

# Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 26th February 2023

First Sunday of Lent

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## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

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.

Mon. 27th: 10am

Tues. 28th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 1st March: 10am

Thurs. 2nd: 10am - Special intention.

Fri. 3rd: 10am - First Friday.

Sat. 4th: 10am - 1. John & Sarah Doyle, Jimmy Roche, his wife Mary Bridget & their son Sammy.

2. Jim & Kathleen Gunning.

3. Mary & Mike Galvin.

SATURDAY 4th MARCH - 7pm

1. Bridie Devery, Endrim and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 5th MARCH - 11am

1. Annmarie McDermott and her husband Patrick and deceased family members.
2. Kieran Maleney.
3. Bernadette Nannery.

## SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY - 12 noon

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

3. Thomas & Catherine Shea.

4. Tommy Kenny.

Fri. 3rd March: 8pm - First Friday.

1. Teresa & Martin Murphy.

2. Enda, Noel & Eddie Connaughton

3. Seamus Dolan, his parents Patrick and Catherine and his sister Kitty.

4. Jimmy Lawlor.

SUNDAY 5th MARCH - 12 noon

1. Pauline Claffey (Months Mind).

## ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY - 9.30am

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

Fri. 3rd March: 7pm - First Friday.

1. Frank & Mary Kenna and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 5th MARCH - 9.30am

### LENT 2023

ADDITIONAL MASSES/DEVOTIONS

Boora: Mass 7pm Wednesdays.

High Street: Mass 8pm Thursdays.

Ferbane: Stations of the Cross 7pm Fridays.

The practice of fasting around Easter goes back to the very early days of the Church. Christians fasted from all foods between Good Friday and Easter Sunday marking the time between the death of Jesus and the discovery of the empty tomb. Lent as we now know it has its origins in the Council of Nicea (325). It draws its inspiration from the 40 days He spent in the wilderness fasting and praying. The pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

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

COLLECTIONS - We greatly appreciate your continued contributions. February 19th - €2,495.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Takes place daily in the Oratory in Ferbane Church. New attendees welcome. For more information 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.

**BAPTISM** - We welcome into our Christian Community Oisín Egan.

**DEATHS** - Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jimmy Lowry, Derrica and Phyllis Canavan (nee Mollen), London and late of St. Cynoc's Terrace (sister of Paul and Sean Mollen). 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** Together with the Mens Shed will have a demo and class on the game of Boccia on Monday 27th Feb. at 8pm in High Street Hall. All welcome.

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE** - On Tuesday 28th February in St. Paul's Church, Mullingar at 3pm in memory of the people buried in St. Loman's Cemetery from 1907 - 1970 and all who died at St. Loman's Hospital and Cluain Lir Centre. Mass will also be livestreamed on www.mullingarparish.ie.

**GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €6,400 = Jackpot €3,200; Star Prize €3,200).** Winning numbers were 14, 17, 20, 21. Bonus 6. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next draw on Tuesday 28th February.

**FERBANE GAA - Lotto:** Winning numbers in last week's draw 4, 26, 27, 30. Bonus 15. No jackpot or match 3 winners. Book/Raffle prizes drawn. Next week's jackpot is €3,200. Draw is on Tues. 28th Feb.

**COFFEE MORNING** - Continues on Wednesday 1st March in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am (after Mass). Bus service as usual.

**OFFALY VOLUNTEER CENTRE** - Will be in Ferbane Library on Thursday 2nd March from 10am until 12pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please call in to chat Susan at this time.

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

**ADULT ART CLASSES** - Lusmagh, for beginners and advanced. Tuesday 7th March 10am-1pm and 8pm-10pm; Wed. 14th March 10am-1pm. €100 for 5 weeks. All materials supplied. Contact 087 3217089 or email lisaglynn50@gmail.com Eircode R42 YK61.

**ATHLONE LITTLE THEATRE** - Presents 'Philadelphia, Here I Come!' by Brian Friel from

Thursday 9th to Thursday 16th March. Matinee on Sunday 12th March at 3pm. All other performances at 8pm. Booking via www.athlonelittletheatre.ie or Eventbrite. Tickets €15.

**DAFFODIL DAY** - Friday 24th March. If anyone would like to volunteer, contact Mary 087 2919314.

**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.

**BELMONT GAA BINGO** - Congratulations to Sharon Killian Egan, this week's €1,000 Bingo Jackpot winner, and to our other winners... Louise Kelly €200, Gemma Moore €100, Carmel Molloy €50, Sandra & Lara Cullinan €50.

**FERBANE BELMONT CE** - We currently have vacancies on our scheme for Office Administrator, General Operatives and Groundsmen/Caretaker. Successful applicants will continue with all existing benefits with a scheme top up. All successful participants can also avail of training and upskilling. For more information call 090 6454068.

**CONGRATULATIONS** - To the pupils of 5th and 6th Class in High Street N.S. on the phenomenal achievement in coming joint second place in Ireland in the Robotics Team Work Challenge held in Cork on Wednesday last.

**FERBANE LIBRARY** - Would you like to join a book club? Call Ferbane library on 090 6454259 to register your details. **Opening Hours:** Tuesday 10am - 5pm (lunch 1-2pm). Thursday 10am - 8pm (lunch 1-2pm & 5-6pm). Saturday 10am - 1pm.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

'He fasted for forty days and forty nights'

The curtain rises again on the Lenten drama that takes us from the bleakness of the desert to the bleakness of Golgotha, a drama that deals with the clashing themes of light and darkness, good and evil, death and life. We are drawn into the opening scene today as Jesus, prepares for the trials and tribulations ahead. As He enters the solitude of the Wilderness, He beckons us in, so that, together we may encounter the Father, and grow stronger through the testing. Lent is springtime for the soul. It provides us with the opportunity to give up what we have been for what we can become. May the season ahead enable us to bring peace to our past, purpose to our present and hope to our future. 'Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy' (Pope Francis). 'Lent is like a long retreat during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God' (Pope Benedict).