

# Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 3rd September 2023

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

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).

Mon. 4th: 10am

Tues. 5th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 6th: 10am

Thurs. 7: 10am

Fri. 8th: 10am - Families who worked along the canal, brickyards, bogs & E.S.B. around Ferbane.

Sat. 9th: 10am

SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER - 7pm

1. John Joe Keenaghan.

SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER - 11am

1. Sonny Keenaghan.

## SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER - 12 noon

SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER - 12 noon

1. Nancy & Tommy Daly and deceased family members.
2. Mary & John Larkin and baby Esther and deceased family members.
3. Patrick, Alice and John Guinan.

## YEAR OF VOCATIONS

30th April 2023 - 30th April 2024

## ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER - 9.30am

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

SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER - 9.30am

### FEASTS THIS WEEK

Friday 8th Sept.: Nativity of the BVM.

Saturday 9th Sept: St. Ciarán.

*St. Ciarán:* Born in Roscommon c512 he came to Clonmacnois in January 545 and founded a monastery there which was to become one of the most renowned in Europe. He died at the age of thirty-three while the monastery was still being built.

**COLLECTIONS** - August 27th:

Offertory/Shrine €3,055. 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.

**DEATHS** - Patrick Joseph (Paddy) McGarvey, Peterborough, England (father of Feargus, Killygally) and John Moore, Glasnevin (brother of Michael and Tommy Moore, Rosfaraghan), both whom died recently. May they rest in peace.

**GANLEY IRISH SCHOOL OF DANCING** Resumes on Monday 4th Sept. 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.

**SVP** - Meeting on Monday 4th Sept. in the Presbytery at 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining as a volunteer, please contact 087 9272877.

**SOCIAL DANCING AND JIVING CLASSES** Starting in St. Mary's Hall, Cloghan on Monday 4th Sept. at 8.30pm for 4 weeks only. All welcome.

**GALLEN UNITED** - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €5,700 - Jackpot €1,200; Star Prize €4,500). Winning numbers were 11, 23, 25, 26. Bonus 2. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners. Next draw on Monday 3rd September.

**LOUGH DERG ONE-DAY RETREAT 2023 SEASON** - September: 6th, 9th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th. Adm.: €45. Booking: 071 9861518.

**HIGH ST. CEMETERY** - Weekly clean-up continues every Tues. at 7pm. Volunteers welcome.

**B.H.M. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP** - Monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th Sept. at 9pm in High Street Community Centre. The group are always looking for new members. All are welcome.

**FERBANE GAA** - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 8, 12, 17, 22. Bonus 29. No jackpot winner. Six match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €8,600. Draw is on Tuesday 5th September.

**BELMONT GAA** - Bingo continues every Wednesday evening. Books are still available in Joe Cahill's until 9pm Tuesday evening and online. Patrick Kenny winner of the €500 Belmont supporter's prize; Peter Molloy €200; Angela Egan €200; Laura Coyne €150; Noel Flynn €75; Adrian Malone €50; Fergal Spollen €20; Chris Ryan - Free book.

**FERBANE LIBRARY** - End of Summer Stars Reading Challenge - *Reminder:* Don't forget to return your cards to get your stamp for every book read and collect rewards. **Adult Book Club** will resume on Thurs. 7th Sept. at 6.15pm. **Lego Free Play** will take place again on Sat. 9th Sept. 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. **Library Opening Hours:** Tues. 10am-5pm (lunch 1-2pm) Thurs. 10am-8pm (lunch 1-2pm & 5-6pm). Sat. 10am-1pm. Tel: 090 6454259.

**WEST OFFALY LIONS** - Minis and Youths registration on Thursday 7th September from 6.30-7.30pm in the Tech Field, Ferbane. **Training** on Thursday 14th September and every Thursday from 6.30-7.30pm. New players welcome.

**ANCESTORS MEMORIAL MASS** - All are invited on Friday 8th Sept. at 10am for Mass in Ferbane Church and join us in Hennessey's for refreshments afterwards. At 2pm we are taking a tour of the Ballylin boardwalk. At 7pm we will reassemble at the Heritage Centre for stories from

the past and music. For info. contact 087 4162268 or email franmanning341@gmail.com

**A MISSIONARY GROUP FROM BETHLEHEM**, The Holy Land will be visiting Ferbane Parish on the 9th and 10th of September to sell religious articles made out of olive wood in Bethlehem to help and support the poor Christian families. All help appreciated.

**ANAM CARA MIDLANDS** - Monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wed. 13th Sept. at 7.15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is FREE and open to all bereaved parents. We also offer an online service. Call 01 4045378.

**GENTLEMEN** - Join us for our next MenPower programme, starting Wed. 20th Sept. Participation is FREE and social welfare benefits not affected. Refreshments and a light lunch provided. Contact Aoife 087-7385989 or email akelly@offalyldc.ie

**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.

### 22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself take up his cross and follow me'.

In last Sunday's Gospel Peter made an eager commitment to follow Jesus. Today, he is told that his choice will have a cost. The way of Christ is the way of the cross. As for Peter, so for us. The cross is the mark of the disciple from the Baptismal font to the grave. In essence, it means saying 'no' to self and saying 'yes' to God. This will take us to places we would rather not go, but as St. Rose of Lima reminds us: 'apart from the Cross we have no other ladder by which we may get to heaven'. We may be sure that there are no crown-wearers in heaven who were not cross-bearers on earth. By embracing the cross, we ripen. By carrying it willingly, we will find that it will carry us. In its shadow we learn that every trial has a triumph in it and each battle we face has a purpose. The cross is not a loss. It is actually the supreme sign of God's love for us. To look at the cross is to feel loved and it is an invitation to love as He has loved us. 'The cross is the school of love' (Maximilian Kolbe).