

# Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 10th March 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 9th MARCH - 7pm

1. Bridie Devery (10th A) and deceased members of the Devery and O'Brien families.
2. Kieran and Brigid Kelly.

SUNDAY 10th MARCH - 11am

1. Maura Clarke (1st A) and her husband Brendan.

Mon. 11th: 10am

Tues. 12th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 13th: 10am - Liam and Rosaleen Roe.

Thurs. 14th: 10am

Fri. 15th: 10am

Sat. 16th: 10am

SATURDAY 16th MARCH - 7pm

SUNDAY 17th MARCH

ST. PATRICK'S DAY - 11am

1. Thomas and Rose Maher & Agnes Fogarty.
2. Michael & Kate Duffy and Michael Cusack.

## PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 10th MARCH- 12 noon

1. Mai Egan (1st A) and her husband Owen.
2. Patrick Kenny, Clonboniff.
3. Kathleen Henry, Beechgrove.

Friday 15th March: 8pm

SUNDAY 17th MARCH

ST. PATRICK'S DAY - 12 noon

1. Una, Denis, June and Edel Lyons.
2. Patricia Fleming.

## ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 10th MARCH - 9.30am

1. Denis Rosney and dec'd family members.

Wed. 13th: 7pm

SUNDAY 17th MARCH

ST. PATRICK'S DAY - 9.30am

1. John Reddin.

### 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.

#### THE LENTEN JOURNEY - A Thought

Give up something...Give back something...

Give prayer a chance!

**TROCAIRE COLLECTION** - Boxes available.

'Think inside the box'.

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

**COLLECTIONS** - March 3rd:

Offertory/Shrine €2,295. Thank you.

**DEATH** - We pray for the soul of Owen Egan, Creggan, who passed away in England recently.

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

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

**MOTHER'S DAY** - Sunday 10th March. We pray that the blessing of the Divine be an especially bright benediction on all mothers on this your special day.

**FIRST CONFESSION**

Monday 11th March: High Street N.S.

Tuesday 12th March: St. Cynoc's N.S.

**CONFIRMATION** - Congratulations to the boys and girls from our Parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday last.

**OUR PARISH - FACING THE FUTURE** - Final night from Knock Shrine from 8-9.30pm on Mon. 11th March: "Enlivening our Parish?", Prof. Eamonn Conway, University of Notre Dame, Australia. This is FREE of charge.

**HIGH ST./BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP** Monday 11th March: We host nurses Alice and Niamh who will cover all aspects of women's health. A night not to be missed! All welcome to High Street Community Centre at 8pm.

**GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €8,200; Jackpot €2,400; Star Prize €5,800).** Winning numbers were 2, 6, 8, 11. Bonus 12. No jackpot winner. Two match three winners. Next draw on Monday 11th March.

**FERBANE GAA - Lotto:** Winning numbers in last week's draw 7, 10, 12, 15. Bonus 6. No jackpot winner. One match three winner. Next week's jackpot is €14,000. Draw on Tuesday 12th March.

**COFFEE MORNING** - Continues on Wednesday 13th March in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am. Bus service as usual. All are welcome.

**BELMONT GAA** - Books available in Cahill's until 9pm every Tuesday and online until 2pm Wed. Thank you for your continued support.

**FERBANE BRIDGE CLUB** - Continues on Wednesday 13th March at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**ANAM CARA MIDLANDS - Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 13th March at 7.15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel.** This event is FREE. For information call 01 4045378

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

**LUSMAGH DRAMA GROUP** - Presents "Cupid Wore Skirts" a comedy by Sam Cree in Lusmagh Hall on 21st, 22nd and 23rd March at 8pm. Booking is essential. Phone or text 086 3969947 6-8pm daily. Booking line opens 11th March.

**DAFFODIL DAY** - Is on Friday 22nd March. If anyone wishes to volunteer please contact Mary on 087 2919314.

**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.

**YOUNG AT HEART Senior Citizens Committee** - Would like to thank all those who sponsored them, who gave spot prizes and all who contributed to Church Gate Collections. Your support was greatly appreciated.

**ACCORD** - Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. We want to hear from you if you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church. If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie - www.accord.ie.

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

'God loved the world so much that  
He gave His only Son to save it'

The tomb of St. John Henry Newman bears the striking epitaph: 'Out of darkness and images into the Truth'. These well chosen words capture the essence of the human search for meaning that fills the pages of Scripture. Nicodemus is a case in point. He was a man of substance, an influential leader within his community, a renowned teacher of the Law and yet he was searching for more. Having heard about Jesus, he was curious. Drawn by the simplicity, freshness and quiet authority of His preaching he approaches the Master under cover of darkness. There in the quiet space he elicits from the Lord the wonderfully consoling teaching that sums up the entire Gospel and will change his life forever. 'God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son to save it'. In that tender moment of enlightenment a heart is touched, a thirst is quenched and a curious searcher becomes a devoted follower. The expert in the Law meets Love, is surprised by love and is now impelled to spread love because love changes everything. It changes the way we see and hear and respond. We next meet Nicodemus defending Jesus at His trial before the Sanhedrin, and finally and most movingly we see him walking up the Hill of Calvary on Good Friday carrying precious spices in order to give his Saviour a decent burial. It is he, together with Joseph of Arimathea who take Jesus from the cross and return Him to His mother. In Nicodemus, we see someone who, because of his encounter with Jesus, gave up what he was to become what he could be. Having stepped out of the shadows, he discovered the Truth. Isn't that what the Lenten journey is meant to be?