

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 27th March 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 26th MARCH - 7pm

1. Josephine (Josie) Egan, Ballyclare (1st A).
2. Tony Kenny (Months Memory).

SUNDAY 27th MARCH - 11am

1. Ned Duffy.
2. Patricia Fleming, Coolnahinch (1st A).
3. Alo McNamee.

Mon. 28th: 10am - People's Mass.

Tues. 29th: 10am

Wed. 30th: 10am - Mike & Kate Duffy and Michael Cusack.

Thurs. 31st: 10am

Fri. 1st April: 10am - First Friday.

Sat. 2nd: 10am - Helen Duncian.

SATURDAY 2nd APRIL - 7pm

1. Bernie Guinan (1st A).

SUNDAY 3rd APRIL - 11am

1. Pat Daly (2nd A).

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 27th MARCH - 12 noon

1. Martin & Teresa Murphy and grandsons Noel & Enda Connaughton.
2. Seamus Feeney, his daughter Patricia and deceased family members.

Thurs. 31st: 8pm

Fri. 1st: 8pm - First Friday.

Modd & Elizabeth Egan & deceased family.

SUNDAY 3rd APRIL - 12 noon

1. Joe & Oran Caulfield and Winifred & Patrick Boylan and their son James.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 27th MARCH - 9.30am

Wed. 30th: 7pm

Fri. 1st: 7pm - First Friday

SUNDAY 3rd APRIL - 9.30am

1. Maureen Cahill, her husband Brian and her brother Kieran Molloy and deceased family members.

MASSES FOR LENT

Ferbane: Monday to Saturday 10pm

Boora: Wed. 7pm

High Street: Thurs. 8pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Ferbane: Fridays of Lent at 7pm

IMPORTANT DATES

FIRST COMMUNION

Ferbane - Saturday 7th May

High Street - Saturday 28th May

Times to be confirmed for these dates.

CEMETERY SUNDAY

Kilrehan - Sunday 3rd July, 11am

High Street - Sunday 10th July, 12 noon

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 - Last week's collection including shrine = €2,858. If anybody wants to offer financial support by electronic transfer our bank details are as follows:

BIC: ULSB IE 2D.

IBAN: IE28 ULSB 9857 2021 5400 50.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

Will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

MOTHERS' DAY - The blessing of the Divine be an especially bright benediction

on all mothers on this your special day - on Mothers' Day.

MARRIAGES - Congratulations to Aisling Devery and Aonghus O'Flaithearta who were married recently.

DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Rose Egan, Killygally, Belmont; Rose Healy, Kilkenny** (sister of Tim Kenny, Delvin Park) and **Willie Rosney, Broughal** (brother of Catherine Sheridan, St. Cynoc's Terrace). May they rest in peace.

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €12,400 = Jackpot €2,400; Star Prize €10,000). Winning numbers in last week's draw 13, 14, 19, 27. Bonus 23. No jackpot winner or match 3 winner. Two book prizes. Next draw on Tuesday 29th March.

FERBANE G.A.A. - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 11, 12, 14, 31. Bonus 10. No jackpot winner. One match three winner. Next week's jackpot is €10,600. Draw on Tuesday 29th March at 10pm.

COFFEE MORNING - Continues every Wednesday in the Bridge Hall at 10.30am. Usual bus service. All welcome.

OFFALY LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION - Church Gate Collection takes place on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd April at churches all over County Offaly.

ST. CYNOC'S N.S. - We are still accepting enrolments for the 2022-2023 school year. Enrolment forms are available to print from our website. Alternatively you can request an enrolment form by emailing the school: stcynocsns@gmail.com or by phoning the school 090 6454249/6454234. Enrolment forms to be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible.

CONFIRMATION - Congratulations to the forty-one boys and girls from our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. *Spirit of the living God fall afresh on them.*

ACCORD - Are now recruiting volunteer facilitators. Please contact Aisling on 01 5053112 or email: marriagepreparation@accord.ie

SVP - Confidential FREEPHONE 087 9272877.

COLLECTORS FOR 11am SUNDAY MASS - There are vacancies on the Collectors

rota at present. If you would like to offer your services in this important ministry, please let us know.

PARISH OFFICE - Open on Wednesday from 9am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm. Bulletin notices to be in by 3pm Wednesday. Tel: 090 6454309 OR Email: parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie.

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS ABOUT WAR

'War is a defeat of humanity. With war everything is lost, everything. There is no victory in war, everything is defeated. O Lord deliver us from the death of war.'

On Friday last 25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation, Pope Francis consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity.'

The parable of the Prodigal Son has been described as the greatest short story ever written. It is a story that repeats itself in our lives, describing as it does the journey from sin to repentance. The young man's journey begins with selfishness: 'Give me my share now'. **All sin is rooted in selfishness.** It leads him to distance himself from his father as he opts for the high life in 'a far country'. **All sin puts distance between us and our Father.** Eventually he 'comes to his senses', and decides to return home to the father who never gave up on him. **All sin leads to disappointment and regret.** This wonderful story speaks to us of the emptiness of life lived at a distance from God; the yearning in every heart to be welcomed home no matter what, and the astounding fact that our God eternally scans the horizon on the lookout for the return of His children. Would our prisons and institutions be less full if people had been welcomed and welcome at home? **'All roads out of hell lead home.'**