

# Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 21st May 2023

The Ascension of the Lord

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## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 20th MAY - 7pm

1. Dan Foley (*Months Mind*).
2. Seamus Reams.

SUNDAY 21st MAY - 11am - *Ascension*

1. Kieran Kenny, Reynaun (*25th A*).
2. John & Mary Foley, Gallen.
3. Chrissie Sugrue.

*Mon. 22nd: 10am*

*Tues. 23rd: 10am*

*Wed. 24th: 10am - People's Mass.*

*Thurs. 25th: 10am*

*Fri. 26th: 10am*

*Sat. 27th: 10am*

SATURDAY 27th MAY - 7pm

1. Teresa & Patrick Devery, Creggan.

SUNDAY 28th MAY - 11am - *Pentecost*

1. Colum Keegan.
2. John Corcoran (*4th A*) and deceased family members.

## SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 21st MAY - 12 noon - *Ascension*

1. Patricia Feeney & dec'd family members.
2. James Fox and his wife Ellen, their daughters Avril & Eunice and their grandson Raymond.

SUNDAY 28th MAY - 12 noon - *Pentecost*

1. Kieran, Michael, Seamus, P.J. and Annette Feighery and their parents John & Brigid.

## ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 21st MAY - 9.30am - *Ascension*

SUNDAY 28th MAY - 9.30am - *Pentecost*

1. Anne Rosney (*2nd A*).

### YEAR OF VOCATIONS

30th April 2023 - 30th April 2024

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

### HIGH STREET CEMETERY SUNDAY

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

to Sunday 16th July at 12 noon.

**COLLECTIONS** - We greatly appreciate your continued contributions. May 14th - €1,840.

**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.

**DEATH** - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sarah Lonican, Gallen View. May she rest in peace.

**CONGRATULATIONS** - To Jack McKeown, Alannah Melia and Oliver Murphy from High Street N.S. who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 20th May.

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

**GALLEN UNITED** - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €7,600 - Jackpot €3,800; Star Prize €3,800). Winning numbers were 7, 11, 18, 27. Bonus 16. No jackpot winner. Three match 3 winners. Next draw on Tuesday 23rd May.

**FERBANE GAA** - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 16, 21, 30, 32. Bonus 1. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €5,600. Draw is on Tuesday 23rd May.

**COFFEE MORNING GROUP** - Trip to Clonfert on Wednesday 24th May. Bus leaves after 10am Mass. Refreshments in Banagher on the way.

**BELMONT OVER 50's** - **Boccia** players urgently needed for our teams to be able to compete in competitions. A meeting of all interested will take place in High Street Hall on Friday 26th May at 8pm. Men and women welcome. Contact 086 8785759.

**BELMONT GAA BINGO** - Congratulations to last weeks bingo winners: Colin Malone €100, Seamus Taylor €100, Rory Liddane €100, Mark Barrett €50. Bingo continues every Friday night, pre-printed books available in Cahill's during the week until 9pm on Thursday.

**MENPOWER** - Are you interested in expanding your horizons? Do you want to challenge your mental and physical fitness, set goals and develop a life plan? Then join us for the new MenPower Programme starting in Tullamore on Wednesday 31st May, for two half days per week for a duration of 12 weeks. The programme is delivered face to face and includes a mix of group work, individual work, physical fitness, social space and signposting to external supports and services. Participation on this programme is FREE and social welfare benefits will not be affected. Refreshments and a light lunch are provided. For more information please contact Aoife on 087-7385989 or via email akelly@offalyldc.ie.

**BEAT ON THE PEAT** - Takes place in Moystown on Sun. 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 or email westoffalymusicfestival@gmail.com.

**FERBANE BELMONT CE** - We currently have vacancies on our scheme for 2 Groundsperson/Caretaker, 1 General Operative and 1 Caretaker/Cleaner. 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 info. call 090 6454068.

**CONGRATULATIONS** - To Patrick Taaffe and Conor Dunican, members of the U20 Offaly panel, who won the Leinster Championship on Wednesday last.

**OUR LADY OF CLONFERT MAY NOVENA** -  
*Sun. 21st:* 10.30am & 6.30pm, Fr. D. McInerney.  
*Mon. 22nd:* 7.30pm, Fr. Simon Cadam, Granard.  
*Tues. 23rd:* 7.30pm, Mons. Cathal Geraghty, Loughrea.  
*Wed. 24th:* 7.30pm, Fr. John O'Gorman, Turloughmore.  
*Thurs. 25th:* 7.30pm, Fr. Tom Cox, Shannonbridge.  
*Fri. 26th:* 7.30pm, Fr. Declan McInerney.  
*Sat. 27th:* 7.30pm, Fr. Declan McInerney.

## FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

He was lifted-up while they looked on.

Jesus returns to the home of the Father. The Age of the Spirit draws near. The birth of the Church is imminent. As He slips beyond the clouds, we get a glimpse of our final destination. His leaving is not abandonment but rather, the ultimate act of faith in us. **D'imigh Sé romhainn; níor imigh Sé uainn.** His mission is now in our hands, flawed as we are. This is a feast that speaks of the constant rhythm of beginnings and endings, points to our destiny and amazes us at the prodigal trust of the Saviour in the potential of His brothers and sisters.

### The Unfinished Picture

Leonardo da Vinci had started work on a large canvas in his studio. For a while he worked at it, choosing the subject, planning the perspective, sketching the outline, applying the colours. Then one day he stopped, summoned one of his talented students and invited him to complete the work. When the horrified student protested that he was both unworthy and unable to complete the great painting, da Vinci replied: 'will not what I have done inspire you to do your best?' Jesus began to spread the Good News two thousand years ago by what He said, did and suffered. He illustrated His message and left us to complete the picture. Will not His life inspire us to complete the picture? This is the message of the Ascension.