

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 16th July 2023

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 15th JULY - 7pm

1. Jim Cassidy (*1st A*) and his sister Peggy Bowden.
2. Oliver Costello.
3. Peter Kelly (*2nd A*).

SUNDAY 16th JULY - 11am

1. Marilyn Browne.

Mon. 17th: 10am

Tues. 18th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 19th: 10am - Thomas Darcy, Cloghan (1st A).

Thurs. 20th: 10am

Fri. 21st: 10am

Sat. 22nd: 10am

SATURDAY 22nd JULY - 7pm

1. Joe & Nuala Claffey.
2. Ned & Roseanne Mannion and Joe & Mary Galvin.

SUNDAY 23rd JULY - 11am

1. Agnes Lawlor.
2. Paddy & Madge Higgins.
3. Pat Healy and deceased members of the Healy and Corcoran families.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 16th JULY - 12 noon

1. Cemetery Mass with blessing of graves and new extension to cemetery.

SUNDAY 23rd JULY - 12 noon

1. Jimmy Hand (*Months Mind*).
2. Veronica Harrington (*5th A*).

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 16th JULY - 9.30am

SUNDAY 23rd JULY - 9.30am

HIGH ST. CEMETERY SUNDAY

Sunday 16th July at 12 noon
followed by blessing of graves and new extension to cemetery.

PRAYER FOR CEMETERY SUNDAY

May the breath of creation that surrounds these holy graves - the trees, the grass, the birds, the wind and the sun - join us today in prayer.

May this pilgrimage remind us of what our faith teaches us - that our bodies do not die, but rather are transformed into new life through Christ. Holy are these resting places.

COLLECTIONS

July 9th: Offertory/Shrine €2,600. Thank you.

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.

HIGH STREET / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - Cake Sale & Raffle on this Sunday 16th July after 12 noon Mass in aid of Daffodil Day & Irish Cancer Society. Please support.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €8,400 - Jackpot €4,200; Star Prize €4,200). Winning numbers were 7, 12, 18, 23. Bonus 15. No jackpot winner. Three match 3 winners. Next draw on Monday 17th July. *Gallen United AGM* on Friday 21st July at 8pm in the Clubhouse. All welcome.

FERBANE LIBRARY - FREE Green Event: 'Reducing Waste' Talk with tips and inspiration on Thurs. 27th July at 6.15pm. To book phone 090 6454259, call in or email ferbanelibrary@

offalycoco.ie. *Library Opening Hours*: Tues. 10am til 5pm (lunch 1-2pm); Thurs. 10am til 8pm (lunch 1-2pm & 5-6pm); Sat. 10am til 1pm.

HIGH ST. CEMETERY - Weekly clean-up continues each Tuesday at 7pm. Volunteers welcome. **FERBANE GAA** - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 4, 13, 17, 21. Bonus 12. No jackpot winner. Seven match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €7,200. Draw is on Tuesday 18th July.

BELMONT GAA BINGO - Congratulations to last week's winners Patsy Feeny €250 and Gertie Dunican €100. Bingo continues every Friday night, pre-printed books available in Cahill's during the week until 9pm on Thursday.

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 information call 090 6454068.

BEAT ON THE PEAT - Our Club are overwhelmed with the support from our community over the last couple of weeks with the help that was received to make our first ever West Offaly Music Festival such a success. Thank you also to our local Gardai and Civil Defence for all your help. It was just wonderful to see so many people in one area enjoying brilliant music provided by all the bands. Thank you to all who came and made all the hard work so worthwhile.

INTRODUCTION TO PERMA CULTURE - In Coole Eco Community on Saturday 22nd July from 2-4pm. €15-€25. To register contact Siobhan 089 2196045.

15th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'The sower went out to sow'

St. Matthew's Gospel is known as the 'Teaching Gospel' since it contains more of the words of Jesus than the other three. The Parable of the Sower is a case in point. It is one of seven parables contained in chapter thirteen. It's a story from people's experience. The fertile land of Galilee was divided into long strips with paths or 'rights of way' between each strip, and weeds, thorns and rocks were common. The sower in the parable is God. The seed is His Word. The soil is the human heart. Our hearts can be hard, shallow, crowded or fruitful and we alone can determine what kind of soil our hearts will be. If our hearts and minds are open and attentive, the Word of God can penetrate and take root in us and enable us to view life through His eyes. Then, our kind of loving becomes His kind of loving and we in turn become sowers of the seed. The sower, of course, must be patient. The acorn grows slowly into an oak, but grow it will. Likewise, with regard to the little seeds we sow along the way, nothing is wasted. **We never can tell where our influence stops.** We pray for open hearts and patient sowing.

FERBANE PARISH INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2022

INCOME

Offertory Collection	125,980.00
Shrine	13,962.00
House/Land & Parish Rent	3,875.00
Graves & Upkeep Cemetery	3,000.00
Tax Reclaim	58,466.39
Outside Collections	18,320.00
Dues Collections	48,952.00

Total Income (A)

272,555.39

EXPENDITURE

Wages (returned on the P35)	8,568.00
Electricity	9,092.59
Oil & Gas	21,936.67
Insurances (Parish, VHI, Motor)	14,182.77
Rates & Water Charges	234.88
Altar Supplies	6,165.29
Repairs	4,432.89
Bank Charges (Current Account)	631.14
Telephone, Postage & Stationery	11,741.64
Levies paid to Diocese	9,144.96
Levies paid to SRP Fund	7,000.00
Outside Collections	18,320.00
Missalettes/Newsletters	3,884.91
Revenue Commissioners	2,422.50
Sundry Expenses	1,703.11
RPD Envelopes	1,861.63
Gifts	6,400.00

Total Expenses (B)

127,722.98