

# Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 16th April 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

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## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 15th APRIL - 7pm

1. Johnny Keenaghan.
2. Padraig Foley, his parents Paddy & Tess and Willie Hctor.
3. Brigid Kenny and her husband Tommy.

SUNDAY 16th APRIL - 11am

1. Frank Keenan (1st A) & his wife Joan (36th A).
2. Helen Dunican.
3. Ellen & James Anderson.

*Mon. 17th: 10am - People's Mass.*

*Tues. 18th: 10am - Mattie Mulrooney (4th A).*

*Wed. 19th: 10am - Paddy McLoughlin.*

*Thurs. 20th: 10am*

*Fri. 21st: 10am*

*Sat. 22nd: 10am*

SATURDAY 22nd APRIL - 7pm

1. Jimmy Lowry (Months Mind).

SUNDAY 23rd APRIL - 11am

1. Ciss & Kieran Flynn.
2. Patrick Boland and deceased members of the Egan & O'Rourke families.
3. John Joe & Mary Bridget Egan.

## SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 16th APRIL

1. Christina Connolly.
2. Pat Joe & Seamus Claffey.
3. Mick Clancy.

SUNDAY 23rd APRIL

1. Kieran Butler (1st A), Moystown, his parents Agnes & Joe & his brother Tommy.
2. Molly Henry (20th A), her husband Joe (3rd A) and their baby son.
3. Egan & Sote families.
4. Albert & Mary Nevin and deceased members of the Mannion & Nevin families.

## ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 16th APRIL - 9.30am

1. Sarah & Joseph Dooley and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 23rd APRIL - 9.30am

**COLLECTIONS** - We greatly appreciate your continued contributions. April 9th - €3,160.

**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.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** - In the year 2000 Pope St. John Paul II designated the Sunday after Easter to be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. The feast is based on the reported visions of Polish nun, Sr. Faustina Kowalska between 1931-38 in which Jesus appeared to her, dressed in a white garment with red and white rays coming from His heart and asked her to promote devotion to His Mercy. According to Sr. Faustina Jesus proclaimed: *'Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to my Mercy'*.

**GALLEN UNITED** - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €7,100 - Jackpot €3,600; Star Prize €3,500). Winning numbers were 1, 3, 13, 17. Bonus 24. No jackpot winner. Six match 3 winners. Next draw on Tuesday 18th April.

**FERBANE GAA** - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 4, 14, 18, 24. Bonus 32. No jackpot winner. Three match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €4,600. Draw is on Tuesday 18th April.

**COFFEE MORNING** - Continues on Wed. 19th April in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am (after Mass). Bus service as usual.

**C.S.I. PRESENTATION** - Is being held in the Offaly Volunteer Centre, Tullamore on Thursday 20th April from 7.30-9pm. We are hoping to get some good feedback from this evening as it will be an open discussion.

**BELMONT GAA BINGO** - Congratulations to Jacinta Egan and Roseanne Grennan both winning Jackpots of €1,000 in the Easter special. Bingo continues every Friday night, pre-printed books available in Cahill's every Thursday evening until 9pm.

**APOSTOLATE OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION KNOCK PILGRIMAGE** - Takes place Sunday 23rd April from 10.30am - 4pm. Bus can be organised if enough people interested. Contact sacristy for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE** - National Spring Clean with An Taisce and Ferbane Tidy Towns. **Litter pick and town clean-up on Saturday 29th April at 11am.** Meet at the Chat and Chill area (Old Fire Station). Bring some gloves and help tidy up the town just in time for Summer. Photography and video may be used in line with discreet general recording of a community gathering.

**FERBANE LIBRARY** - Bealtaine FREE Wreath Making Workshop with LOETB on Tuesday 2nd May at 12pm. To book your place, call in to the library or phone 090 6454259. *Opening Hours:* Tues. 10am-5pm (lunch 1-2pm). Thurs. 10am-8pm (lunch 1-2pm & 5-6pm). Sat. 10am-1pm.

**ARDAGH & CLONMACNOISE Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** - Friday 2nd June to Wednesday 7th June. For bookings contact Joe Walsh Tours at 01 2410800. Those seeking a place as Assisted Pilgrims to stay in the Accueil can register with Celia at 087 7674389.

**BEAT ON THE PEAT** - Our Beat on the Peat Festival takes place in Moystown on Sunday 9th July. As part of the activities available to attendees, we intend to have market stalls. If you would like to showcase your produce or would like any more information, please do not hesitate to contact any of our committee members.

**HIGH STREET CEMETERY SUNDAY** - Please note change of date to Sunday 16th July at 12 noon.

**THANK YOU** - The Madden family would like to thank all those whose who called with good wishes and sent cards to Ann following her accident.

**WHITE COLLAR BOXING** - Thank you to the 22 players and senior management on a great night of entertainment last Sunday night. Thank you to all our sponsors, supporters and anyone who contributed in any way to making the event so successful.

**FERBANE BELMONT CE** - We currently have vacancies on our scheme for 2 Groundsperson/Caretaker, and 1 General Operative. 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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

*'Doubt no longer but believe'*

The story of Thomas in today's gospel reminds us that the journey to Easter faith was difficult even for the first disciples of Jesus. He doubted. Doubt is not the enemy of faith, but rather its twin sister. It is actually the beginning of wisdom. **'There lives more faith in honest doubt, believe me, than in half the creeds'**, according to celebrated English poet of the nineteenth century, Alfred Lord Tennyson, and the renowned French philosopher of the twelfth century Peter Abelard offered a similar insightful reflection: **'It is by doubting that we come to investigate and by investigating that we recognise the truth'**. Healthy questioning leads to a healthy faith, a faith that does not provide all the answers, but which does provide us with enough light to live with the darkness; enough joy to live with the sorrow; enough certainty to live with the doubts. **'One who does not ask questions'** according to Pope Francis **'cannot progress either in knowledge or in faith'**. When Thomas finally made the journey from doubt to faith his commitment was total and to the end. As we reflect on his honest struggle, we might dare to make our own the daily prayer of Auschwitz survivor, Elie Wiesel: **'I pray to the God within me that He will give me the strength to ask Him the right questions'**.