

# Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 4th May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter



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## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 3rd MAY - 7pm

1. Tom Egan (*Months Mind*).
2. Denis Jordan.

SUNDAY 4th MAY - 11am

1. Seamus & Molly Gleeson.

*Mon. 5th: 10am*

*Tues. 6th: 10am - Frank Claffey, Endrim.*

*Wed. 7th: 10am - People's Mass.*

*Thurs. 8th: 10am*

*Fri. 9th: 10am*

*Sat. 10th: 10am*

SATURDAY 10th MAY - 7pm

1. Kathleen Kenny (*3rd A*).

SUNDAY 11th MAY - 11am

1. Ann Madden (*2nd A*).

## SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 4th MAY - 12 noon

1. Rosemarie Kearns (*Months Mind*).
2. Michael, Seamus & Kieran Feighery and deceased family members.  
Mary Clarke & Paddy Barnett.

SUNDAY 11th MAY - 12 noon

1. Annie & Jack Connolly, Clononey, their son Declan, their daughter Valerie Flynn and grandson Declan Philip and Annie's brother Patrick Gunning.

## ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 4th MAY - 9.30am

1. Brid, Evelyn, Peter, Noel & Vincent Usher and Breda Bracken.

SUNDAY 11th MAY - 9.30am

1. John & Mary Kelly and deceased members of the Kelly & Egan families.

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

### COLLECTIONS -

*27th April: Offertory/Shrine* €2,195.

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 26 boys and girls from St. Cynoc's N.S. who received their First Communion this weekend.

**BAPTISM** - We welcome into our Christian Community Ieagh Rigney.

**DEATHS** - Please pray for the souls of Delia Kenny, New York (sister-in-law of Tim Kenny, Delvin Park); Alan Browne, Tullamore (son-in-law of Ambrose & Janette Rosney, Boora) and Charlie Greer, Harrow, London (formerly of Erry, Clara and brother of Stephen Greer, Ballylin). May they rest in peace.

**TROCAIRE BOXES** - Please return as soon as possible.

**B.H.M. COMMUNITY DEV. GROUP** - Meeting on Tuesday 6th May at 9pm in High Street Community Centre. All are welcome. Wishing all our community and visitors a very happy and enjoyable international workers bank holiday weekend.

**GALLEN UNITED** - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €11,300; Jackpot €2,600; Star Prize €8,700). Winning numbers were 2, 13, 15, 17. Bonus 20. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners. Next draw on Tuesday 6th May.

**FERBANE GAA** - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 4, 23, 24, 31. Bonus 30. No jackpot winner. Two match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €12,200. Next draw on Tuesday 6th May.

**COFFEE MORNING** - On Wed. 7th May in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Rd. at 10.30am. Bus as usual.

**BISHOP PAUL CONNELL** - Will celebrate a Special Mass in Lumcloon N.S. on Wednesday 7th May at 12.30pm to mark the 60th anniversary of

the opening of the school and the 20th anniversary of the opening of the new classrooms. All past and current parents, past pupils and friends of the school are cordially invited to join us on the day.

**BELMONT GAA** - *Weekly Bingo* 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.

**OHHP LUNCH CLUB** - Returns to High Street on Thursday 8th May from 12.30pm in the Parish Hall. Booking is essential. Call 087 9799663.

**FERBANE PARISH COMMUNITY ALERT** - Meeting on Thursday 8th May at 7.30pm in Ferbane Heritage Centre. Everyone welcome.

**OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING** - Led by Belmont Fianna Fáil Cumann, Friday 9th May, High Street Hall, 8pm. TD Tony McCormack and Cllr. Peter Ormond will be present to discuss any concerns people may have in relation to our community. All welcome.

**ST. HILDA'S SERVICES, Ferbane** - *Coffee Morning* on Friday 9th May in Ferbane Heritage Centre at 10.30am. Please support.

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

**FERBANE LIBRARY** - *Tues. 13th May*: 10am-12pm. Offaly County Childcare Committee Information Table. Offering support for parents, childminders, and parent-toddler groups, etc. All welcome. Anyone interested in being part of a **Parent-Toddler group** in Ferbane Library can contact staff to register their interest. **My Open Library** is available in Ferbane Library. To register for this service, please speak to library staff. Over-16s only. 16 and 17 year-olds must be inducted with a parent or legal guardian. Please bring photo ID to the induction. Ferbane Library are hosting a number of events during the coming months. Tel: 090 6454259 or see website at <https://www.offaly.ie/ferbane-library/> for details.

**ANAM CARA** - The organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 14th May at 7.30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is FREE. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**ST. PIO RELICS** to visit Holycross Abbey (E41 PH01) on Sat. 24th and Sun. 25th May. Veneration and ceremonies from 10am to 8pm on Sat. and 9am to 8pm on Sun. (incorporating our annual St. Pio Pilgrimage on Sunday from 1.30pm). All are welcome.

**ST. SARAN'S N.S., HIGH ST., BELMONT** *Classes of 1961-1966 (Year of Junior Infants) Reunion* in High Street Community Centre on Saturday 24th

June at 4pm. For more information and to register your interest please contact Moira Gunning, Email: [moiranoone@gmail.com](mailto:moiranoone@gmail.com). WhatsApp: 087 2209161.

**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.

**AN APPEAL FOR ANY OLD MEMORABILIA** from the 1950-2000 period in Ferbane. These might include programmes or photos from the Church Carnival (1947) or the GAA Carnival that followed. Photos from parades in the town or any other gatherings of interest. Any personal memories of those days would be appreciated, work, games, entertainment dances, St. Mary's Hall, youth club etc. Photos will be scanned and returned. Contact Brendan Ryan, Ballyclare or [brendanryan21316@gmail.com](mailto:brendanryan21316@gmail.com).

**OFFICES available to rent** - In Ferbane Business & Technology Park. Competitive rates. Enquiries to The Manager, Ferbane Business Park 087 9646079.

**CLEANERS required for Ferbane Church** - One hour every 4 to 6 weeks. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Contact 086 3710166.

**SVP** - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 'Come and have breakfast'

The word hospitality comes from two Greek words meaning 'love of strangers'. It is a virtue that is both commanded and commended in Scripture. Hospitality was central in the life of Jesus. We find him regularly acting as host or guest while sitting at table with friends and strangers. It is said of the ministry of Jesus that He is either going to a meal, at a meal or coming from a meal. It was often in the meal setting that He delivered His most profound teaching. **If you take the meals out of the Bible it becomes a very short book.** Meals are more than food. They are about community, connection, friendship and fellowship. They represent open hearts, open hands and open doors. They are a reminder to us of the generous hospitality of our God. Before we invite people to Church, perhaps we should invite them to dinner! It is no surprise, then, to find that the disciples recognize Jesus in today's Gospel as He prepares breakfast for them by the shore.

*We cannot survive in life without food or love and Jesus provides us with both in the Eucharist.*