

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 17th March 2024

St. Patrick's Day

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

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.

Mon. 18th: 10am

Tues. 19th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 20th: 10am

Thurs. 21st: 10am

Fri. 22nd: 10am

Sat. 23rd: 10am

SATURDAY 23rd MARCH - 7pm

1. Margaret Maher (*Months Mind*).
2. Michael Delaney (*1st A*).
3. Peg & William Doyle and Michael Egan.
4. Jack Nagle and John Symes.

SUN. 24th MARCH (Palm Sunday) - 11am

1. Michael & Mary Bridget Conway.

PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 17th MARCH
ST. PATRICK'S DAY - 12 noon

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

Friday 22nd March: 8pm

SUN. 24th MARCH (Palm Sun.) - 12 noon

1. Rose and Michael Egan, Ballylamon.
2. Seamus Feeney, his daughter Patricia and deceased family members.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 17th MARCH
ST. PATRICK'S DAY - 9.30am

1. John Reddin.

Wed. 20th: 7pm

SUN. 24th MARCH (Palm Sun.) - 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.

CONFESSIONS AFTER 10am MASS EACH MORNING.

HOLY WEEK BEGINS ON SUNDAY NEXT, PALM SUNDAY.

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

COLLECTIONS - March 10th:

Offertory/Shrine €2,340. Thank you.

DEATHS - We pray for the souls of Christy McCaffrey, Templeogue, Dublin (husband of the late Jean Ryan, Main Street) and Ella McGarty, Templeogue (sister of Kay Flynn and Bernadette Donoghue, Ballyclare), who died recently. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISM - We welcome into our Christian community Bethany Murphy who was baptised 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.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €8,300; Jackpot €2,500; Star Prize €5,800). Winning numbers were 9, 10, 16, 28. Bonus 5. No

jackpot winner. Two match three winners. Next draw on Tuesday 19th March.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 7, 8, 26, 31. Bonus 29. No jackpot winner. Three match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €14,200. Draw on Tuesday 19th March.

COFFEE MORNING - Continues on Wednesday 20th 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 Wednesday. Thank you for your continued support.

FERBANE BRIDGE CLUB - Continues on Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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 the 21st, 22nd and 23rd March at 8pm. Booking is essential -086 3969947 6-8pm daily.

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

FERBANE TIDY TOWNS - Join us for our National Spring Clean Day in conjunction with An Taisce on Saturday 13th April from 11am to 1pm meeting at the Chat & Chill area (old Fire Station). Litter picking, weeding etc. Everyone welcome, equipment provided, weather permitting.

CONGRATULATIONS - To Gallen Community School Boys Senior Team on their great victory in the All-Ireland Final in Sligo on Saturday last.

BHM COMMUNITY DEV. GROUP - Have a limited number of tree saplings to celebrate National Tree Week. If anyone would like some phone or text Patrick on 087 8468418.

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.

COMFORT HOME CARE ARE HIRING! - Are you a dedicated, warm-hearted person with a caring background? Join the Comfort Home Care team today to provide the highest level of care to the people in your area. Full, clean drivers licence and access to a car essential. Level 5 QQI in Healthcare Support desirable.

LÁ FHÉILE PÁDRAIG

Patrick is one of the best known saints in the world and, paradoxically, one of the least known. From Dublin to Dubai, from Ferbane to Fremantle people are familiar with the symbol of the shamrock and the myth of the banishment of the snakes from Ireland. Few, however would have actually read the two works he left us and which give us an insight into his life and heart. The '*Confessions*' and the '*Letter to Coroticus*' reveal a man of deep humility, uncommon physical strength and unshakeable trust in God. The land to which he came was strange and the natives were dangerous. He tasted the deep pain of distance and isolation from family and friends. Through it all, his faith was tested, but Patrick persevered, prayed and prevailed. His valiant efforts led to an unprecedented flowering of faith in our land and proved to be the springboard for a proud and rich missionary tradition. 'Is mór idir inné agus inniu', but we dare to hope for a new flowering today. Our roots are deep and will not die. Like our traditional music and dance, the flame of faith will burn strongly again. It's part of who we are, and future generations will once again discover its richness, its strength and its power. In the meantime, we persevere as Patrick did; we celebrate his achievement; we salute past generations who nurtured the seed he planted and we recommit ourselves, in our time, to do what they did in more difficult times. May the teenage slave of Slemish Mountain be our model, our inspiration and our guide. Dia inn ló 'gus oíche is Pádraig Aspal Éireann.

As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, our thoughts turn to those who have emigrated from our shores. We remember and pray for all Irish people overseas - those who are recently departed and those who left our shores many years ago. We ask you to remember in a special way those emigrants whose journey has been a difficult one and may need that extra bit of help and support. In addition to practical assistance, emigrants need spiritual and emotional support. We remember those who work tirelessly to assist Irish emigrants of all generations, particularly the Irish chaplains in the United States and the U.K. We also pray those who have been touched by the sense of loss that comes with a loved one emigrating, that they will find strength and comfort as they cope with the pain of separation.