

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 8th October 2023

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER - 7pm

SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER - 11am

1. Frank Grogan.

Weekday Masses at 10am in High St. Church (Mon. 9th-Sat. 14th Oct).

Mon. 9th: 10am

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

Wed. 11th: 10am

Thurs. 12th: 10am

Fri. 13th: 10am

Sat. 14th: 10am - P.J. Guinan (Months Mind).

SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER - 7pm

1. Phyllis Moore and her husband Paddy and his nephew Jody.
2. James Peavoy, his wife Susan and daughter Kathleen.
3. Teresa Mooney (12th A) and her sister Margaret Minnock (3rd A).
4. Tom Claffey, Main Street.

SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER - 11am

1. Sean, Rita and Brian O'Loughlin, Athlone Road.
2. Mary Gleeson, Athlone Road

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER - 12 noon

1. Mary Connolly, Clononey and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER - 12 noon

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER - 9.30am

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Mon. 9th Oct.: St. John Henry Newman.

Wed. 11th Oct.: Pope St. John XXIII.

YEAR OF VOCATIONS 30th April 2023 - 30th April 2024

MONTH OF THE SYNOD - The Synod takes place in Rome (4th-28th October). Theme: 'Communion, Participation, Mission'. May the Holy Spirit fall afresh on our Church.

OCTOBER - MISSION MONTH -

Theme: 'Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move'.

As Christians we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves'.

(Pope Francis).

MASSES - All ceremonies can be heard on 106.5FM Parish Radio. Parish bulletin is available on www.ferbaneparish.ie.

PRAY & PLAY - Resumes on October 8th at 12 noon Family Mass in High Street. Please contact us if you would be interested in joining the team (comprising of adults and young people) who work with the 3-7 year olds as they Pray & Play in the Sacristy during Mass.

COLLECTIONS - October 1st:

Offertory/Shrine €2,265. Thank you.

DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the souls of Kevin O'Rourke, Clara (brother of Martin O'Rourke, Ballyclare); Bridget Lowbridge, Tullamore (mother of Caroline Cooney, Gallen View) & Annette Higgins, Ballyvora. Rest in peace.

SVP - Confidential phone line 087 9272877.

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.

BUS TO PRO LIFE CONFERENCE IN DUBLIN - On Saturday 14th October. Bus picks-up at Athlone Coosan Church Car Park at 8:35am. Fare €20. Booking essential. Please contact Siobhan on 083 0254 809. For further information on the conference, see www.prolifecampaign.ie.

YOUNG AT HEART / SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY - The proposed date for the party is December 3rd. It is very important that

anyone who is interested in attending would put their name on the list in Ferbane Post Office or contact Ita on 087 2882387 or Maura on 087 4198185 before October 28th as we need to know how many will be attending.

COFFEE MORNING - Continues on Wed. 11th October in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am (after Mass). Bus as usual. All welcome.

HIGH ST./BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - Returns on Monday 9th October with Louise Marlow, Image Consultant and Colour Me Beautiful. She will speak and give advice on fashion and style for Autumn and Winter. Adm. €5. Membership now due. *Date for your diary: Christmas Market on Sunday 3rd December from 10am to 2.30pm. All local crafts, food etc. We ask for your support.*

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw (Prize fund €6,200 - Jackpot €1,400; Star Prize €4,800).* Winning numbers were 1, 4, 5, 16. Bonus 14. No jackpot winner or match 3 winners. Two book prizes. Next draw on Monday 9th October.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto:* Winning numbers in last week's draw 2, 12, 19, 27. Bonus 23. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €9,600. Draw is on Tuesday 10th October.

FERBANE BRIDGE CLUB - Continues on Wednesday 11th October at 7.30pm. All welcome.

FERBANE LIBRARY - *Toddler Storytime* every Thursday at 12.15pm in Ferbane Library. No booking necessary. **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.

NAOMH CIARÁN - Presents an **Evening of Fashion** on Thursday 12th October in Gallen Community School. Doors open 7pm. Prosecco reception and Best Dressed Lady on the night. For further details and how to purchase tickets, please refer to our Facebook and Instagram pages. **Congratulations to the Naomh Ciarán senior team on winning the County Final last Sunday.**

ENROLMENT - **High Street N.S. Enrolment for September 2024 will commence on Monday 16th October.** Enrolment packs may be obtained by calling to the school - Tuesday - Thursday 9.20am - 1pm. Alternatively please email the school highstreetns@gmail.com with enquiries.

ATHLONE LITTLE THEATRE - Invites you to the first play of the new autumn season, *'Four Minutes Twelve Seconds'* by James Fritz, directed by Joe MacCarrick from Wednesday, October 18 to Wednesday, October 25 at 8pm by special arrangement with Berlin Associates. There's a Sunday matinee performance only on October 22 at 3pm. This play contains adult themes and is not suitable for anyone under 12. Booking via www.athlonelittletheatre.ie or Eventbrite.

BIRR ARTS THEATRE - Presents *Emer Dunne Trio 'Folk Threads'* on Saturday 21st October. Irish, Scottish and American folk songs and music 'Grace', 'Sweet Sixteen' and contemporary surprises. Show at 8pm. Tickets €18 (plus booking fee). Special discount for groups of ten. Contact 057 9122911 or book online www.birrtheatre.com or www.emerdunne.com.

FERBANE BELMONT CE - Have vacancies on our scheme for 2 Groundsperson/Caretaker, 2 General Operatives 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.

27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'He will lease the vineyard to other tenants'

The parable of the vineyard is 'a Bible within the Bible', presenting in veiled form the history of salvation. It's a story of a God who is at once a trusting father, a patient mother and a just judge. The owner of the vineyard trusts the tenants to get on with the task of cultivating it. He shows immense patience by giving them chance after chance to respond to his appeal to produce a harvest. They don't listen. In the end, his patience runs out and he leases the vineyard to other tenants. We are the tenants today. God gives us ample opportunity to produce fruit, but there does come a moment of reckoning when we must account for our stewardship and those who have ears to hear should listen. True fruitfulness begins in the heart and mind when we stand close to the Lord of the vineyard and fill our minds and hearts with all that is true, noble and good. Then if our minds and hearts are right we will be able to love what He loves and do what He does. That in essence is what bearing worthwhile fruit means. It is the outward demonstration of our inward disposition. Thoughts are roots; words are leaves; actions are fruits.