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## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 29th MARCH - 7pm

1. Margaret Meacle (1st A).
2. Michael Delaney (2nd A).

SUNDAY 30th MARCH - 11am

Mon. 31st: 10am - Johnny, Bridie & Stephen Coughlan (40th A).

Tues. 1st April: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 2nd: 10am

Thurs. 3rd: 10am

Fri. 4th: 10am - First Friday.

Sat. 5th: 10am - Arthur & Catherine Bell and deceased family members.

SATURDAY 5th APRIL - 7pm

1. Liam Breslin (1st A).
2. Jack & Peggy Nagle and John Symes.
3. Bernie Guinan.
4. Helen Dunican.

SUNDAY 6th APRIL - 11am

1. Elizabeth Loftus (1st A).
2. Ellen Anderson (10th A) and her husband James.

## SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 30th MARCH - 12 noon

1. Patricia Fleming.

Fri. 4th: 8pm - First Friday.

Christina Connolly and her daughter Patricia Fleming and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 6th APRIL - 12 noon

## ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 30th MARCH - 9.30am

Fri. 4th: 7pm - First Friday.

SUNDAY 6th APRIL - 9.30am

## MASSES AND DEVOTIONS FOR LENT 2025

Ferbane: Each day at 10am

Boora: Wednesdays 7pm

High Street: Fridays 8pm

Stations of the Cross: Friday after 10am Mass.

LENTEN JOURNEY -

'Lent is a time to reshape our vision of what matters.'

## MOTHER'S DAY

We invoke God's blessing on all our mothers, living and dead.

'The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom...'



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

**COLLECTIONS - 23rd March**

Offertory/Shrine €2,600.

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.

**SVP** - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

**BAPTISM** - We welcome into our Christian Community Dara and James Egan and Bronagh Duffy.

**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** - In Ferbane Church on Monday 31st March at 8pm. All new members welcome.

**GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw** (Prize fund €10,800; Jackpot €2,400; Star Prize €8,400). Winning numbers were 5, 11, 12, 20. Bonus 25. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners. Next draw on Monday 31st March. *Please note:* €40 half yearly lotto ticket is due for renewal at this time.

**HIGH STREET / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP** - Tuesday 1st April: Danielle Rohan from Elle Skincare & Beauty Clinic will do a demonstration on how to apply every day make-up and evening looks. Adm €5. All welcome to High Street Hall at 8pm. *Please note change of day.*

**B.H.M. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP BELMONT** - Monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st April at 9pm in High Street Community Centre. All are welcome.

**FERBANE GAA - Lotto:** Winning numbers in last week's draw 19, 21, 26, 30. Bonus 31. No jackpot winner. One match three winner. Next week's jackpot is €11,200. Next draw on Tuesday 1st April.

**COFFEE MORNING** - Continues on Wednesday 2nd April in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am. Bus as usual.

**GRAVEYARD MAINTENANCE** - Meeting on Wednesday 2nd April at 8pm in The Drapery, Danny Gleeson's. Volunteers needed, if you could give one hour per week please join in, it would be appreciated.

**BELMONT GAA** - 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. Congratulations to last week's winners. Thank you for your support.

**OFFALY HEALTHY HOMES PROJECT - Lunch Club on Thursday 3rd April in Cloghan Hall from 12.30pm.** €10 per person for dinner and dessert followed by some great entertainment. Open to anyone over the age of 55 years. All welcome. Booking is essential - please call 087 9799663 for any enquiries.

**LOETB BIRR** - Students are releasing "Dance with Me Tonight" as a Make a Wish charity single on Friday 4th April (Wish Day) and are hosting a concert in Birr Theatre and Arts Centre on Friday 11th of April also for Make a Wish. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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

**ANAM CARA** - The organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 9th April at 7.30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is FREE and open to all bereaved parents. Call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie.

**GALLEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL** - Are hosting the Darkness into Light walk again this year. We would like to invite members of our local community to join us on the morning of Sat. 10th May in support of Pieta House. Registration for all is now online.

**ST. SARAN'S N.S., High Street, Belmont** Classes of 1964, 1965, 1966 Reunion in High Street Community Centre on Saturday 28th June at 4pm.

We would love you to join us. For more information and to register your interest please contact Moira Gunning email moiranoone@gmail.com. WhatsApp 087 2209161.

**CLUB 131 GRAND CANAL** - On behalf of our committee, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who participated in the Belmont 131 Grand Canal fundraising walk, and to each and every person, family and business who generously donated. The support we've received over the past few weeks has exceeded our expectations. We are excited to announce that in the next few weeks we can begin work on building our indoor sports hall.

**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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity'

The parable of the Prodigal Son has been described as the greatest short story ever written. It is a redemption story that repeats itself in all our lives, describing as it does the journey from sin to repentance. The young man's journey begins with selfishness: 'Give me my share now'. All sin is rooted in selfishness. It leads him to distance himself from his father as he opts for the high life in 'a far country'. All sin puts distance between us and our Father. Eventually he 'comes to his senses', and decides to return home to the father who never gave up on him. All sin leads to disappointment and regret. The young man was searching for love where it cannot be found. This masterful parable speaks to us of the emptiness of life lived at a distance from God; the yearning in every heart to be welcomed home no matter what, and the astounding fact that our God eternally scans the horizon on the lookout for the return of His children. Would our prisons and institutions be less full if people had been welcomed and welcome at home? 'All roads out of hell lead home'.

