

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 4th February 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 3rd FEBRUARY - 7pm

1. Peter & Nellie Guinan
2. Oliver & Kate Daly and deceased family members.
3. Mick Wrenn.

SUNDAY 4th FEBRUARY - 11am

Mon. 5th: 10am

Tues. 6th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 7th: 10am

Thurs. 8th: 10am

Fri. 9th: 10am

Sat. 10th: 10am - 1. Lucy and Andy Brazil.

2. James & Kathleen Gunning.

SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY - 7pm

1. Mary Egan, Coole (1st A).
2. Noeleen Mooney and deceased members of the Ward and Mooney families.
3. Francis Harrington.

SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY - 11am

1. Michael Dooley, Ballylin (3rd A).
2. Mick Brazil (4th A).

PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 4th FEBRUARY - 12 noon

1. Pauline Claffey (1st A) and her parents Michael & Annie Claffey.
2. Shane Ryan (19th A).

SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY - 12 noon

1. John & Mary Connaughton and Josie Kinnarney.
2. Mary Connell and Bridie Gleeson (nee Duffy), Birmingham, UK.

3. Larry Egan and deceased members of the Egan & Hanevy families.
4. Mary Jo and Maura McKeown.
5. Tommy Kenny, Fadden.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 4th FEBRUARY - 9.30am

SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY - 9.30am

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

COLLECTIONS - January 28th:

Offertory/Shrine €2,750. Thank you.

TROCAIRE BOXES - For Lenten campaign now available.

SVP - Confidential phone line 087 9272877.

BAPTISM - We welcome into our Christian Community *Harry Farrell*.

DEATH - We pray for the repose of the soul of *Kieran McManus, Banagher* (brother of Eamon McManus, Annaghmore and Margaret Delaney Boora). May he rest in peace.

PARISH OFFICE - Open every Wednesday from 9am-1pm and 2-5pm. Tel: 090 6454309 or email parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie.

FERBANE LIBRARY - Parent & Toddler Group is changing to the earlier time of 10.30am-11.30am on Tuesday mornings. All welcome. Lego Free Play on Sat., February 10th at 11am. Suitable for age 4 years plus. Children must be supervised by parent/guardian. No booking is necessary.

BHM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP - Monthly meeting will be held this Tuesday 6th February at 9pm in High Street Community Centre. The group are liaising with Offaly County Council on improvements for Belmont area and are continuing with the community enhancement project for Belmont village. All are welcome.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €7,700; Jackpot €2,200; Star Prize €5,500).

Winning numbers were 9, 11, 14, 23. Bonus 7. No jackpot or match 3 winner. Two book prizes. Next draw on **Tuesday 6th February**.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 9, 15, 24, 27. Bonus 18. No jackpot winner. Two match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €13,000. Draw on Tuesday 6th February.

COFFEE MORNING - Resumes on Wed. 7th February in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am. Bus service as usual. All are welcome.

GENTLEMEN - Are you ready for a challenge that will test your mental and physical boundaries, break down barriers, and build your way to a brighter future? Then join us for the next MenPower programme, starting in Tullamore on Wed. 7th February. Participation on this programme is FREE and social welfare benefits will not be affected. Refreshments and a light lunch are provided. For more information please contact Aoife at 087-7385989 or via email akelly@offalydc.ie.

FERBANE BRIDGE CLUB - Continues on Wednesday 7th February at 7.30pm. All welcome.

FERBANE WOMEN'S GROUP - Meet every Thursday morning in the Bridge Club, Ballycumber Road at 11am. New members welcome. Contact 087 6410156 for more information.

CENTERING PRAYER - At the Ursuline Convent Shannonbridge on Thursday 8th February at 4.30pm. Short silent prayer session. Tea/coffee afterwards. For more information please contact Kathryn Hennessy at 087 3683196.

PROGRESSIVE 25 - Cards every Friday night in Ferbane Heritage Centre at 9pm. More card players needed for game to continue.

THRIFT SHOP SALE - In aid of Ollie Daly on Sun. 11th Feb. in the Haggard, Gleeson's. Contact 087 2971456 or 087 7719209 for donations.

ANAM CARA MIDLANDS - Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 14th February at 7.15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is FREE and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. For more information please call 01 4045378.

CLOTHES COLLECTION - Naomh Ciarán Football Club are holding a Clothes Collection at Ferbane GAA pitch between 10-11am on Saturday 17th February and Saturday 24th February. Any bag donation will be greatly appreciated.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES - April-October 2024 - 7 nights, apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you.

FERBANE BELMONT CE - We currently have vacancies on our scheme for three Groundspersons/Caretakers, three General Operatives and one Caretaker Cleaner. Successful applicants will continue with all existing benefits with a scheme top up. All successful participants can also avail of training and upskilling. Call 090 6454068.

FOOT HEALTHCARE PRACTICE, Ferbane Reflexology, footcare, massage including diabetic care services available at the Clinic, Ballycumber Road. Home visits also available for footcare by appointment. For further info. call 086 2282460.

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dag Hammarskjöld, the second and youngest ever Secretary General of the United Nations once suggested that people should 'speak only out of silence, act only out of stillness'. The recently deceased and legendary golf commentator, Peter Alliss expressed the same sentiment when commenting on his own inimitable style: 'I only speak when I feel I can improve on the silence'. These thought-provoking words are perfectly in tune with the life and ministry of Jesus. Prayer and reflection in the quiet space preceded all the significant moments of His journey. He prayed before embarking on His public ministry, as part of His daily routine, at His Baptism, before choosing the twelve apostles, before and after performing miracles, at the Transfiguration, during His agony, on the cross. His entire mission was animated by prayer and reflection. In today's Gospel extract, we find Him in that quiet space. He has just completed a hectic day of preaching and ministering to the sick and now as He faces a new day He retires to the solitude to get in tune with the Father. We find in Him that precious balance between action and reflection. That balance should be our goal too. The greatest malady in our world today is a loss of soul. We are not so much experiencing a clash between belief and non-belief, but rather between thinking and non-thinking! We should learn from the Master. The body is the child of the soul and when body and soul are in harmony happiness is the natural result.