

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 19th February 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 18th FEBRUARY - 7pm

1. Tracey Buckley & her mother Breege.
2. Paddy & Rita Kelly and their son Joe.
3. Andrew Wynne & dec'd family members.
4. Tony Kenny.

SUNDAY 19th FEBRUARY - 11am

1. Eddie Mitchell.
2. Janie Robinson.
3. Michael & Mary Bridget Conway

Mon. 20th: 10am

Tues. 21st: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 22nd: 10am - Ash Wednesday.

Thurs. 23rd: 10am

Fri. 24th: 10am

Sat. 25th: 10am - 1. Marion Feehan.

2. Keena Family.

SATURDAY 25th FEBRUARY - 7pm

1. Charles & Teresa Brazil.
2. Andy Lowbridge.
3. Patricia Fleming.

SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY - 11am

1. Agnes Holmes.
2. Sean Egan (5th A) and his wife Josephine (2nd A).
3. John & Ellen Devery and their daughter Bernadette.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 19th FEBRUARY - 12 noon

1. Mary Kenny, High Street.
2. Phyllis Rigney.

SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY - 12 noon

1. Bernard & Kathleen Corcoran.
2. Jim & Mary Cox and their daughter Annie, Clononey.
3. Thomas & Catherine Shea.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 19th FEBRUARY - 9.30am

1. Nuala Colgan (*Months Mind*) and her husband Sammy (*6th A*).

SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY - 9.30am

1. Joe, Paddy & Dinny Delaney and their parents Joe & Mary.

LENT 2023

Ash Wednesday: 22nd February.

ADDITIONAL MASSES/DEVOTIONS.

Boora: Mass 7pm Wednesdays.

High Street: Mass 8pm Thursdays.

Ferbane: Stations of the Cross 7pm Fridays.

'Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness. Let us not grow tired of doing good.' (Pope Francis).

TRÓCAIRE 50th ANNIVERSARY - Boxes for Lenten campaign available in all Churches.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Takes place daily in the Oratory in Ferbane Church. New attendees welcome. For more info. please contact Seamus at 086 8718942 or Iris 090 6454382.

MASSES - All ceremonies can be heard on 106.5FM Parish Radio. Parish bulletin is available on www.ferbaneparish.ie.

COLLECTIONS - We greatly appreciate your continued contributions. February 12th = €2,205.

DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Rohan, St. Cynoc's Terrace and Sabina Mannion, Athlone (sister of Tony Egan, Athlone Road). May they rest in peace.

PARISH OFFICE - Open every Wednesday from 9am-1pm and 2-5pm. Tel: 090 6454309 or email parishoffice@ferbaneparish.

HIGH STREET / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - Monday 20th February at 8pm in High St. Hall. We will host a Night of Chair Yoga with Edel Johnson and enjoy the full benefits of a class while still seated. All welcome.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €6,300 = Jackpot €3,200; Star Prize €3,100). Winning numbers in last week's draw were 10, 17, 23, 25. Bonus 18. No jackpot winner. Three match 3 winners. Next draw on Tuesday 21st February.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 16, 20, 21, 25. Bonus 19. No jackpot or match 3 winners. 5 x €40 Book/Raffle prizes drawn. Next week's jackpot is €3,000. Draw is on Tuesday 21st February.

COFFEE MORNING - Continues on Wednesday 23rd February in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am (after Mass). Bus service as usual.

FERBANE APOSTOLIC WORK - Meeting after 10am Mass in Ferbane Church on Thursday 23rd February. New members very welcome.

BELMONT GAA WEEKLY BINGO - Congratulations to this week's winner: Patsy Feeney €50. Bingo continues every Friday night, pre-printed books available in Cahills until 9pm every Thursday.

FERBANE CODER DOJO - Recommences on Saturday 25th February in St. Cynoc's N.S., Ferbane. For more information please email ferbanecoderdojo@gmail.com.

MOATE BUSINESS COLLEGE - Registration Evening for Night Classes on Monday 20th February from 7-8.30pm and classes will start the following week, Monday 27th February. Check out our full range of night classes on our website www.moatebusinesscollege.com or our Facebook/Instagram pages.

LIVING WELL - Is a FREE ONLINE, 6 week group self-management programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few. The Living Well

Programme supports people to develop the skills and confidence to live with their health condition. There are spaces available on our March 2023 Programmes. To book your place please contact Áine (041) 6850676 / (087) 1140371 or Joanne (041) 6860710 / (087) 4308735 or www.hse.ie/livingwell.

DÓCHAS OFFALY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - *Fundraiser: Glamorous Buttons and Bows* - Sunday 5th March, 12pm - 5pm, Mucklagh Community Centre (R35 DN02). €5 entry for shoppers on the day with all proceeds to Dóchas.

BELMONT GAA - Registration for new and existing members is now due for players from U6 (born 2017/18) to U18. To register go to www.foireann.ie and register under Belmont GAA or contact Jacinta on 086 4043354 for further details. New members welcome.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'Love your enemies'

When taken seriously, Christianity is enormously demanding. To be expected to go the extra mile, turn the other cheek and love your enemies is the stuff of heroes, a call to respond to the worst with the best. It may seem utter foolishness to humans, but it is the wisdom of God.

Nelson Mandela 'got it' when he refused to allow prison to sour him. Abraham Lincoln 'got it' when he appointed his arch-critic Edwin Stanton to his cabinet relying on his irreproachable logic: 'Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends'? At the end of every conflict the protagonists 'get it' when they must sit around a table to make the peace.

When boiled down to its' essence, unforgiveness is hatred. It is rooted in the past and emerges from the seed-bed of unresolved issues. The enemy is within. It is only the Lord who can help us to unlock the prison door, heal what is within and allow us to make our grievance but a small chapter in our life, rather than make our life a chapter in our grievance. 'The glory of Christianity is to conquer by forgiveness'.