

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 19th September 2021

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 18th SEPTEMBER - 7pm

SUNDAY 19th SEPTEMBER - 11am

1. Nuala Claffey (1st A) & her husband Joe.
2. Tommy Anderson (9th A).

Mon. 20th 10am

Tues. 21st: 10am - Patrick Digan Clara (Months Mind) and deceased family members.

Wed. 22nd: 10am

Thurs. 23rd: 10am - People's Mass.

Fri. 24th: 10am

Sat. 25th: 10am - Memorial Mass for Clare Higgins.

SATURDAY 25th SEPTEMBER - 7pm

1. Mick & Mai Gorman.
2. Margaret Finnerty.

SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER - 11am

1. Lizzy Coughlan (2nd A) and her husband Bill.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 19th SEPTEMBER - 12 noon

1. Kate Daly (2nd A) & her husband Oliver.
2. Mary Connaughton, her parents James & Margaret Murray & Jimmy Connaughton.
3. Kieran Feeney and deceased members of the Feeney family.

SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER - 12 noon

1. Kieran Flynn and deceased family members.
2. Sean Hynes (4th A), his wife Ann (44th A), his son Darryl and his parents Michael & May and deceased family members.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 19th SEPTEMBER - 9.30am

SUNDAY 26th 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 €2,055 between Offertory and Shrine. We are extremely grateful and greatly appreciate your generosity in these 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 Sonny Keenaghan, Ballyclare; Mary Keyes, Rahan (formerly Keelogue); Mary Reamsbottom, Ballycumber Road; Joseph Waters, Kildangan, Durrow (brother of Eileen Egan, Endrim and Bernadette McIntyre, Doon) and Anthony (Tony) Horan, Canada (late of Corbane, Ferbane and husband of Rosie Horan (nee Keenaghan), formerly Endrim. Rest in peace.

BAPTISM - We welcome in to our Christian Community Lexi Curley.

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 Sun. 26th will be appreciated. Simply text your name(s) and distance(s) covered to 087 2261136. All contributions will be welcomed and recorded. You don't have to be a member of Lynx. Keep an eye on Facebook for weekly updates.

THE GANLEY SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING Resumes on Mon. 20th September in the Heritage Hall, Ferbane. Beginners 6pm, advanced dancers at 6.45pm. Classes for adults start in Dun-na-Sí, Moate in Oct. at 8.45pm. Contact Joe Ganley 087 6473497.

BADMINTON - For juveniles 8-18 years will resume on Monday 20th September in Teach Lea Boora. Primary school children sessions run from 6.30-8pm. Secondary school 8- 9.30pm. New members welcome.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw (Prize fund €19,700 = Jackpot €9,700; Star Prize €10,000)*. Winning numbers in last week's draw 9, 11, 19, 26. Bonus 4. No jackpot winner. Four match 3 winners. Next draw on Tuesday 21st September.

FERBANE G.A.A. - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 11, 16, 20, 26. Bonus 9. No jackpot winner. Two match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €5,200. Next draw on Tuesday 21st September at 10pm.

WEST OFFALY TRAINING - Are commencing a **More About Autism Course** starting Wednesday 22nd September. For details please contact Josephine, West Offaly Training, Banagher 057 91 52003 / josephine@westoffalytraining.com.

PILATES - Resumes in High Street Hall on Thursday 23rd September at 8pm sharp. Contact 086 0881653. All welcome.

INTERESTED IN WORKING IN RETAIL, TOURISM OR THE HOSPITALITY SECTOR? - **Retail Sales & Skills course** commencing Mon. 27th Sept. in Banagher Further Education & Training Centre. For information contact Linda Hogan or Aoife Kelly via phone 087-7385989 or email lhogan@offalyldc.ie or akelly@offalyldc.ie.

FITNESS CLASSES - Resume in High Street Hall on Tuesday 28th September at 10am sharp. Contact 086 0881653. All welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS - To the boys and girls from the Parish who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. We wish them God's blessing and protection in their future.

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.

25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

‘They had been arguing which of them was the greatest’

Today we are surprised to find the friends of Jesus arguing as to which of them is the greatest. Ambition can be healthy or unhealthy. Jesus did encourage His disciples on another occasion to be ‘ambitious for the higher gifts’. This kind of ambition manifests itself in joyful, humble service, the placing of ones’ gifts and talents at the disposal of those who are most powerless. It may even mean being content to take second place in order to promote the greater good. There is unfortunately, an ambition that is unhealthy. It manifests itself in a blind, ruthless, uncaring pursuit of power, status and influence, which leads, ultimately, to emptiness and sterility. We have a choice then. Do we have an ambition to rule or an ambition to serve? Most political and economic problems, most bitter divisions and disputes would be solved if people chose the path of service over the path of power. What our world needs urgently is what Jesus proposed - the heart of the servant. President John Fitzgerald Kennedy highlighted this fundamental choice when he challenged his fellow Americans in his memorable Inauguration Address in January 1961: ‘Ask not what your country can do for you; ask rather what you can do for your country’. That is healthy ambition!