

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

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.
4. Francis Harrington (4th A).

SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY - 11am

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

Mon. 17th: 10am

Tues. 18th: 10am

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

Thurs. 20th: 10am

Fri. 21st: 10am

Sat. 22nd: 10am - Marion Feehan.

SATURDAY 22nd FEBRUARY - 7pm

1. Rita Kelly, her husband Paddy and their son Joe.
2. Jim & Betty Ryan.
3. Tony & Ella Kenny.

SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY - 11am

1. Jimmy Lowry.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY - 12 noon

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

SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY - 12 noon

1. Jim & Mary Cox and their daughter Annie, Clononey.
2. Mary Connell.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY - 9.30am

SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY - 9.30am

1. Joe, Paddy & Dinny Delaney and their parents Joe & Mary.

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

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 9th February

Offertory/Shrine €2,670.

Bank IBAN: IE39 BOFI 9016 3475 9072 05.

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

CONGRATULATIONS - To the 31 boys and girls from our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation today (Saturday) in Ferbane. *'Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on them and on all'.*

BAPTISM - We welcome into our Christian Community Croíadh Liddane and Bláithín Egan.

DEATH - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Yates, Clononey. Rest in peace.

PITCH AND PUTT - *Church Gate Collection* this weekend Saturday 15th / Sunday 16th February. Please support.

HIGH STREET / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - Monday 17th February: Sports & Holistic Therapist Martina Ryan will speak on what therapy is and the benefits of it in High Street Hall at 8pm. All welcome.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €10,200; Jackpot €2,100; Star Prize €8,100). Winning numbers were 10, 11, 19, 20. Bonus 22. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners. Next draw on Monday 17th February.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 2, 3, 14, 16. Bonus 19. No jackpot winner. Five match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €10,000. Next draw on Tuesday 18th February.

COFFEE MORNING - Continues on Wednesday 19th February in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am. Bus as usual.

OFFALY BRANCH IKA - A meeting of the Offaly Branch Irish Kidney Association will be held in Mucklagh Community Hall, Mucklagh, Tullamore, R35 DN02 on Thursday 20th February at 8pm. All welcome and bring a friend. The Irish Kidney Association provides support to kidney patients and their families. For more info. see www.ika.ie or contact Marjorie (secretary) on 087 2140414.

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

BELMONT GAA 131 GRAND CANAL WALK - Our main fundraiser this year is a sponsored walk along the Grand Canal Greenway on Sunday 16th March. It will start in O'Connor Park, Tullamore and finish in Shannonharbour. *(More details later)*. Our sponsorship platform is now live, and if you wish to sponsor any of our participants the platform can be accessed through this link <https://belmontgaa.fundmajor.com/>. Thank you for your continued support. Congratulations to last week's Bingo winners. Books available in Cahill's until 9pm every

Tuesday evening and online until 2pm Wednesday.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: April 30th to May 7th 2025 - *Spiritual Director:* Fr Oliver Devine. *Group Leader:* Amy Guinan. €845 fully inclusive. *Phone:* 087 6552453.

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.

SVP - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

“Blessed are you who are poor”

Mexican poet Amado Nervo was surely reflecting on the inspiring words of Jesus in today's Gospel when he penned the beautiful lines: **‘the world told me that I was only a beggar but Jesus told me that I am a king’**. In His ‘Sermon on the Plain’, the Lord utters four remarkable and revolutionary blessings. They are known as the Beatitudes, and they turn the values of the world upside down. The poor will inherit the kingdom of God; the hungry will be satisfied; the tearful will laugh; the persecuted will be rewarded. Where the world sees losers Jesus sees winners; what the world calls wretched He calls blessed; what the world holds contemptible He holds to His heart. It is little wonder that the Beatitudes have also been called **‘Beautiful Attitudes’** for living.