

# Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 19th November 2023

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER - 7pm

1. Eugene & Elizabeth Nugent and their sons Tom, Jim & Hughie, daughters Kathleen, Maureen & Anne.
2. Tom Kenny & his daughter-in-law Andrea.

SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER - 11am

1. Susan Rosney.
2. Bridgie, Molly & Jimmy Clancy.
3. Martina Boland and her sons Martin and Aaron and her sister Joan Larkin.

*NO weekday Mass in Ferbane this week. Masses moved to High Street.*

*Sat. 25th: 10am*

SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER - 7pm

1. Bridget & Joseph Reams and deceased family members.
2. Pat & Mary Spollen
3. Kieran & Nancy Egan
4. Donal Burke.

SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER - 11am

1. Patrick McDermott (1st A).
2. Paddy & Teresa Sheridan and their sons Thomas & Gerard.
3. Eddie Joe & Teresa Dooley.
4. Michael & Ellen Byrne and deceased family members.
5. Bernard & Kathleen Keenaghan.

## SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER - 12 noon

1. Martin & Bernadette Doolin and dec'd family members, Lisclonney.

2. Leo & Lil McManus and their daughter Patricia and daughter-in-law Alice.
3. Dan, Nancy & Paddy Connell.

*Mon. 20th: 10am*

*Tues. 21st: 10am - People's Mass.*

*Wed. 22nd: 10am*

*Thurs. 23rd: 10am*

*Fri. 24th: 10am*

SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER - 12 noon

1. Maureen & Brian Cahill and deceased members of the Molloy & Cahill families.
2. Eileen & Joe Kenny.
3. Joe Feighery and his son Diarmuid.

## ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER - 9.30am

*Wed. 22nd Nov.: 7pm*

SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER - 9.30am

### FEASTS THIS WEEK

*Tues. 21st Nov.:* Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*Thurs. 23rd Nov.:* St. Columban.

*Fri. 24th Nov.:* St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Vietnamese Martyrs.

*Sun. 26th Nov.:* CHRIST THE KING.

### YEAR OF VOCATIONS

30th April 2023 - 30th April 2024

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

**FAMILY MASS** - *Pray and Play* in High Street Church on this Sun. 19th November at 12 noon.

**COLLECTIONS** - November 12th:

Offertory/Shrine €2,275. Thank you.

**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.

**ADORATION** - *No Adoration* in Ferbane Church on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. Adoration returns on Thursday.

**HIGH STREET / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP** - *Mon. 20th Nov.:* Dealing with all skincare conditions, treatments and information with Kelly Walsh, Beauty Therapist, Ferbane in High Street Hall at 8pm. All are welcome. *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 €6,800 - Jackpot €1,700; Star Prize €5,100). Winning numbers were 10, 18, 25, 26. Bonus 5. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners. Next draw on Monday 20th November.

**FERBANE GAA** - *Lotto:* Winning numbers in last week's draw 8, 10, 15, 32. Bonus 27. No jackpot winner or match three match 3 winner. 5 x €40 raffle prizes drawn. Next week's jackpot is €10,800. Draw on Tuesday 21st November.

**COFFEE MORNING** - Continues on Wed. 22nd November in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am (after Mass). Bus as usual. All welcome.

**FERBANE BRIDGE CLUB** - Continues on Wed. 22nd November at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**THE ANNUAL MASSS** for the Deceased Staff of E.S.B. Shannonbridge/West Offaly Power Station, will be celebrated in St. Ciarán's Church, Shannonbridge on Thurs. 23rd November at 7pm.

**ATHLONE LITTLE THEATRE** - Some laughter for the dark nights! Three one-act comedies directed by Paddy Martin, Clive Darling and Hélène Lepaon taking place in Athlone Little Theatre from November 29th to December 6th at 8pm. Sunday Matinee only on December 3rd at 3pm. Book now on www.athlonelittletheatre.ie

**FERBANE LIBRARY** - Lego FREE Play event on Saturday, December 2nd at 11am. Suitable for age 4 years plus. Children must be supervised by parent/guardian. No booking is necessary. **A new Parent and Toddler Group** will begin in the library on Tuesday mornings from 11am-12pm, starting on Tuesday, December 5th. All welcome. Phone 090 6454259 or email ferbanelibrary@offalycoco.ie for any further information.

**FERBANE TIDY TOWNS** - Are organising the *Christmas Lights Ceremony on Sunday 3rd of December at 5pm outside the Mary Ward Heritage Centre*. If you can help out in any way with this celebration please contact us on Facebook or ferbanechrismlights@gmail.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. Call 090 6454068.

## 33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

**'I hid your talent'**

*'It isn't the thing you do dear,  
it's the thing you leave undone,  
which gives you a bit of heartache  
at the setting of the sun.'*

These lines from the poem 'Sin of Omission' by American poet Margaret Sangster rhymes perfectly with the parable of the talents in today's Gospel. The poet goes on to chide us gently by mentioning the tender word we failed to utter, the letter we should have written; the stone we could have lifted; the acts of kindness we might have performed. The servant in the Gospel who buried his talent committed the sin of omission. He was a cautious man, lacking ambition, courage and confidence. His failure to take a risk calls to mind the old adage: 'if you are careful enough nothing bad or good will ever happen to you'. The Christian must be prepared to take risks in building up God's kingdom. It's a question of using our gifts creatively to make His face seen and His voice heard. We are all gifted differently, but the gifts must be nurtured. 'The artist is nothing without the gift; the gift is nothing without the work' (Emile Zola). No talent can survive the blight of neglect. Hell is full of the talented! It's worth noting that the other two servants in the parable are rewarded for being 'faithful in small things'. In the fourth century, St. John Chrysostom proclaimed that 'faithfulness in little things is a big thing'. There is nothing small in the service of God. 'Little things on little wings bear little souls to heaven'. That is what the poet wrote two hundred years ago. That is what Jesus taught two thousand years ago.