

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 12th December 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 11th DECEMBER - 7pm

1. Petes Mahon (*Months Mind*).
2. Paudge Dunican and his daughter Rowena Mary.

SUNDAY 12th DECEMBER - 11am

1. Christopher McCreedy (*Months Mind*).
2. Kitty & Willie Madden.

Mon. 13th: 10am

Tues. 14th: 10am - Noel & Una McIntyre and deceased members of the McIntyre family, Rosfaraghan.

Wed. 15th: 10am

Thurs. 16th: 10am - People's Mass.

Fri. 17th: 10am - Oliver (Laurie) Murrphy, formerly Main Street, Ferbane.

Sat. 18th: 10am - Maggie, Martin & John Egan.

SATURDAY 18th DECEMBER - 7pm

SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER - 11am

1. Winifred Morris (*Months Mind*).

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER - 12 noon

1. Tommy & Nancy Daly and deceased family members.
2. P.J. Rourke and deceased members of the Young family.
3. Patrick & Nan Kearns, their daughter Anne, their son Kieran and deceased family members.
Paddy & Mary Rourke and their sons James, Pat, Joe & Tom.
4. Jim & Mary Cox and their daughter Annie.

SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER - 12 noon

1. Margaret & Michael Daly and their daughter Margaret, son-in-law James Murray, their daughter Mary Connaughton and deceased family members.
2. Hans Leek.
3. Stephen Claffey (*3rd A*), his wife Brigid (*27th A*) and deceased members of the Claffey and Fox families.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 12th DECEMBER - 9.30am

1. Deceased members of the Corcoran family, Gallen.

SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER - 9.30am

1. Nancy Colgan & dec'd family members.

CHRISTMAS MASSES



Christmas Eve:

Ferbane 5pm & 9pm;
High Street 7pm; Boora 7pm.



Christmas Day:

Ferbane 9am & 11am;
High Street 12 noon; Boora 9.30am.

St. Stephen's Day:

Ferbane 9am & 11am;
High Street 12 noon; Boora 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 - Thank you for your continuing support. If anybody wants to offer financial support you can do so by electronic transfer. BIC: ULSB IE 2D. IBAN: IE28 ULSB 9857 2021 5400 50.

DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the souls of Margaret (Peggy) Geraghty (wife of Don Geraghty, formerly Delvin Park); Jimmy Egan Cork (brother of Tony Egan, Athlone Road) and Oliver (Laurie) Murrphy, Leicester (formerly Main Street, Ferbane). May they rest in peace.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - *Annual Collection* will take place over the next couple of weeks. Envelopes will be left in the three Churches. Your donations are greatly appreciated. If anybody needs assistance over the Christmas period please phone 087 9272877, our confidential FREE phone number, or you can put your request in writing and leave it into the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS AT CLONONY CASTLE - Santa Claus will be making a return visit to Clonony Castle on this Sun. 12th Dec. from 12 noon to 4pm, more sweets and treats for all!

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €11,000 = Jackpot €1,000; Star Prize €10,000). Winning numbers in last week's draw 4, 13, 21, 22. Bonus 18. Congratulations to jackpot winner Ronan McGuire who won €10,000. Two match 3 winners. Next draw on Tuesday 14th December.

FERBANE G.A.A. - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 2, 3, 18, 32. Bonus 16. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next week's jackpot is €7,600 and the draw is on Tues. 14th Dec. at 10pm.

BENEDICTION AND NIGHT PRAYER FOR ADVENT - Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ferbane continues each Wed. night of Advent (15th/22nd) December at 8pm.

CARDS - Progressive 25, single hand, in Ferbane GAA Clubhouse on Wed. 15th December at 9pm.

OFFALY VOLUNTEER CENTRE - If you are interested in registering your voluntary organisation with us or becoming a volunteer for the many organisations in our community please contact us on 083 0154669 anytime / www.volunteeroffaly.ie.

CHRISTMAS TREES & WREATHS FOR SALE Can be delivered. Phone Kieran 087 8886214.

GETTING CITIZENS ONLINE - FREE Beginners Computer Classes. Would you like to learn how to use your computer/laptop. **Covering topics on:** How to use your computer/laptop; Microsoft Word; Internet Safety & Security; Email; Online shopping; Video; TV & Radio; Online Government Services and much more. The course is delivered online over 5 sessions, 2 hours in duration and delivered in the evening to suit trainees. Contact Karen on 087 9840177.

HEALY FAMILY MEATS CHRISTMAS CHARITY RAFFLE - In aid of Midland Regional Hospice (Hooves4Hospice). The raffle tickets are available through the following link: <https://hooves4hospice.crd.co/>. Tickets start from €25. Lines close on 18th December.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS SCHEME - *Reminder* to return form as soon as possible please.

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.

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which His presence will bestow.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

'Rejoice the Lord is near.'

This is 'Gaudete' Sunday. The Latin word means 'rejoice'. We light the pink candle on the advent wreath today to remind us that, while this is a season of quiet reflection it is also a time to be joyful. There is good news in the air. The Lord is near. Joy is something deep and lasting. It is totally different from pleasure. It can co-exist with suffering and struggle. We have only to consider the scene in Bethlehem to grasp the truth of this statement. Despite the dire surroundings, real joy filled the lowly stable. Joy is the most certain sign of the presence of God within us. John the Baptist tells us today that this joy is nourished most powerfully, when we reach out generously in the service of others. 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none'. The key to joy, then, is service. 'The secret of joy is living to serve.' (*Pope Francis*). Those who are happiest are those who do most for their brothers and sisters. Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud this Christmas, and experience true joy.