

# Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 19th December 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 18th DECEMBER - 7pm

SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER - 11am

1. Winifred Morris (*Months Mind*).

Mon. 20th: 10am

Tues. 21st: 10am

Wed. 22nd: 10am - *Hugh Gleeson (16th A)*.

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

FRIDAY 24th DEC. - Christmas Eve  
5pm and 9pm



SATURDAY 25th DEC. - Christmas Day  
9am and 11am

SUNDAY 26th DEC. - St. Stephen's Day  
9am -  
11am Patrick & Sally Kenny.

## SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

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.

FRIDAY 24th DEC. - Christmas Eve:  
7pm

SAT. 25th DEC. - Christmas Day:  
12 noon



SUN. 26th DEC. - St. Stephen's Day:  
12 noon

## ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER - 9.30am

1. Nancy Colgan & dec'd family members.

FRIDAY 24th DEC. - Christmas Eve  
7pm -



SATURDAY 25th DEC. - Christmas Day  
9.30am -

SUNDAY 26th DEC. - St. Stephen's Day  
9.30am -

## CHRISTMAS 2021

### Carol Service:

Monday 20th Dec., Ferbane Church at 7pm.

### Confessions:

Ferbane: After 10am Mass (Mon.-Fri.) and Christmas Eve (11am-2pm).

*High Street*: Christmas Eve (12noon-2pm).

**Offertory Envelopes** available for collection.

**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](http://www.ferbaneparish.ie). Parish bulletin is available on [www.ferbaneparish.ie](http://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.

**BAPTISM** - We welcome in to the Christian Community *Cian Dunican*.

**DEATH** - Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Brian Doorley* (brother of Philip Doorley Ballylin. May he rest in peace.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Annual Collection** - 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. 19th Dec. from 12 noon to 4pm, more sweets and treats for all! **GALLEN UNITED** - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €11,100 = Jackpot €1,100; Star Prize €10,000). Winning numbers in last week's draw 2, 6, 19, 22. Bonus 18. No jackpot winner. Four match 3 winners. Next draw on Tuesday 21st December.

**FERBANE G.A.A.** - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 3, 8, 16, 19. Bonus 13. No jackpot winner. Four match 3 winners. Three Christmas Lucky Dip winners. Next week's jackpot is €7,800 and the draw is on Tuesday 21st December at 10pm.

**BENEDICTION AND NIGHT PRAYER FOR ADVENT** - Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ferbane continues on Wednesday 22nd December at 8pm.

**CARDS** - Progressive 25, single hand, in Ferbane GAA Clubhouse on Wednesday 22nd 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](http://www.volunteeroffaly.ie). **CHRISTMAS TREES & WREATHS FOR SALE** - Can be delivered. Phone Kieran 087 8886214.

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

**PARISH OFFICE** - Open on Wednesday from 9am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm. **Bulletin notices for Christmas weekend and New Years weekend must be in EARLY next Wednesday.** Tel: 090 6454309 or Email: [parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie](mailto:parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie).

## CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Loving Father, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus your Son, may we share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. May Christmas morning make us happy to be your children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The exact birthday of Jesus is unknown. In the fourth century Christians selected the 25th December to celebrate His coming into the world. It was a pagan festival in honour of the 'sun god', and since we believe Jesus to be the 'Light of the World', the date seemed especially appropriate. Take Christ out of these days and we are back in the pagan space. We should guard against returning to where we were! Let us, rather, be possessed by the mystery and message of these days. Our God is with us. As we stand before the crib, may we find there again the gentle reassurance of His presence, and may we understand with utter confidence, that we are loved. Then, let us fall silent and rest secure in the heart of God. **Nollaig Shona.**