

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 4th December 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER - 7pm

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

SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER - 11am

1. Kieran & Ciss Flynn.

Mon. 5th: 10am

Tues. 6th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 7th: 10am

Wed. 7th: 7pm - Vigil for Imm. Conception.

THUR. 8th DEC. *Imm. Conception* - 11am

1. Peter & Maura Doyle and their son Raymond.
2. William & Kitty Madden.

Fri. 9th: 10am

Sat. 10th: 10am - Margaret, John & Martin Egan, Kilcolgan.

SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER - 7pm

1. Paudge Dunican and his daughter Rowena Mary.
2. The Rosney Family, St. Cynoc's Terrace.
3. Donal Burke.

SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER - 11am

1. Teresa & Eddie Joe Dooley and all the dec'd members of the Dooley family.
2. Gregory Foley & his daughter Hazel.

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

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

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.

THUR. 8th DEC. *Imm. Conception* - 8pm

SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER - 12 noon

1. Patrick & Nan Kearns and their son Kieran & daughter Ann.
Patrick & Mary Rourke and their sons Pat, Tom, Joe & James.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER - 9.30am

1. Mary & Peter Grogan, Leamore.

THUR. 8th DEC. *Imm. Conception* - 9.30am

SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER - 9.30am

1. Nancy Colgan, 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 €2,565. Thank you.

DEATH - We pray for the repose of the soul of **Jane Leavy, Leamore**. May she rest in peace.

BAPTISMS - We welcome into our Christian Community **Ellie Noelle Duignan and Isabella Grace Egan**.

PEAT SOUNDS - The new album by Brownie Guinan is available now. Holly Records, Main Street, Ferbane opens this Saturday, December 3rd, followed by launch in Gleeson's at 9pm.

SCOUTS - Will hold a *Craft Market* at the Christmas lights ceremony on this Sunday, December 4th, at 4.30pm. Christmas logs, Santa sleighs and hot chocolate refreshments. Please support.

HIGH ST/BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - *Monday 5th December: Demonstration and raffle of Christmas Flowers with Mags from Ruane Flowers, Ballinasloe in High Street Hall at 7.30pm. Please note time. Admission €5. All welcome.*

NIGHT PRAYER & BENEDICTION - Tuesday 6th December, Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ferbane at 8pm.

BHM DEVELOPMENT GROUP - Monthly meeting on Tuesday 6th December in High Street Hall at 8.30pm. Members and non-members welcome.

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €5,300 = Jackpot €2,700; Star Prize €2,600). Winning numbers in last week's draw 12, 14, 22, 24. Bonus 15. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next draw on Tuesday 6th December.

FERBANE GAA - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 18, 22, 29, 31. Bonus 19. No jackpot winner or match 3 winners. Five raffle prize winners shared €200. Next week's jackpot is €5,400. Draw is on Tuesday 6th December.

COFFEE MORNING - Continues on Wednesday 7th December in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am (after Mass). Bus service as usual. *Christmas Lunch* in Flynn's of Banagher on Wednesday 14th December. **To arrange a bus it is most important you contact Lily or Maureen asap.**

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

PROGRESSIVE 25 - *Please note:* From next week the weekly card game in Ferbane GAA Centre is **changing from Wed. night to Friday night at 9pm.**

ANAM CARA MIDLANDS - Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wed. 14th December at 7.15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is FREE and open to all bereaved parents. Call 01 4045378.

CARETAKER - The Board of Management of High Street N.S. are seeking applications for the position of Caretaker. This is a part-time position; 3 hours per week. Letters of application to High Street N.S. before 3pm on Friday 16th December. Contact highstreetsn@gmail.com or 090 6457246 for further information.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

'Prepare the way of the Lord'

John the Baptist takes centre stage again. He is the saint of Advent. Rugged, steadfast, fearless, charismatic, humble, the greatest of the prophets, his voice thunders from the wilderness and down the ages: 'prepare the way of the Lord'. It was in the silence of the barren and bleak wilderness that John found enlightenment as he came face to face with himself and his Creator. There he discovered that silence is not the absence of something but the presence of everything. We can learn from John by cultivating stillness in our lives during this special season. In the quiet space we will come to appreciate more deeply that Advent is not so much about preparing for Christmas, as it is about preparing for Christ. 'Stillness reveals the secrets of eternity' (*Lao Tzu*).

SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE - Advent 2022

The Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois has recently had an audit of its safeguarding practices. I am pleased to report that the audit was very positive. I wish to thank all who assisted with the audit and all who assist in any way in ensuring that the best possible standards are met in relation to safeguarding young and vulnerable people in our parishes. During this time of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Child Jesus. In the gift of his Son, God speaks to us of his boundless love for humanity. The coming of Jesus highlights for us the dignity and value of each child. May our church communities always emphasise and respect that value by ensuring that children are kept safe in their church activities.

If anyone wishes to raise a concern or make a complaint in the diocese, I encourage you to contact the Designated (or Deputy) Liaison Person, Túsla or the Gardaí. People who are there to help if someone is hurting you or another child are: **Designated Liaison Person:** Sean Leydon: 087 7431649. **Deputy Designated Liaison Person:** Maria Beirne: 087 3390927. **Gardaí:** 043 3350570 / 071 9650510. **Túsla:** Longford, Offaly & Westmeath: 044 9353997; **Leitrim & Sligo:** 071 9155133; **Roscommon:** 091 546235; **Cavan:** 047 30475.