Tooher & grandchildren, Vincent & Kevin & dec'd family members.

SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER - 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 livestream link www.ferbaneparish.ie. Parish bulletin is available 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 in the past weeks, we received €2,050 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: IE28ULSB98572021540050

DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the souls of Michael Kenny, Ballyclare and Eamon Joe Ryan, Derryholmes, both of whom died recently. May they rest in peace.

LYNX CC SEPTEMBER CYCLING CHALLENGE: Ferbane - Fiji. Help us to cycle 16,000km in the month. Every kilometre that you can cycle between now and Sunday 26th will be needed if we are to achieve our target. Simply text your name(s) and distance(s) covered to 087 2261136. All contributions, however small, will be welcomed and recorded. You do not have to be a member of Lynx. Keep an eye on Facebook for weekly updates.

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €19,500 = Jackpot €9,500; Star Prize €10,000). Winning numbers in last week's draw 5, 14, 21, 26. Bonus 23. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next draw on Tuesday 7th September. €40 half yearly tickets are due for renewal on 6th September.

FERBANE G.A.A. - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 8, 13, 17, 27. Bonus 2. No jackpot winner. Two match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €4,800. Next draw on Tuesday 7th September at 10pm.

GUIDED PILGRIMAGES ON THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIM PATH - Will be offered on Sunday 12th, Wednesday 15th, Saturday 18th, Sunday 26th September and Sunday 3rd October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. Advance booking is essential. For further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 00353 71 9861518. www.loughderg.org. Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co. Donegal, F94 N289.

WEST OFFALY TRAINING - Are commencing a Training Delivery and Evaluation Course, QQI Level 6 on Tues. 14th September. More About Autism Course starting Wed. 22nd Sept. Study Skills for Students for 5 Monday evenings from 6-8pm. For all details of the above courses please contact Josephine, West Offaly Training, Banagher 057 91 52003 josephine@westoffalytraining.com.

ANAM CARA - Would like to invite yo to join us for an online Bereavement Information and Support Evening taking place on Thurs. 16th September at 7pm. This event will give you an opportunity to hear a bereavement professional talk about the difficult challenges and many milestones grieving a child of any age has on you and your family. If you would like to join us please register here <https://bit.ly/3Dzypfc> or contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 288 8888.

JOB VACANCIES - Ferbane/Belmont CE Scheme have vacancies for General Operatives, Caretakers / Cleaners and Administration positions. For more info, call 086 8160567.

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

BISHOP'S LETTER - The latest health advice from the Government, dated 31st August 2021, is that First Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies may proceed from Monday 6th September. From that date the number of participants at religious ceremonies will be 50% of the church's capacity. The number of guests at a wedding remains at 100 during September.

As the vaccination programme for younger people continues, side by side with large numbers of infections, it is important to maintain the current high standard of safety in our churches. Social distancing, face coverings, hand sanitisers, one way systems, omitting the handshake as a sign of peace and communion on the hand, continue as protective factors.

Francis Duffy, Bishop of Ardagh & Clonmacnois

Starting afresh

It will be hard going for the Church... It will make her poor and cause her to become the Church of the meek... But when the trial of this sifting is past, a great power will flow from a more spiritualised and simplified Church. Men in a totally planned world will find themselves unspeakably lonely. If they have completely lost sight of God, they will feel the whole horror of their poverty. Then they will discover the little flock of believers as something wholly new. They will discover it as a hope that is meant for them, an answer for which they have always been searching in secret. *Pope Benedict*

23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak'

Today Jesus encounters and heals a deaf man who also has an impediment in his speech. The Lord's gesture reminds us that the gifts of hearing and speech are among God's greatest gifts, and are closely connected. Many talk, but few actually listen. Research has found that we only listen at twenty five per cent of our capacity. If we do listen, it is most often with the intent to reply, not to understand. One of the most sincere forms of respect is to listen to what another has to say. The esteemed German theologian, Paul Tillich went so far as to say that '**the first duty of love is to listen**'. It is interesting to note that the words 'listen' and 'silent' are composed of the same letters! We would do well, then, to heed the wisdom of the Turkish proverb: '**listen a thousand times and speak once**'. In that way, we will be more likely to use the precious gift of speech to lift-up, not to tear down; to heal, not to wound; to help not to hurt. At a recent audience in Rome, Pope Francis concluded his remarks on the theme of listening with a beautiful prayer: '**May the Lord give us the grace to discern when we should speak and when we should stay silent**'.