

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 24th September 2023

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER - 7pm

1. Paddy Taylor (25th A), his wife Julia, their daughter Ann and his brother-in-law Peter Devery.

SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER - 11am

Mon. 25th: 10am

Tues. 26th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 27th: 10am

Thurs. 28th: 10am

Fri. 29th: 10am

Sat. 30th: 10am

SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER - 7pm

1. Mick and Mae Gorman.
St. Cynocs NS Confirmation Enrolment.

SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER - 11am

1. Patricia Keenaghan (1st A).

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER - 12 noon

1. Kieran Flynn & dec'd family members.
2. Mary Connaughton, Jimmy Connaughton and deceased members of the Connaughton & Murray families.
3. Sean Hynes and dec'd family members.

SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER - 12 noon

1. Sean Murphy (1st A).
2. Mary (Bab) Murray (2nd A) and her sister Annie Murray.
3. Kieran Feeney & dec'd family members.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER - 9.30am

SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER - 9.30am

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Wed. 27th Sept: St. Vincent de Paul.

Fri. 29th Sept:

Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels.

Sat. 30th Sept: St. Jerome.

COLLECTIONS - September 17th:

Offertory/Shrine €2,190. 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.

DIARY - For 2024 Mass bookings is now available.

BAPTISM - We welcome into our Christian Community Martin Keenaghan.

DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ned Galvin, Gallen, Ferbane; Kieran Rigney, Rashina, Ballinahown (father of John Rigney, Ballylin) and Kay Perry, Belmont. Rest in peace.

BEST OF LUCK - To the Ferbane senior team in the County Final this Sunday.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €6,000 - Jackpot €1,300; Star Prize €4,700). Winning numbers were 9, 12, 18, 24. Bonus 19. No jackpot winner. 3 match 3 winners. Next draw on Monday 25th September.

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

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 5, 14, 17, 29. Bonus 22. No jackpot winner. Three match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €9,200. Draw is on Tuesday 26th September.

BELMONT GAA - Last weeks bingo winners: 1. Joe Cahill €200; 2. James Feeney €100; 3. Shane McManus €75; 4. Carmel Ferris €75; 5. Rory Liddane €50; 6. Edel Waldron €50; 7. Patrick Kenny €25. Books available in Cahill's shop until 9pm Tuesday evening.

COFFEE MORNING - Continues on Wed. 27th September in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am (after Mass). Bus as usual. All welcome.

LIOUS DEARG DEV. GROUP - Meeting in High St. Hall on Wed. 27th Sept. at 8pm, working together to make Belmont a better place. Everyone welcome.

SENIOR CITIZENS XMAS PARTY - Meeting in Fr. Peter's house on Wed. 27th Sept. at 8pm. New and existing members welcome.

TULLAMORE COPD SUPPORT GROUP

Is delighted to announce a new FREE exercise programme for people living with COPD. The classes will also offer a social gathering where individuals living with COPD can meet others who have a lived experience of this long-term lung condition. Classes will be delivered by an instructor who has experience of delivering exercise programmes which are specifically tailored to meet the needs of people living with COPD. We are holding a launch on Fri. 29th Sept. from 1pm in the Tullamore Community & Family Resource Centre. Please contact Katie on 083 086 4118 or email support@copd.ie for more details.

SOCIAL DANCE - In Cloghan Hall on Fri. 29th Sept. from 9.30pm - 12.30am. Music by Checkers.

O.S.P.C.A. OPEN DAY - We desperately need volunteers, so please come and meet us on Sat. 30th Sept. from 12-3pm at Jenny's Kitchen, The Mall, Tullamore. If you can't make it and would like to help, call 086 3785584 and a volunteer will advise you.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT CEREMONY

For St. Cynoc's NS on Sat. 30th Sept. at 7pm in Ferbane.

LYNX CC - Are hosting a Bikes & Brews in the Heritage Centre, Ferbane on Sun. 1st Oct. from 9am to 1pm in aid of the Cluny Centre, Gallen CS & Rise and St Cynoc's NS. Drop by for tea and baked goods and donate. Further details on our Facebook page.

RASHINA VINTAGE CLUB - *Threshing & Working Field Day* in Moony's field, Doon has been rescheduled for Sun. 1st October from 12 noon.

START YOUR OWN BUSINESS - Have a business idea? Offaly Local Development Company are meeting unemployed people NOW for places on their Business Development Programme, starting Monday 2nd October. Contact Des Regan, BDP Coordinator. Email: dregan@offalyldc.ie or call 057 9352467 / 087 9699998. Website: www.offalyldc.ie.

FERBANE LIBRARY - Toddler Storytime every Thursday at 12.15pm in Ferbane Library. No booking necessary. **Coffee Morning for Positive Aging Week** in the library on Thurs. 5th Oct. at 11am. All welcome. **Vex Robotics Play Session** on Thurs. 5th Oct. at 3.30pm for ages 8-12 years. Booking essential as places are limited. **Lego Free Play** on Sat. 7th Oct. from 11am. No booking necessary. Children must be aged 4 years + and supervised by an adult. **Chair Yoga for**

Positive Aging Week on Thurs. 12th Oct. at 11.45am. Booking is necessary. **Adult Book Club** takes place on the first Thursday of each month at 6.15pm. New members welcome. **Little Library bags** - free bags of stories for every child starting school in 2023. Call in to collect yours. **Library Opening Hours**: Tuesday 10am-5pm (lunch 1-2pm); Thursday 10am-8pm (lunch 1-2pm & 5-6pm); Saturday 10am-1pm. Phone 090 6454259 or Email ferbanelibrary@offalycoco.ie.

FERBANE TIDY TOWNS - Join us on Sat. 7th Oct. from 2-4pm for some refreshments and music in the An Stolan Community Garden, St Joseph's Convent, Ferbane to see the recently completed works thanks to the Axa Parks Grant. Help us put the finishing touches to Ferbane's newest green space on the day, with some planting. Equipment provided. Weather permitting.

FERBANE BELMONT CE - 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 participants can also avail of training and upskilling. For info. call 090 6454068.

BHM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP Will be celebrating 25 years of community development soon and it is intended to mark this special occasion with an Open Say showcasing all the projects completed over the years. Details to follow.

25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'Why be envious because I am generous?'

The crops in Palestine ripened at the end of September. The rains came two weeks later. The window of opportunity was short. The need for workers was urgent. The eleventh-hour arrivals were not idlers. They weren't chosen. The weak must always wait, but the Lord's ways are not our ways and the last shall be first. For Him, peoples' needs always came before their accomplishments. He does not give based on the greatness of our merits, but on the greatness of His compassion. His giving is not dependent on our doing. He doesn't ask us to be deserving but to be receptive. Those who worked all day were not treated unjustly. They were paid enough, but they couldn't enjoy what they had when they coveted what they had not. 'Envy is the pain caused by the good fortune of others' (Aristotle). The word envy derives from the Latin 'invidia' meaning 'non-sight'. It leads to a form of blindness. It is one of the 'Seven Deadly Sins' and is usually directed towards those amongst whom we live and work. 'Beggars do not envy millionaires; they envy other beggars who are more successful' (Bertrand Russell). We should never be envious of what God gives to others. We begin to overcome envy by being grateful, rather, for what He has given to us.