

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 27th November 2022

First Sunday of Advent

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER - 7pm

1. Bridget & Joseph Reams and deceased family members.
2. Pat & Mary Spollen.
3. Leo & Mary McGarry.

SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER - 11am

1. Patrick & Teresa Sheridan and their sons Gerard & Thomas.
2. Bernie & Kathleen Keenaghan.
3. Michael & Ellen Byrne and deceased family members.

Mon. 28th: 10am

Tues. 29th: 10am

Wed. 30th: 10am

Thurs. 1st Dec.: 10am - People's Mass.

Fri. 2nd: 10am - First Friday.

Sat. 3rd: 10am - May McIntyre (Months Mind).

SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER - 7pm

1. Rita Dalton (nee Keegan) (Months Mind).
2. Christine, Ann Marie, Noel and Noel Snr. Murray and Patrick & Bridget Egan.
3. Thomas & Rose Coughlan.

SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER - 11am

1. Kieran & Ciss Flynn

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER - 12 noon

1. Brian Cahill (1st A).
2. Joe & Eileen Kenny, Moystown.
3. Margaret, Patrick & Anthony Mooney.

Fri. 2nd Dec.: 8pm - First Friday.

Dec'd members of the Mens Shed, Belmont.

SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER - 12 noon

1. Olive Hanniffy and her parents Colm & Rose.
2. Michael O'Brien.
3. P.J. Minogue, his parents John & Mary, and Michael & Annie Heavin.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER - 9.30am

1. Michael & Anne Dempsey.

Fri. 2nd Dec.: 7pm - First Friday.

1. Vincent Tooher.

2. Kieran & Margaret Farrelly, Turraun.

SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER - 9.30am

1. Mary & Peter Grogan, Leamore.

MASSES - All ceremonies can be heard on 106.5FM Parish Radio. All our weekday and weekend Masses can be viewed on our livestream link www.ferbaneparish.ie. Parish bulletin is available on www.ferbaneparish.ie.

COLLECTIONS - Our new account details with Bank of Ireland are as follows:

Account No: 75907205. BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE39 BOFI 9016 3475 9072 05.

We greatly appreciate your continued contributions. Weekly collection including Shrine €2,495. Thank you.

DEATHS - We pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Cassidy, Killygally, Belmont; Brian Corcoran, Banagher (formerly Ballyclare, Ferbane); Patrick McDermott, Aughaboy and Charlie Thornton, Cappincur, Tullamore (uncle of Bernadette Moore, Árd Glas, Ferbane). RIP.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - We welcome Eamon O'Keeffe and his team who will speak at

Masses this weekend. What qualification does a person need in order to be on the parish team for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament? One hour at your disposal in a whole week...and a willing heart!

HIGH ST/BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - Mon. 28th Nov.: Christmas demonstration, hints and tips with Neasa Robbins in High Street Hall at 7.30pm. Please note time. All welcome.

HIGH ST./ BELMONT Active Retirement Group - No meeting on Tuesday. We will finalise details of our Christmas lunch shortly.

NIGHT PRAYER & BENEDICTION - Tuesday 29th November, Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ferbane at 8pm.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €5,200 = Jackpot €2,600; Star Prize €2,600). Winning numbers in last week's draw 8, 13, 17, 21. Bonus 25. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next draw on Tuesday 29th November.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 9, 12, 15, 26. Bonus 32. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €5,200. Draw is on Tues. 29th November.

COFFEE MORNING - Continues on Wed. 30th November in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am (after Mass). Bus service as usual.

BOOK LAUNCH - *Belmont: The Story of a West Offaly Townland* by Brendan Ryan, will be launched in High Street Hall on Friday 2nd December at 8.30pm. Hardback, 230 pages. Light refreshments served.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DANCE - In Cloghan Hall on Fri. 2nd December from 9.30pm-12.30am. Music by Dave Lawlor. Light refreshments.

PEAT SOUNDS - The new album by **Brownie Guinan** is released next week. Holly Records, Main Street, Ferbane opens next Sat., December 3rd, for the occasion followed by launch in Gleeson's at 9pm.

BANAGHER COLLEGE - TY's musical pantomime, *'Adrian, the Alternative Pantomime'*. Tickets available on the door. Performance nights are Wed. 7th and Thurs. 8th December at 7.30pm. Adm: €12 Adults & €7 Seniors/Students.

HIGH STREET N.S. - Are now accepting applications for enrolment for September 2023. Enrolment packs may be collected at the school office Tues., Wed., Thurs., 9.30am-1pm. Alternatively please contact the school on 090 6457246 or email highstreetns@gmail.com and packs will be posted out. Enrolment closes on Wed. 21st December.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE HOMELESS - We would be grateful if you could assist with any of the following items for women and men living on the streets: **waterproof jackets, hats, scarves, gloves, socks, hoodies, leggings, t-shirts, etc.** (Do not necessarily need to be new but in good condition), toiletries, shampoo, toothpaste and shaving gear. Contact Edel 086 3710166 (living in Ferbane area but can arrange collection).

EMPLOYABILITY MIDLANDS - Do you have a disability, illness or injury and would like help to find a job? If the answer is yes, you can contact Liam on 086 387 3047 or Patricia on 086 145 1074 and we will be happy to tell you more about EmployAbility Midlands and how we can help you find a job.

SENIOR CITIZENS - There will be no Christmas dinner this year.

THANK YOU - Bridie Birrane and Berna Flynn would like to thank those who sent Mass cards and floral tributes after the passing of their Sister Rita Dalton (nee Keegan), USA. Your kind thoughts are greatly appreciated.

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

'Waiting is learning'

A new Church Year begins. We move into the season of Advent. The word 'advent' means 'coming'. During these days we are asked to think about the coming of Christ at Christmas, His coming at the end of time, and His coming into our lives every day. In other words we look back, we look forward and we look around. It is really a four-week course in waiting. Like its cousin, Lent, it is a season for prayer and reformation. We have travelled the road often, but sometimes we see something for the first time on familiar roads. As we gaze on the Advent wreath today we might reflect on the circle of life with its constant cycle of endings and beginnings, comings and goings, while the gentle flame of the candle should reassure us that the darkest night cannot quench the light of hope which a tiny infant brought to our world over two thousand years ago.

"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we be drawn by the light of Christ made man."

Pope Francis.