

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 3rd April 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 2nd APRIL - 7pm

1. Bernie Guinan (*1st A*).

SUNDAY 3rd APRIL - 11am

1. Pat Daly (*2nd A*).

Mon. 4th: 10am - People's Mass.

Tues. 5th: 10am

Wed. 6th: 10amw

Thurs. 7th: 10am

Fri. 8th: 10am

Sat. 9th: 10am - Arthur & Catherine Bell, their daughter Sadie and sons Pat, Sean & Kay and their daughter-in-law Maura.

SATURDAY 9th APRIL - 7pm

1. Kieran Maleney (*Months Mind*).
2. James & David Reams.

SUNDAY 10th APRIL - 11am

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 3rd APRIL - 12 noon

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

Thurs. 7th: 8pm

SUNDAY 10th APRIL - 12 noon

1. Mick Clancy
2. Lily & Sonny Gleeson.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 3rd APRIL - 9.30am

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

Wed. 6th: 7pm

SUNDAY 10th APRIL - 9.30am

MASSES FOR LENT

Ferbane: Monday to Saturday 10m

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 -

Offertory/Shrine = €2,570

Ukraine = €2,880. Thank you.

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.

OFFALY LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION - Church Gate Collection

takes place this weekend Sat. 2nd and Sun. 3rd April at churches all over County Offaly.

HIGH STREET/BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - Mon. 4th April:

Easter Flower Demonstration with Ruane Florist, Ballinasloe in High Street Community Centre at 8pm. All

welcome. Adm. €5. All arrangements will be raffled on the night.

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €11,000 = Jackpot €1,000; Star Prize €10,000).

Winning numbers in last week's draw 5, 7, 19, 28. Bonus 213. *Congratulations to Ferbane Athletic Club who won the jackpot of €2,400.* Four match 3 winners. Next draw on Tuesday 5th April.

FERBANE G.A.A. - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 2, 19, 26, 32. Bonus 3. No jackpot winner. Four match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €10,800. Draw on Tuesday 5th April at 10pm.

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

HOLY WEEK - Commences on **Sunday next 10th April (Palm Sunday)**. May it be a week of hope and renewal for our parish and our world.

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 asap.

ALONE - Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to older people once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up on <https://alone.ie/volunteers/>. For more information, contact volunteer@alone.ie or on 086 1085965.

FOUND - Bluetooth Speaker found in Ferbane on Sun. last, 27th March. Contact 086 8370397.

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Confidential FREEPHONE 087 9272877.

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

'Neither do I condemn you,
go and sin no more'

A woman is caught in the act of committing adultery. The penalty is death by stoning. The self-righteous mob gathers. Then Jesus arrives and a dark and ugly scene is transformed by the radiance of His tender mercy. In her grim moment of public exposure, 'in full view of everybody', the unnamed woman of the streets is surprised to be touched by gentleness and so enter the world of redemption: 'neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more'. The prodigal daughter, having been overwhelmed by guilt and shame, now rises with dignity to the wonderful realisation that, in God's kingdom past mistakes are meant to guide you, not define you. It is a place where sin is not overlooked or approved but where the wrongdoer is understood and afforded the opportunity to begin again. The parable underlines what Graham Greene called 'the awful strangeness of God's mercy'. Mercy always trumps vengeance. Jesus literally loved the woman into goodness. We would like to think that she seized the opportunity to turn her life around. I wonder what became of the man?

MESSAGE FROM TRÓCAIRE

Out of the media spotlight this Lent, loving families are suffering in forgotten crises from Covid to poverty and climate change. Please, if you are able, for the remaining weeks of Lent, let them know they're not forgotten: fill your Trócaire Boxes, a little every day, for families in forgotten crises and return your Box on Easter Week or give whatever you can on trocaire.org.