

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 8th September 2024

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER - 7pm

1. Bridget Anderson (*Months Mind*).
2. Michael Kenny, Ballyclare (*3rd A*).

SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER - 11am

1. Sonny Keenaghan.
2. Kevin Keenaghan.

Mon. 9th: 10am

Tues. 10th: 10am

Wed. 11th: 10am - People's Mass.

Thurs. 12th: 10am

Fri. 13th: 10am

Sat. 14th: 10am - 1. P.J. Guinan, Ballyclare.

2. Maureen & Tommy Murphy.

SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER - 7pm

1. James, Mary & David Reams
2. Mary Rourke, Patsy & Bridie Rourke.
3. John Joe Keenaghan.

SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER - 11am

1. Jimmy Cox.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER - 12 noon

1. Tommy & Nancy Daly and deceased family members.
2. John & Mary Larkin and their granddaughter Esther Larkin.
3. Paddy Kenny, Clononeybeg.

SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER - 12 noon

1. Mary & Jimmy Connaughton and deceased members of the Connaughton and Murray families.

2. Jimmy & Annie Daly, Blackwater, Johnny & Kathleen Daly, Clononey.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER - 9.30am

1. Theresa Rosney (*Months Mind*).

SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER - 9.30am

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

COLLECTIONS -

September 1st: Offertory/Shrine €2,130. Thank you.

Bank Account details -

IBAN: IE39 BOFI 9016 3475 9072 05.

PARISH OFFICE - Will be closed on Wed. 11th and will reopen on Wed. 16th Sept. from 9am-1pm and 2-5pm.

Tel: 090 6454309 or email parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie.

DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the souls of Fr. Michael Campbell, PP, Abbeylara; Breeda Connolly, Knockaulin Drive; Anne Meleady, Cloughan (nee Bolger, formerly Ballyclare) and Brid Dermody, Naas (sister-in-law of the late Brendan Dermody). Rest in peace.

CLONMACNOISE PATTERN DAY -

Sunday, September 15th, N37 V292.

2.45pm: Pattern Prayers. 3pm: Pattern Mass.

SVP - Confidential phone line 087 9272877.

ST. BERNADETTE OF LOURDES - Next month the Relics of St. Bernadette of Lourdes will be taken to Ireland to visit each diocese. In our own diocese the relics will be in St. Mel's Cathedral on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th September. The purpose of this visit is to *Bring Lourdes to the Faithful*. In other words, to help those who may not be able to travel to Lourdes themselves, to share in some of the atmosphere of prayer and consolation that pilgrims experience, while they are there. All welcome to join in the Message of St. Bernadette.

HIGH STREET CEMETERY - Maintenance every Tuesday evening at 7pm. Volunteers required.

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

MIZEN TO MALIN 2024 Cycle of Hope - Local man George Digan will take part in this year's 728km challenge from September 7th to 14th hoping to raise funds to support Cycle against Suicide (CAS) locally and

nationally. If you wish to donate, please follow the link on George Digan Instagram page (CAS). *It's OK not to feel OK, and it is absolutely OK to ask for help.*

BELMONT ANGLERS - Open competition this Sunday, 8th Sept., at the Match Stretch, Shannonharbour. Registration at 12-30pm and draw fishing 2-6pm. Entry fee €10. Please contact 087 9383553. Pre booking is essential. Prizes on the day. All are welcome to participate.

GALLEN UNITED - *Reminder:* €40 half year tickets due for renewal from September 9th.

THE GANLEY SCHOOL OF Irish Dancing - Resumes on Monday 9th Sept. in the Heritage Centre, Ferbane. Beginners at 6pm, advanced dancers at 6.45pm. Classes for adults start in Dun-na-Sí Moate on Wed. 9th October at 8.30pm. Enquiries to Joe Ganley 087 6473497.

GALLEN GIRL GUIDES - *Registration Night* will be held on Monday 9th September, 7.30-8.30pm in the Heritage Centre. We are in desperate need of leaders/helpers. If you are interested please come along.

LADYBIRDS - *Registration Night* on Monday 9th September, 7.30 to 8.30 in the Heritage Centre, Ferbane.

ANAM CARA MIDLANDS - The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 11th September at 7.15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is FREE. For more information call 01 4045378.

LUNCH CLUBS - Offaly Healthy Homes Project are launching our Lunch Club in your area. **Our first Lunch Club will take place on Thurs. 12th Sept. from 12.30-3.30pm in High St. Hall.** This Lunch Club is open to all over the age of 55. For just €10 per person, you will enjoy a lovely dinner, dessert, tea/coffee and entertainment. Booking essential. Contact Shirley 087 2175998.

MUSIC NIGHT - In Teach Lea, Boora on Wednesday 18th September. Various local musicians. Folk, Trad and a touch of Country in aid of Offaly Prolife in association with the Prolife Campaign. Tickets €10 available from John Egan 086 8174524.

BANAGHER DRAMA GROUP - AGM on Wed. 18th Sept. at 8pm in LOETB Banagher. If you are interested in becoming involved in any way either on stage or behind the scenes please come along. Newcomers always welcome.

SYNTROPIC AGROFORESTRY WORKSHOP September 21st - 22nd. €110 - €230. Coole Eco Community, Ferbane. Learn how to use trees to increase productivity and reduce farm inputs. For more information and to register: Info@CooleEcoCommunity.ie or call Siobhán: 089-2196045.

POOR CLARES GALWAY - Monastic Experience Day for Women 18-35. An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality. The event will take place from 10am to 5pm on Saturday 21st September. Contact: vocations@poorclares.ie to book a place. For more info: poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days.

FERBANE Business & Technology Park CLG - AGM on Thursday 26th September in the Mary Ward

Heritage Centre at 8pm. FB&TP CLG is a not-for-profit company, fully owned by the community with the main objective of supporting the creation of jobs in the Ferbane Catchment Area by providing infrastructure and supports to encourage business start-ups. There are now more than 150 people employed in companies operating out of Ferbane Business Park. Anyone interested in assisting with the continued development of this important Community Project will be very welcome to attend this meeting.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE Encounter Weekend - Is for married couples who want something more in their marriage. The next weekend is in the Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare, 8-10 November. Online booking only www.marriageencounter.ie.

FERBANE BELMONT CE - Are you in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment. We currently have vacancies on our scheme for one Groundsperson/Caretaker, one General Operative 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. For more info. call 090 6454068.

HIGH ST. CEMETERY - Please remove all debris from the cemetery. It has come to our attention that a collection of old flowers has been dumped at the entrance of the new cemetery. Also, can you please keep your dog on a leash as dog fouling continues to be a problem in the cemetery. Please respect the resting place of our loved ones.

23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak'.

Today Jesus encounters and heals a deaf man who also has an impediment in his speech. The Lord's gesture reminds us that the gifts of hearing and speech are among God's greatest gifts, and are closely connected. Many talk, but few actually listen. Research has found that we only listen at twenty five per cent of our capacity. If we do listen, it is most often with the intent to reply, not to understand. One of the most sincere forms of respect is to listen to what another has to say. The esteemed German theologian, Paul Tillich went so far as to say that 'the first duty of love is to listen'. It is interesting to note that the words 'listen' and 'silent' are composed of the same letters! We would do well, then, to heed the wisdom of the Turkish proverb: 'listen a thousand times and speak once'. In that way, we will be more likely to use the precious gift of speech to lift-up, not to tear down; to heal, not to wound; to help not to hurt. At a recent audience in Rome, Pope Francis concluded his remarks on the theme of listening with a beautiful prayer: 'May the Lord give us the grace to discern when we should speak and when we should stay silent'.