

# Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 18th December 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 17th DECEMBER - 7pm

SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER - 11am

1. Margaret Molloy (2nd A).

*Mon. 19th: 10am*

*Tues. 20th: 10am - Paddy & Julia Taylor, their daughter Ann and grandson Callum and Peter Devery.*

*Wed. 21st: 10am - People's Mass.*

*Thurs. 22nd: 10am - Hugh Gleeson.*

*Fri. 23rd: 10am*

SATURDAY 24th DECEMBER

Christmas Eve - 5pm Vigil Mass

9pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 25th DECEMBER

Christmas Day - 9am and 11am

## SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER - 12 noon

1. Michael & Margaret Daly, Margaret & James Murray and their daughter Mary Connaughton.
2. Nancy & Tommy Daly and deceased family members.
3. P.J. Rourke and deceased members of the Young family.
4. Stephen Claffey, his wife Bridget and their daughter Olive and deceased members of the Claffey & Fox families.

SATURDAY 24th DECEMBER

Christmas Eve - 7pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 25th DECEMBER

Christmas Day - 12 noon

## ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER - 9.30am

1. Deceased members of the Corcoran Family, Gallen.

SATURDAY 24th DECEMBER

Christmas Eve - 7pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 25th DECEMBER

Christmas Day - 9.30am

## CONFESSIONS

FERBANE: Confessions will be heard after 10am Mass each morning, and Christmas Eve from 11am - 3pm.

HIGH STREET: Christmas Eve from 12 noon to 1pm.

**CAROL SERVICE** - On Tuesday 20th December at 8pm in Ferbane Church.

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

**COLLECTIONS** - Our 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 €2,385. Thank you.

**DEATHS** - We pray for the repose of the souls of Gary Mooney, Ballykilleen, Horseleap (formerly Gallen View) and Nuala Corcoran, Kent (formerly Ballycumber Road). May they rest in peace.

**GALLEN UNITED** - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €5,500 = Jackpot €2,800; Star Prize €2,700). Winning numbers in last week's draw 12, 18, 19, 21. Bonus 28. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next draw on Tuesday 20th December.

**FERBANE GAA** - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 1, 11, 25, 28. Bonus 9. No jackpot winner or match 3 winner. 5 x €40 raffle prizes. Next week's jackpot is €5,800. Draw is on Tuesday 20th December.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** - Anyone who requires assistance over Christmas, please put your request in writing and deliver to the Parish Office before Wednesday 21st December.

**PRAY & PLAY** - *Christmas Eve Mass at 7pm in High Street* - At the beginning of Mass the celebrant will invite children aged 3-7 to go into the Sacristy to take part in pray and play activities related to the Nativity. A team of designated adults and teenagers and where necessary a child's own special needs assistant/carer will supervise and lead them. All participating children should be able to stay in the Sacristy without the presence of a parent or guardian. Children will be returned to the altar and to their families at the Our Father.

**BELMONT SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY** - Will take place in High Street Hall on the 8th January 2023, commencing with Mass at 3pm. Raffle tickets will be on sale. Please support.

**BELMONT GUN CLUB** - Draw tickets currently on sale, please support. Proceeds in aid of Belmont Senior Citizens Party. Draw will take place on the 8th January during the party.

**PEAT SOUNDS** - A new album from Brownie Guinan is now on sale at local shops and online at [www.brownieguinan.com](http://www.brownieguinan.com). Thanks for all your support. The album is roaring up the charts as we speak!

**PARISH OFFICE** - Open every Wednesday from 9am-1pm & 2-5pm. **Bulletin notices to be in by 3pm on Wednesday 090 6454309 OR [parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie](mailto:parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie)**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The exact birthday of Jesus is unknown. Pope Julius I who was Pope (337-352), is credited with selecting the 25th December to celebrate the coming of the Saviour 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. **Céad fáilte romhat, a Linbh a rugadh sa stábla.**

## CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Loving Father, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus your Son, may we be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the Wise Men and the peace of the Christ Child. 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.

*He was content with a stable when He was born so that we could have a mansion when we die.*

