

# Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 11th February 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY - 7pm

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

SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY - 11am

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

Mon. 12th: 10am

Tues. 13th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 14th: 10am - Ash Wednesday

(Distribution of ashes)

Thurs. 15th: 10am

Fri. 16th: 10am

Sat. 17th: 10am

SATURDAY 17th FEBRUARY - 7pm

1. Mary Rohan (1st A).
2. Charles & Teresa Brazil Derrica and their Grandson John Robbins.
3. Tracey Buckley (13th A) and her mother Brigid.
4. Andrew Wynne & dec'd family members.
5. Janie Robinson and deceased members of the Robinson Family.

SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY - 11am

1. Kathleen Boland (Months Mind).
2. Sean Egan (6th A) and his wife Josephine (3rd A).
3. Eddie Mitchell.

## PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY - 12 noon

'Pray & Play' Family Mass

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. Bertie, Mary Jo and Maura McKeown.
5. Tommy Kenny, Fadden.

Wed. 14th: 8pm - Ash Wednesday  
(Distribution of ashes)

SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY - 12 noon

1. Thomas & Catherine Shea.
2. Mary Kenny, High Street.
3. Patrick Feeney & dec'd family members.

## ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY - 9.30am

Wed. 14th: 7pm - Ash Wednesday

(Distribution of ashes)

SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY - 9.30am

### MASSES AND DEVOTIONS FOR LENT 2024

Ferbane: Each day at 10am

Boora: Wednesdays 7pm

High Street: Fridays 8pm

Stations of the Cross: Friday after 10am Mass.

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

**COLLECTIONS** - February 4th:

Offertory/Shrine €2,660. Thank you.

**TRÓCAIRE BOXES** - Now available.

**SVP** - Confidential phone line 087 9272877.

**DEATHS** - We pray for the repose of the souls of Peter Moore, Edenderry (late of Rosfarahan, Ferbane) and for Rosaleen Woods (sister of Claire Moore, Rosfarahan, Ferbane). May they rest in peace.

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

## TEMPERANCE SUNDAY & World Day of

**Prayer for the Sick** - Today Sunday 11th February, Anointing of the Sick after all Masses. (i) **Temperance Sunday.** 'Temperance brings balance and prevents excess getting a grip' (Bishop E Walsh). (ii) **World Day of Prayer for the Sick.** 'The sick are at the heart of the Church' (Pope Francis).

**THRIFT SHOP SALE** - In aid of Ollie Daly this Sunday 11th February in the Haggard, Gleeson's. Contact 087 2971456 or 087 7719209 for donations.

**HIGH ST./BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP** - Mon. 12th Feb.: A representative from Offaly Hospice will speak on the work of the Hospice and the plans for the new Hospice Centre in Tullamore. A presentation of €900 will be made to the Hospice, proceeds from the Christmas Market. All welcome to High Street Hall at 8pm.

**GALLEN UNITED** - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €7,800; Jackpot €2,200; Star Prize €5,600). Winning numbers were 5, 7, 18, 23. Bonus 12. No jackpot or match 3 winner. Two book prizes. Next draw on Monday 12th February.

**FERBANE GAA** - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 6, 26, 27, 28. Bonus 18. No jackpot winner or match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €13,200. Draw on Tuesday 13th February.

**COFFEE MORNING** - Continues on Wed. 14th February in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am. Bus service as usual. All are welcome.

**FERBANE BRIDGE CLUB** - Continues on Wednesday 14th February at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**ANAM CARA MIDLANDS** - Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wed. 14th Feb. at 7.15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. For info. call 01 4045378.

**LONGEVITY CLASSES** - (Suitable for 60+) in Ferbane GAA Gym on Fridays at 10.15am. Call 085 7766674.

**PROGRESSIVE 25** - Cards every Friday night in Ferbane Heritage Centre at 9pm. All welcome.

**BELMONT AND SURROUNDS COMMUNITY PLAN 2024 - 2028** Working together to make our community better. Please complete and return your community survey to Cahill's shop by Friday, February 16th. Alternatively you can complete the survey online. For further info. contact belmontcommunityplanning@gmail.com or call Louise, Offaly Local Development Co. 087 692 5276.

**CLOTHES COLLECTION** - Naomh Ciarán Football Club are holding a Clothes Collection at Ferbane GAA pitch between 10-11am on Sat. 17th and Sat. 24th Feb.. Any bag donation appreciated.

**BELMONT CAMOGIE TRAINING** - Will be resuming in the coming weeks and registration is now due for new and current members (U6-U18). Check

our social media outlets for further details or contact Jacinta 086 4043354.

**BINGO WINNERS** - Congratulations to this week's winners - Patsy Feeney, Lindsay Taylor, Bernie Kenny, Mel Brazil, Tony Kenny and Carina Egan. Bingo books may be purchased in Joe Cahill's or online (see social media).

**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.

**COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME** - Tullamore Show Office has an administration position available, 19.5 hours per week, working to stage the Tullamore Show and FBD National Livestock Show. Email info@offalyhistory.com or call 057 9321421.

**OFFALY VOLUNTEER CENTRE** - If you are interested in registering your voluntary organisation with us or becoming a volunteer for the many organisations in our community please contact us on 083 0154669. Look us up on www.volunteeroffaly.ie.

### 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

'Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him'

A recent television documentary on the heroic men and women who are working on the front line in our hospitals in the battle against Covid-19, revealed in a striking way that compassion costs. It always does. In today's Gospel Jesus reaches out in tender compassion to touch a leper. In doing what He did, He was crossing a significant boundary and breaking every law, taboo and convention of His day. The leper was the most miserable outcast in Jewish society. He/she had to live away from the community, wear a bell and cry out, 'Unclean, unclean'. To touch a leper made oneself unclean. The judgement of Jesus does not follow society's standards, however. He understood how it felt to be rejected, to feel unwanted, to find no room at the inn and so, an untouchable one is touched, an outsider is brought in, an excluded one is made to feel welcome, a suffering human being is healed in body and spirit. No life, however broken or rejected is beyond God's reach. Today, as in every generation, there are 'untouchables' in our world, people on the edge, the least, the lost, the last. The leper represents those whom society considers to be flawed. Our challenge is to do as Jesus did; to notice and be courageous enough to step out to bring inclusion where there is exclusion so that no brother or sister has to carry the cross alone. Jesus' ministry of compassion cost Him. It will cost us too.