

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 18th May 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter



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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 17th MAY - 7pm

1. Pearl Maher (*Months Mind*).
2. Kathleen Claffey (*Months Mind*).
3. Seamus Reams.

SUNDAY 18th MAY - 11am

1. Kieran Kenny, Reynaun.
2. Chrissie Sugrue.
3. John Joseph (Sonny Egan), Breehogue.

Mon. 19th: 10am

Tues. 20th: 10am - Angela & Patrick Egan, Gallen.

Wed. 21st: 10am - People's Mass.

Thurs. 22nd: 10am

Fri. 23rd: 10am - 1. Gracie Murtagh (10th A).

2. Fr. Frank Gray.

Sat. 24th: 10am - Patrick & Teresa Devery, Creggan.

SATURDAY 24th MAY - 7pm

1. Gerry & Phil Carroll.

SUNDAY 25th MAY - 11am

1. Ultan McCabe (*2nd A*).
2. Colum Keegan & dec'd family members.
3. John & Mary Foley, Gallen.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 18th MAY - 12 noon

1. Bridget & Thomas Farrell, Paddy & Jimmy Farrell and baby Patrick Farrell.

SUNDAY 25th MAY - 12 noon

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 18th MAY - 9.30am

1. Sarah Lonican (*2nd A*).

SUNDAY 25th MAY - 9.30am

1. Ann Rosney (*4th A*).

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

COLLECTIONS -

11th May: Offertory/Shrine €2,225.

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.

BAPTISM - We welcome into our Christian community Katelyn Murphy and Isabelle Kearns.

HIGH ST. N.S. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Saturday 24th May at 12 noon.

THE ANNUAL HUGO SMITH MEMORIAL 5K - Hosted by Ferbane AC takes place this Sunday 18th May at 10am. See you there!

BELMONT ANGLERS - Open Fishing Competition this Sunday 18th May at the Match Stretch, Grand Canal, Shannonharbour. Meet at 12 o'clock for registration and draw. Fishing from 2pm-6pm. Entry fee €10, €5 juniors. Contact 087 9383553. Booking is essential. All are welcome.

HIGH STREET / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - *Monday 19th May:* The group will visit Ballinasloe Garden Centre, Deerpark, H53 YV61 for a night of plants, shrubs and tips, 7pm sharp. All welcome.

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €11,500; Jackpot €2,700; Star Prize €8,800). Winning numbers were 6, 8, 9, 21. Bonus 23. No jackpot winner. Three match 3 winners. Next draw on Monday 19th May.

FERBANE GAA - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 3, 6, 10, 26. Bonus 24. No jackpot winner. One match three winner. Next week's jackpot is €12,600. Next draw on Tues. 20th May.

FERBANE LIBRARY - *Tuesday 20th May:* Bealtaine Card Making. Booking essential. The library is also interested in holding Intergenerational Storytimes during the last week of May as part of the Bealtaine Festival - either 20, 22, 24 May. Anyone interested in taking part

should register their interest with library staff. Tel: 090 6454259 or see website is <https://www.offaly.ie/ferbane-library/> for details.

COFFEE MORNING GROUP - Leaves the Church grounds on Wednesday 21st May after 10am Mass for Clonfert. Bus service as usual.

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.

OFFALY PROLIFE - AGM will be held in Dooly's Hotel, Birr on Thurs. 22nd May at 7.30pm. Carol Nolan TD is guest speaker. Many thanks to our stalwart supporters for their Prolife advocacy.

WOMEN'S GROUP FERBANE - Are hosting a Table Quiz in Hennessey's, Ferbane on Friday 23rd May from 9.30pm. Raffle prizes on the night. Table of 4 - €40. All welcome.

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

SOCIAL DANCING - In Cloghan Hall on Friday 23rd May from 9.30pm until 12.30am. Music by the brilliant Gavin Gribben. Refreshments served. Admission only €10. All welcome.

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

GRAND OPENING - Of An Siólán Community Greehouse at the Heritage Centre, Ferbane on Sunday 25th May from 1-3pm. Composting and Greenhouse Workshops. Sweet treats, tea, coffee, ice cream van, kids activities. All welcome.

CLONMACNOISE PARISH - St. Ciarán's Church, Shannonbridge presents Jubilee Year Celebration with James Kilbane on Sunday 25th May. Doors 6.30pm. Event 7pm. A Gospel Evening of hymns, psalms and praise. FREE event. A financial donation will be accepted to cover expenses. 090 9674195 or Eventbrite.

MENPOWER PROGRAMME - Gents, are you looking to explore new opportunities and broaden your perspective? The MenPower Programme starts on Wednesday 4th June at Millennium House, Tullamore. This is a FREE opportunity and will not affect your social welfare benefits. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided along with activities, support and more. For more information, contact Aoife on 087 7385989 or email akelly@offalyldc.ie, secure your spot and don't miss out.

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 contact Moira Gunning, Email: 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.

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

'Love one another, just as I have loved you'

Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel recounts how Auschwitz camp authorities advised prisoners to think only of themselves if they wished to survive. Yet invariably, it was those who insisted on remembering loved ones who were more likely to come through their desperate ordeal. The command to love was central to the preaching of Jesus, and it was certainly at the heart of His final address to His disciples in the Upper Room. The love He speaks of takes us beyond ourselves to be the best of ourselves, and the measure of our love will decide the measure of our happiness. Sixteenth century Spanish mystic, St. John of the Cross, expressed this challenging teaching with striking clarity: 'in the evening of life we shall be judged on love alone'. Interestingly, Jesus did not command His disciples to love the whole world, but rather, to love one another. When Mother Teresa reflected on the implications of these words of the Lord she offered this wise and practical advice: 'Love begins by taking care of the closest ones... If you want to change the world go home and love your family'.

Motto of Pope Leo: 'In Illo Uno Unum' which means 'In the One we are One'.

Based on the words of St. Augustine:
*'Although we Christians are many,
in the one Christ we are one.'*