

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 19th March 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 18th MARCH - 7pm

1. Mary Rohan (*Months Mind*).

SUNDAY 19th MARCH - 11am

1. Alo McNamee.
2. Michael & Kate Duffy and Michael Cusack.
3. Seamus & Molly Gleeson.

Mon. 20th: 10am

Tues. 21st: 10am - Tom & Annie Claffey, Endrim.

Wed. 22nd: 10am - People's Mass.

Thurs. 23rd: 10am

Fri. 24th: 10am - Followed by Stations of the Cross.

Sat. 25th: 10am - Kathleen & Arthur

Reamsbottom and their daughter Kathleen Judge.

SATURDAY 25th MARCH - 7pm

1. Mary Egan, Coole (*Months Mind*).
2. Elizabeth & Christy Wynne, their son Larry and Grand-daughter Fiona.

SUNDAY 26th MARCH - 11am

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 19th MARCH - 12 noon

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1. Rose Egan (1st A) & her husband Michael.
2. Patricia Fleming.
3. Kathleen Henry, Beechgrove.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 19th MARCH - 9.30am

1. Liam Shanahan.

SUNDAY 26th MARCH - 9.30am

LENT 2023

ADDITIONAL MASSES/DEVOTIONS

Boora: Mass 7pm Wednesdays.

High Street: Mass 8pm Thursdays.

Ferbane: Stations of the Cross, Friday after 10am Mass

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

MOTHER'S DAY

'In today's fragmented world, where we risk losing our bearings, a mother's embrace is essential'.

(Pope Francis)

DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the souls of Alice McManus, Garbally, Birr (sister-in-law of Margaret Delaney, Boora and Eamon McManus, Annaghmore); Maura Clarke, Ferbane and for Sr. Teresa Cunniffe, Mount Sackville (aunt of Sr. Joseph). May they rest in peace.

BAPTISM - We welcome into our Christian community Brín and Tara Gleeson Kenny.

COLLECTIONS - We greatly appreciate your continued contributions. March 12th - €1,975.

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.

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

MOATE BUSINESS COLLEGE - Places still available on our **Introduction to Drawing**, night classes starting Monday 20th March from 7-9pm in Moate Business College. Register today on our website or phone us on 090 6481178.

HIGH STREET/BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - *Monday 20th March:* Going for

Evening Tea with Louis in Ballycumber at 7.30pm. Meeting at Flynn's pub at 7.15pm. Back in High Street Hall on Monday 27th March.

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €6,700 = Jackpot €3,400; Star Prize €3,300). Winning numbers were 3, 7, 8, 14. Bonus 9. No jackpot winner or match 3 winners. Two book prizes. Next draw on Tuesday 21st March. *Please note:* Renewal of the €40 half yearly tickets due now.

FERBANE GAA - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 1, 11, 25, 30. Bonus 14. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €3,800. Draw is on Tuesday 21st March. *Membership is now due.* Please contact Pat Browne, Brian Flynn, Kathleen Foley, Eddie Nally or Fergal Spollen for details of Club membership and promotions.

COFFEE MORNING - Continues on Wednesday 22nd March in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am (after Mass). Bus service as usual.

FERBANE APOSTOLIC WORK - Meeting on Thursday 23rd March in the Mercy Room after 10am Mass. New members welcome. **Please keep all used stamps as funds raised from used stamps go to the Missions.** Please give stamps to Padrigín, Edel or Sr. Helena.

BELMONT GAA BINGO - Congratulations to this weeks winners, Kevin Flynn €1,000 and Áine Boland €100. Bingo continues every Friday night, pre-printed books available in Cahill's every Thursday evening until 9pm.

DAFFODIL DAY - Friday 24th March. Volunteers please contact Mary 087 2919314.

ESB FISHERIES - Are hosting a **Coffee Morning** fundraiser for Offaly Hospice Tullamore on Friday 24th March from 9.30am until 3pm at the ESB Fisheries Conservation, Belmont, R42 YA37. Please support.

NAOMH CIARÁN LADIES FOOTBALL - Are holding a **Clothes Collection on Sat. 25th March at Ferbane GAA pitch from 11am to 12 noon.** If anyone wants to drop off bags before this they can leave them in O'Malley's red shed, Eircode R42 KW10. Any questions please call 087 2402751.

KILREHAN CEMETERY MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE - AGM on Wednesday 29th March at 8pm in Ferbane Heritage Centre. All welcome. We are looking for new committee members and also more volunteers for grass cutting.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE - (7 nights) from 12th to 19th April. €775 per person sharing. All inclusive of bed, breakfast and evening meal, insurance and airport transfers from Split to Medjugorje. *Spiritual Director:* Fr Oliver Devine. *Group Leader:* Amy Guinan 087 6552453.

FERBANE BELMONT CE - We currently have vacancies on our scheme for 2 Groundsperson/Caretakers. Successful applicants will continue with all existing benefits with a scheme top up. All successful participants can also avail of training and up skilling. For more info. call 090 6454068.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PURSUE A CAREER AS A TRAINER - If so, this is the job for you. West Offaly Training is based in Banagher, Co. Offaly, involved in Training and Education of Soft Skills, IT and Health and Safety, and is part funded body by Pobal. To find out more, please email info@westoffalytraining.com or call 057 9152003.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

'I can see'

The Lenten gospels have common threads running through them. We heard about the disciples on Mount Tabor; the woman at the well; the blind man on the road. In all these cases Jesus takes the initiative; the encounter occurs in the solitude; people are changed. Today the blind man is healed but Jesus does much more than heal the man's blindness. He takes him on a journey from darkness through sight to insight. He enables him to see with the 'eyes of the heart'. As the story unfolds the blind man moves from referring to Jesus as a man to recognising him as a prophet to finally worshipping Him as Lord. In the end he comes to understand who Jesus is. **The best vision is insight.** In these strange and challenging days could our God be leading us from sight to insight? Is He asking us to think again; to listen again; to see with the eyes of the heart? Might He be calling on our world to make different choices; to walk different paths, to appreciate what really matters? Perhaps He is reminding us that life is very fragile, that we really have little control, that we are indeed our brothers' and sisters' keepers, that we are not masters of time, and, above all, that He alone is our Way our Truth and our Life. **Lord that we may see.**