

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 30th April 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Vocations Sunday)

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 29th APRIL - 7pm

1. Kevin & Stephen Heffernan.
2. J.J. Mooney (2nd A).
3. Bernard Minnock.
4. Rose Ann Kilmartin (Months Mind).

SUNDAY 30th APRIL - 11am

1. Maura Clarke (Months Mind).
2. Michael Delaney (Months Mind).

Mon. 1st May: 10am - May Chapman.

Tues. 2nd: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 3rd: 10am -

Thurs. 4th: 10am

Fri. 5th: 10am - First Friday.

Sat. 6th: 10am - I. Catherine & Arthur Bell, their daughter Sadie and their sons Pat, Kay & Seanie and daughter-in-law Maura.

2. Johnnie & Maimie Egan.

SATURDAY 6th MAY - 7pm

1. James & Mary Heffernan and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 7th MAY - 11am

1. Kathleen Kenny.
2. Sonny Egan and his parents John & Mary Bridget Egan and James & Elizabeth Clarke.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 30th APRIL

1. Bernard & Kathleen Kenny and deceased family members
2. Darryl and Ashton Hynes.

Fri. 5th: 8pm - First Friday. Paul McDonnell.

SUNDAY 7th MAY

1. Mai Egan (Months Mind).

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 30th APRIL - 9.30am

1. Bríd, Evelyn, Peter, Noel and Vincent Usher.

Fri. 5th: 7pm - First Friday.

SUNDAY 7th MAY - 9.30am

1. Sr. Angela Delaney her brother Michael, and Angie & Paddy Horan.

HIGH STREET CEMETERY SUNDAY

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

to Sunday 16th July at 12 noon.

COLLECTIONS - We greatly appreciate your continued contributions. April 23rd - €3,065.

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.

MARRIAGE - Congratulations to Kieran Dunican and Tracey McEvoy who returned from Australia and were recently married in St. Mary's Church, Pollagh.

HIGH STREET CEMETERY - Weekly clean-up continues each Tuesday at 7pm. New volunteers always welcome.

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €7,300 - Jackpot €3,700; Star Prize €3,600). Winning numbers were 12, 13, 20, 26. Bonus 4. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners. Next draw on Tuesday 2nd May.

FERBANE GAA - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 3, 8, 17, 28. Bonus 29. No jackpot winner. Five match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €5,000. Draw is on Tuesday 2nd May.

COFFEE MORNING - Continues on Wednesday 3rd May in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am (after Mass). Bus service as usual.

BREW BUDDIES - Social mornings will take place in High Street Hall, Belmont, with our first session on May 3rd, 11am-12.30pm. Social mornings will take place in Teach Lea, Boora, with our first session on May 4th, 11am-12.30pm. All welcome. For more information contact Stephanie on 086 833 6873.

THE ANNUAL HUGO SMITH MEMORIAL 5K Hosted by Ferbane AC takes place on Sunday 7th May at 10am. There is a new race route this year starting on the Ballycumber Road 400 metres from the entrance to the Business Park. The course will turn left down the L70075 at Moore's Nurseries and left again onto the L30047 before finally turning left again on to the R436 and into the main entrance of the Business Park finishing close to the wooded area to the rear. Looking forward to seeing you there.

ANAM CARA MIDLANDS - The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 10th May at 7.15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is FREE. For more information call 01 4045378.

BELMONT GAA BINGO - Congratulations to last weeks winners, Vincent Kelly, Gertie Dunican, Olive Flynn, all winning €100 each and Michelle Wynne winning €200. Bingo continues every Friday night, pre-printed books available in Cahill's every Thursday evening until 9pm.

FERBANE LIBRARY - Bealtaine Coffee Morning on Tuesday 9th May at 11am for Bealtaine (Age and Opportunity). All welcome. Call in for a chat and refreshments. **Knitting/Crochet Group:** Would you like to join a Knitting or Crochet group? If so, please call in to Ferbane library or phone on 090 6454259 to register your details. **Opening Hours:** Tues. 10am-5pm (lunch 1-2pm). Thurs. 10am-8pm (lunch 1-2pm & 5-6pm). Sat. 10am-1pm.

GALLEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOM - Golf Classic in Birr Golf Club on Friday 19th May. Please register your interest with the school in order to get your tee time on 090 6453600. If you would like to sponsor a hole on the day please contact the school office.

ARDAGH & CLONMACNOIS 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.

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.

WEST OFFALY TRAINING - Would you like to pursue a career as a trainer? West Offaly Training is a social enterprise, community training not-for-profit company based in Banagher. For more info. email info@westoffalytraining.com or call 057 9152003.

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME CE Scheme for Home Respite Care Worker, temporary contract. For information contact Alison Hackett 086 0213711/ahackett@familycarers.ie.

ACCORD - Is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators. Marriage facilitators are part of a team that prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. Three training dates are currently planned, June 17th and 24th and July 1st. These will take place virtually. If you are interested please contact marriagepreparation@accord.ie or call 01 5053112 for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS - To Cahal McDonald, High Street who attended the World Clay Pigeon Shooting Competition in South Africa and brought home a World Silver Medal. Huge achievement, great to have a World medal in the parish.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER VOCATIONS SUNDAY

I am the door of the sheepfold

The TV series 'One Man and His Dog' makes compelling TV viewing, the pivotal moment coming when the sheep, guided by the dog reach the gate of the fold. Will they enter or turn back? The choice, ultimately, belongs to them. Choice is at the core of the Christian journey as today's gospel extract reminds us. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who guides, invites and leads us, His flock, to the Father's house, but the choice remains with us, the sheep. Religion is not a matter of chance but of choice. My decisions are my destiny. On this Vocations Sunday we ask for the grace to steer the path He has chosen for us from the beginning, that will lead us to choose the only gate that leads to the fullness of life.

YEAR OF VOCATIONS

30th April 2023 - 30th April 2024

'Respond to the crisis of vocations with intensified prayer, rather than despair'. (Pope Francis).