

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY - 7pm

1. Grace Dollery.
2. Noeleen Mooney (4th A).
3. Peter & Nellie Guinan, Ballylin.
4. Margaret & Jerome Farrell and Johnny Condron.
5. Paddy & Mary Egan, Coole and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY - 11am

- Mon. 10th: 10am
 Tues. 11th: 10am
 Wed. 12th: 10am - People's Mass.
 Thurs. 13th: 10am
 Fri. 14th: 10am
 Sat. 15th: 10am

SATURDAY 15th FEBRUARY - 7pm

1. Margaret Maher (1st A).
2. Andrew Wynne.
3. Kieran & Christina Delaney and deceased family members.
4. Tracey Buckley and her mother Bridget.

SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY - 11am

1. Sean (7th A) and Josie (4th A) Egan.
2. Michael Brazil.
3. Janie Robinson, Ballyclare.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY - 12 noon
 Pray & Play / Family Mass

1. Jack & Mary Connaughton and Josie Kinnarney.

SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY - 12 noon

1. Mary Kenny (10th A).
2. Phyllis Rigney.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY - 9.30am

SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY - 9.30am

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

SVP - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 2nd February Offertory/Shrine €3,030.

Bank IBAN: IE39 BOFI 9016 3475 9072 05.

DEATHS - We pray for the repose of the souls of Kieran Hennessy, The Derries, Ferbane and Mary Buckley, Rahan (sister of Kathleen Kenny, Ballyclare). Rest in peace.

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

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS against Human Trafficking - Saturday 8th February. *'Human trafficking is a stain on the body of Christ and humanity.'* (Pope Francis).

CONFIRMATION - Bishop Paul will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 31 boys and girls from St. Cynoc's N.S. and High Street N.S. in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ferbane on Saturday next, 15th February, at 11am. *'Come, O Holy Spirit'*.

ST. CYNOC'S N.S. - Is now accepting enrolments for the 2025-2026 school year. Enrolment forms are available to print from our website www.stcynocsns.ie. Alternatively you can request an enrolment form by emailing the school: stcynocsns@gmail.com or by phoning

090 6454249. Enrolment forms to be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible.

CHOIR PRACTICE - Monday 10th February at 8pm.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €10,100; Jackpot €2,000; Star Prize €8,100). Winning numbers were 10, 11, 14, 28. Bonus 5. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next draw on Monday 10th February.

HIGH STREET / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - *Tuesday 11th February*: James Lowry from Ferbane Fire Brigade will speak on fire safety and the role of the fire brigade in the area in High Street Hall at 8pm. (*Note: TUESDAY evening*). All welcome.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 6, 18, 22, 27. Bonus 1. No jackpot winner. Three match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €9,800. Next draw on Tuesday 11th February.

COFFEE MORNING - Continues on Wednesday 12th February in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am. Bus as usual.

ANAM CARA - The organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 12th February at 7.30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel.

BELMONT GAA - Firstly, a big thank you to all our players, families and members of our great community for signing up to collect sponsorship for our new Indoor Hall and Walk With Us on the 16th of March. If you would like to join the "team" and walk with us please contact any member of our committee. If you wish to sponsor any of our participants the site can be accessed through this link <https://belmontgaa.fundmajor.com/>. We have three different ways to sponsor on the platform: **1.** Individual participants. **2.** Friends of Belmont. **3.** Corporate sponsors (company logos will be added to our partners page). Our *weekly bingo* is on every Wednesday evening at 8pm. Books available in Cahill's shop until

9pm on Tuesday evening or until 2pm online Wednesday evening.

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

PITCH AND PUTT - *Church Gate Collection* on Saturday 15th / Sunday 16th February. Your support is greatly appreciated.

FERBANE BELMONT CE - Are you in receipt of a Social Welfare payment. We currently have vacancies on our scheme for 1 Groundsperson/Caretaker, 1 General Operative and 1 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 information call 090 6454068.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'Push out into the deep water'

It is said that when the early Irish monks set out to preach the Gospel in new territories, they never used sails on their boats. They trusted that the Holy Spirit would guide them to wherever they were meant to go. In other words, they took risks for the faith, and the fruits of their labours speak for themselves. They must have been inspired by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel when He instructs His disciples to cast their nets into 'deep water'. It was a hard call. Here was the son of a carpenter instructing expert fishermen on how to fish, but they obeyed and they were rewarded with an abundant catch. His call goes out anew to every generation. We, like those early disciples, must go to unlikely places; reach out to unlikely people; persevere in unpromising situations; sing His song on alien soil. The rest is in His hands. With great risk often comes great rewards. As legendary American Football coach Vince Lombardi once said: **'The man on top of the mountain did not fall there'**.