

# Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 27th August 2023

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 26th AUGUST - 7pm

1. Patrick Wynne (*Months Mind*).
2. Noel Murray (*1st A*), his son Noel and daughters Christine & Ann Marie.
3. Christy Devery.

SUNDAY 27th AUGUST - 11am

*Mon. 28th: 10am - Martin Murphy (6th A) and his parents Annie & Thomas.*

*Tues. 29th: 10am - People's Mass.*

*Wed. 30th: 10am*

*Thurs. 31st: 10am*

*Fri. 1st Sept.: 10am - First Friday.*

*Sat. 2nd: 10am*

SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER - 7pm

1. Michael Kenny, Ballyclare (*2nd A*).
2. John Kenny, Ballyclare (*4th A*) and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER - 11am

1. Phil Carroll (*Months Mind*).
2. Kevin Keenaghan (*2nd A*).

## SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 27th AUGUST - 12 noon

1. Stephen Rigney.
2. Joan & Loretta Dalton, their father Saran, grandparents Robert & Bridget, their uncle Patrick and deceased family members.

*Fri. 1st Sept.: 8pm - First Friday.*

*Anne Murphy.*

SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER - 12 noon

## ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 27th AUGUST - 9.30am

1. Marty Coughlan and his parents Martin & Mary.

*Fri. 1st Sept.: 7pm - First Friday.*

*John & Mary Kenny, Leamore.*

SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER - 9.30am

1. Patrick & Elizabeth Tooher and grandchildren Vincent & Kevin and deceased family members.

### YEAR OF VOCATIONS

30th April 2023 - 30th April 2024

### FEASTS THIS WEEK

Mon. 28th August: St. Augustine.

Tues. 29th August: The Passion of John the Baptist.

### COLLECTIONS

August 20th: Offertory/Shrine €3,150.

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.

**BAPTISM** - We welcome into our Christian Community, Daíthí Fitzgerald.

**GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw** (Prize fund €5,600 - Jackpot €1,100; Star Prize €4,500). Winning numbers were 6, 9, 11, 17. Bonus 24. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners. Next draw on Monday 28th August.

**LOUGH DERG ONE-DAY RETREAT 2023 SEASON** - August: 27th. September:

2nd, 6th, 9th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th. Adm.: €45. Booking: 071 9861518.

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

**FERBANE GAA** - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 1, 18, 30, 32. Bonus 20. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next week's jackpot is €8,400. Draw is on Tuesday 29th August.

**BELMONT GAA** - We begin our new bingo partnership, there is fantastic money on offer, bingo will continue every Wednesday eve, Books are still available in Joe Cahill's and online.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK** - Sunday 3rd September. 2pm Rosary. 2.30pm Anointing of the Sick. 3pm Mass. Bus to Knock departing B&Q, Athlone at 11am. Return fare €20. Booking essential 090 6472088.

**GANLEY IRISH SCHOOL OF DANCING** Resumes on Monday 4th September in High Street Hall Beginners at 6pm and advanced 6.45pm. Classes for adults start in Dun-na-Sí, Moate in October at 8.30pm. Contact Joe Ganley 087 6473497.

**FERBANE LIBRARY** - End of Summer Stars Reading Challenge - *Reminder*: Don't forget to return your cards to the library to get your stamp for every book read and collect your rewards.

Adult Book Club will resume on Thursday 7th of September at 6.15pm. New members welcome.

Lego Free Play will take place again on Saturday 9th of September from 11am. No booking necessary. Children must be aged 4 years+ and supervised by an adult.

Little Library bags - free bags of stories and fun for every child starting school in 2023. Call in to the library to collect yours.

Library Opening Hours: Tues. 10am-5pm (lunch 1-2pm) Thurs. 10am-8pm (lunch 1-2pm & 5-6pm). Sat. 10am-1pm. Tel: 090 6454259.

**A MISSIONARY GROUP FROM BETHLEHEM**, The Holy Land will be visiting Ferbane Parish on the 9th and 10th of September to sell religious articles (Crucifixes, Nativity cribs and Plaques) made out of olive wood in Bethlehem to help and support the poor

Christian families. Any help you could give them will be highly appreciated.

**HIGHER DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES** - St. Patrick's Pontifical University.

Are you looking for an introduction to Theology? A qualification that allows you to teach Religious Education or to start your journey to more study in Theology or Pastoral Ministry. See [sppu.ie/hdip-in-theological-studies](http://sppu.ie/hdip-in-theological-studies).

*Applications close 10th September.*

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

### 21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Who do you say I am?

In the year 399 B.C. the great Greek philosopher, Socrates uttered an immortal one-liner in defence of his life when he was on trial: 'The unexamined life is not worth living'. We could say with equal certainty that 'the unexamined faith is not worth having'. The core of the Christian faith is not doctrine but a relationship with a person. Jesus appears to be emphasizing this point when he addresses His disciples in the pagan heartland of Caesarea Philippi: 'Who do you say I am?' It's the ultimate question. It's the central question of the Gospel. It's a personal question for me today. It's the question that I will face when I approach 'the narrow door' at the end. Do I really know Him then? Am I familiar with His Word? Do I create time and space in my life to listen to Him, and talk to Him in prayer? Many good people who call themselves Christian know 'about' Jesus, but few actually know Him. The analogy of the photograph comes to mind here. There is an enormous difference between looking at a person's photograph and meeting that person face to face. The tragedy is that so many people just drift along on the surface of their faith without ever getting to know the Person at the centre of it.