

Ferbane Parish Bulletin



Easter Sunday

Sunday 31st March 2024

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 30th MARCH - 8pm
Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY 31st MARCH - 11am

Mon. 1st April: 10am - Johnny Grennan (35th A), Gretta Grennan (3rd A).

Tues. 2nd: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 3rd: 10am

Thurs. 4th: 10am

Fri. 5th: 10am - First Friday.

Sat. 6th: 10am

SATURDAY 6th APRIL - 7pm

1. Bernie Guinan.
2. Christy & Elizabeth Wynne, their son Larry and grand-daughter Fiona.
3. Helen Dunican.
4. Edward Duffy, Endrim and his parents Peter and Mary Ann.

SUNDAY 7th APRIL - 11am

1. James & Ellen Anderson.

PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

EASTER SUNDAY 24th MARCH
6am - Dawn Mass.
12 noon

Fri. 5th April: 8pm - First Friday - Christina Connolly (2nd A).

SUNDAY 7th APRIL - 12 noon

1. Martin & Teresa Murphy.
Enda, Noel and Eddie Connaughton.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

EASTER SUN. 24th MARCH - 9.30am

Fri. 5th April: 7pm - First Friday.

SUNDAY 7th APRIL - 9.30am

TRÓCAIRE

Please return boxes at this time.

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

COLLECTIONS - March 24th:

Offertory/Shrine €2,435. Thank you.

THANKS - To the parishioners for their generosity to the Prolife Campaign during the recent Church Gate collections which raised over €800 in West Offaly.

DEATH - We pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Meacle (nee Coughlan), late of Gallen, Ferbane. May she rest in peace.

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

SVP - Confidential phone line 087 9272877.

IRISH CHARITY BÓTHAR - Are dedicating their Easter Appeal to humanitarian aid for Palestine. Donations by phone on 1800 26 84 63 or online at Bóthar.ie.

SHANNON HARBOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - Annual 5k Walk/Run on the New Grand Canal Greenway on Sat. 30th March at 11am. Registration from 10.30am. Easter Egg Hunt will take place after the Walk/Run.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €8,500; Jackpot €2,600; Star Prize €5,900). Winning numbers were 9, 16, 20, 24. Bonus 14. No jackpot winner. No match three winners. Two book prizes. Next draw on Tuesday 2nd April. *Gallen United half yearly €40 lotto tickets are now due for renewal.*

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 2, 21, 27, 30. Bonus 23. No jackpot winner. Four match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €14,600. Draw on Tuesday 2nd April.

BHM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP - Monthly meeting will be held on this Tuesday 2nd April at 9pm in High Street Community Centre. The group are continuing with improvements in the Belmont area and are completing projects in relation to this year Super Valu 2024 National Tidy Towns competition. Last call for **defibrillator training** starting next week and for enquiries phone Patrick on 087 8468418.

BELMONT GAA - Books available in Cahill's until 9pm every Tuesday and online until 2pm Wednesday. Thank you for your continued support.

COFFEE MORNING - NO Coffee Morning on Wed. 3rd April. We will resume again on Wed. 10th April in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am. Bus service as usual. All are welcome.

FERBANE BRIDGE CLUB - Continues on Wednesday 3rd April at 7.30pm. All welcome.

PROGRESSIVE 25 - Cards every Friday night in Ferbane Heritage Centre at 9pm. All welcome, especially more ladies!

NAOMH CIARÁN - Are holding their **Annual Dinner Dance** in the Millennium Suite, Bridge House Hotel, Tullamore on Saturday 6th April at 7pm. Tickets are €45pp and can be purchased by contacting Colm Beirne at 086 7827220. All are welcome.

ANAM CARA MIDLANDS - Monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wed. 10th April at 7.15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is FREE and open to all bereaved parents. We also offer an online service. Call 01 4045378.

FERBANE WOMEN'S GROUP - Are hosting a **Cake Sale on Thursday 11th April from 10.30am to 1pm in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road, Ferbane.** Funds raised will go towards Offaly Hospice. Raffle on the day and light refreshments served. Please support.

FERBANE TIDY TOWNS - Join us for our **National Spring Clean Day** in conjunction with An Taisce on Saturday 13th April from 11am to 1pm meeting at the Chat & Chill area (old Fire Station). Litter picking, weeding etc. Everyone welcome, equipment provided, weather permitting.

OFFALY VOLUNTEER CENTRE - If you are interested in registering your voluntary organisation with us or becoming a volunteer for the many organisations in our community please contact us on 083 0154669 anytime. If we can't answer your call, just leave a message and we will contact you or look us up on www.volunteeroffaly.ie.

FERBANE BELMONT CE - We currently have vacancies on our scheme for three Groundspersons/ Caretakers, three General Operatives and one 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. Call 090 6454068.

EASTER SUNDAY

He is risen, Alleluia.

If Jesus did not rise from the dead, life is absurd, the grave is without hope and our faith is meaningless. The resurrection then, was the most significant event in human history. It elevates Christianity above all other world religions. It's no wonder that it is mentioned more than one hundred times in the New Testament. We live in the shadow of Easter and we rejoice on this day, the greatest of all Sundays in the Christian calendar. The tomb is empty. Life has a destination. Hope dawns anew. Our God reigns. His victory is our victory. Good has triumphed over evil; light over darkness; peace over chaos. The fact that He rose at the darkest hour, just before the dawn is a striking reminder that, when all seems lost, resurrection is near. Where darkness threatens Easter reigns. When we reach 'rock bottom' we discover that Christ is the rock at the bottom. The experience of the women who went to the tomb on that Easter morning speaks to us too. They were worried about the stone. Who would move it? Their worries were unfounded. In life, we fret endlessly, never more so than in our present troubled fractured world, but God knows His plan and all shall be well. Because of the resurrection, there is a future for every human being. May we radiate the hope and joy of the Easter message in all we think, say and do.

Beannachtaí na Cásca daoibh.



*A Íosa, fuair tú bás ar ár son.
D'éirigh tú ó na mairbh.
Tiocfaidh tú arís.*