

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 5th January 2025 Second Sunday of Christmas

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 4th JANUARY - 7pm

SUNDAY 5th JANUARY - 11am

MON. 6th JANUARY - Epiphany, 11am

Tues. 7th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 8th: 10am

Thurs. 9th: 10am

Fri. 10th: 10am

Sat. 11th: 10am - Jack & Rose Rigney.

SATURDAY 11th JANUARY - 7pm

1. Ollie McCormack.

SUNDAY 12th JANUARY - 11am

1. Noel Walsh (*Months Mind*).

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 5th JANUARY - 12 noon

1. Patrick Feeny and deceased family members.

MON. 6th JANUARY - Epiphany, 8pm

SUNDAY 12th JANUARY - 12 noon

1. William & Margaret Ryan.
2. Maureen & Michael Claffey.
3. Joe Kenny (*40th A*) and Eileen Kenny (*6th A*).

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 5th JANUARY - 9.30am

1. Mary Grogan.

MON. 6th JANUARY - Epiphany, 9.30am

SUNDAY 12th JANUARY - 9.30am

JUBILEE YEAR LOGO

The logo shows four stylised figures to indicate all of humanity from the four corners of the earth. They each embrace one another, indicating the solidarity and brotherhood that must unite peoples. The first figure is clinging to the cross. The underlying waves are choppy to indicate that the pilgrimage of life is not always on calm waters, but the lower part of the cross becomes an anchor of hope.

PARISH OFFICE - Will reopen on Wednesday 8th January. Tel: 090 6454309

OR Email: parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie.

COLLECTIONS

Bank Account details -

IBAN: IE39 BOFI 9016 3475 9072 05.

RECENT DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Paddy Devery, Endrim; Noel Clarke, The Avenue, Ballyclare; Jimmy Cassidy, Tullamore** (brother of Brendan Cassidy, Knockaulin Drive); **Elizabeth Collins, Tullamore** (sister of Ann Feighery, Lisclooney) and **Jim Egan, Cloghan** (brother of Lucy Smith, Ballyclare), all of whom died recently. May they rest in peace.

SVP - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

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

GALLEN UNITED - Next draw on Monday 6th January.



FERBANE GAA - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 3, 4, 18, 23. Bonus 32. No jackpot winner. One match three winner. Next week's jackpot is €8,800. Next draw on Tuesday 7th January.

BELMONT GAA - Weekly bingo continues every week and books can be purchased online until 2pm every Wednesday or from Joe Cahill's shop until 9pm every Tuesday evening. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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

BELMONT GUN CLUB - Senior Citizens New Year Party will be held on Sunday 12th Jan. in High Street Hall. There will be Mass at 3pm followed by meal and music. All welcome.

FERBANE BELMONT CE - Are you signing for credits or in receipt of a Social Welfare payment. We currently have vacancies on our scheme for one Groundsperson/Caretaker, General Operative, Caretaker Cleaner and Administration person. Successful applicants will continue with all existing benefits with a scheme top up. All successful participants can also avail of training and upskilling. For information call 090 6454068.

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

*'The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us'*

It's no wonder that we strike our breasts when, during the recitation of the Angelus we utter the statement 'The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us'. Because He pitched His tent in our midst and became one of us, the human family has been graced beyond measure and raised to a new dignity. It means that He understands us 'from the inside'. It is altogether appropriate that we should celebrate, rejoice and be glad. It is as though the Church were appealing to us before we leave the Christmas season to remember the central message of these days. It is interesting to recall that in the years before the Second Vatican Council this extract from the beginning of St. John's Gospel was proclaimed before the Final Blessing at the end of every Mass. Known as the Last Gospel it reminded the faithful before their dismissal of the Good News at the centre of their faith. May we hear it anew today.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

They followed the star

The Feast of the Epiphany like the Feast of the Holy Family is well placed at the dawn of the year. Jesus is shown to the nations. God has come for all. Balthazar, Caspar and Melchior must have been very single minded. We are told that they only saw the star at the beginning of their journey and near the end. It follows that most of their searching was done in darkness. They must have had to ask for directions and trust the guidance of others. They must have been tempted to give-in, but they persevered and in the end, their reward was great. They encountered the Lord and found their hearts' desire. The journey of the Wise Men is our journey too. Like them we have hitched our wagon to the star of Bethlehem. It is not always visible, but it is always there. We too must persevere and be humble enough to seek the support, advice and direction of fellow travellers as we move towards the light.

*May the Feast of the Epiphany bring us
the wisdom of the Wise Men,
the inner child of the infant Jesus and
the light of God to guide our way.*