

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 30th July 2023

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 29th JULY - 7pm

1. Tom Dolan and his brother Willie Kieran.
2. Charlie Wynne (3rd A) and his parents Kathleen & Jack.

SUNDAY 30th JULY - 11am

1. Kieran & Maura Guinan.
2. Seamus Claffey.

Mon. 31st: 10am - Clare Higgins (2nd A)

Tues. 1st: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 2nd: 10am

Thurs. 3rd: 10am

Fri. 4th: 10am

Sat. 5th: 10am - Nancy Hickey M/M & her niece Jean Byrne who passed away recently.

SATURDAY 5th AUGUST - 7pm

1. Gerry Farrell (20th A).
2. Peter Horan (2nd A) and his wife Josie.
3. Paddy Flynn (21st A) and his wife Agnes (21st A).

SUNDAY 6th AUGUST - 11am

1. Peg Flynn.
2. Louise Moore.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 30th JULY - 12 noon

1. Kieran & Mary Clancy.

Fri. 4th: 8pm - First Friday.

SUNDAY 6th AUGUST - 12 noon

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 30th JULY - 9.30am

Fri. 4th: 7pm - First Friday.

SUNDAY 6th AUGUST - 9.30am

TISARAN ANNUAL MASS

Tuesday 5th August at 7pm.

YEAR OF VOCATIONS

30th April 2023 - 30th April 2024

COLLECTIONS

July 23rd: Offertory/Shrine €2,505. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Daily in the Oratory in Ferbane Church. New attendees welcome. For more information please contact Seamus at 086 8718942 or Iris 090 6454382.

DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eamon Dempsey, Aughaboy. May he rest in peace.

EVENTS AT FERBANE LIBRARY - Summer Stars Reading Programme will continue to run until the end of August. All children are welcome to register and receive FREE prizes for reading.

Dog's Trust Ireland will visit the library on Thursday 3rd of August at 11am for children's storytime, fun, roleplay, drama and more. Booking essential.

Arts & Crafts with Storytime suitable for age 5-10 years will take place on Thursday 10th of August at 3pm. Booking essential.

Lego Free Play will take place again on Sat. 12th of August from 11am. No booking necessary. Children must be aged 4 years+ and supervised by an adult. To book your place for an event, please phone 090 6454259 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.

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €8,600 - Jackpot €4,300; Star Prize €4,300). Winning numbers were 3, 10, 16, 18. Bonus 13. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winner. Next draw on Monday 31st July.

HIGH STREET CEMETERY - Weekly clean-up continues each Tuesday at 7pm. Volunteers welcome.

HIGH STREET WOMENS GROUP - Thanks sincerely all who supported our cake sale and raffle for the Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day. Total raised and lodged €5,500. Huge thanks to everyone involved.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto:* Winning numbers in last week's draw 5, 13, 15, 16. Bonus 29. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next week's jackpot is €7,600. Draw is on Tuesday 1st August.

BELMONT GAA BINGO - Congratulations to last week's winner, John Ferris €50. Bingo continues every Friday night, pre-printed books available in Cahill's during the week until 9pm on Thursday.

17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR/A

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field'

'The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls'

For the past three Sundays the Gospel readings have been parables about the kingdom of God. The kingdom is not so much a place as a way of living and loving; what early Christians called the 'Way'. The images used by Jesus in today's extract from His teaching are those of the 'Hidden Treasure' and the 'Pearl of Great Price'.

One man, a poor labourer, made his exciting discovery during an ordinary day's work. Another man, a rich merchant, struck gold after a lifetime's search. So it is for us. God can reveal Himself in a sudden moment of beauty, or in the depth of suffering and loss.

The treasure is near. Everywhere is a 'God-zone'. Everything is touched by divine hands. Creation is the monstrosity of God. Ignatian spirituality is based on the principle of 'finding God in all things'. Our challenge is to dig deeper, notice, be aware.