

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 25th July 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 24th JULY - 7pm

1. Tom Dolan (4th A).
2. Rosie Devery and John & May Condron and their parents.

SUNDAY 25th JULY - 11am

1. Agnes Lawlor (1st A).
2. Maura & Kieran Guinan.

Mon. 26th: 10am

Tues. 27th: 10am

Wed. 28th: 10am - People's Mass.

Thurs. 29th: 10am

Fri. 30th: 10am

Sat. 31st: 10am

SATURDAY 31st JULY - 7pm

1. Charlie Wynne (1st A) and his parents Jack and Kathleen.

SUNDAY 1st AUGUST - 11am

1. Peg Flynn (3rd A).
2. Martin & Mary Dooley, Coole.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 25th JULY - 12 noon.

1. Kieran & Mary Clancy, Clononey.
2. Veronica Harrington (3rd A).

SUNDAY 1st AUGUST - 12 noon.

1. Ann Connolly (Months Mind).

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 25th JULY - 9.30am

SUNDAY 1st AUGUST - 9.30am

MASSES - All ceremonies can be heard on 106.5FM Parish Radio. All our weekday and weekend Masses can now be viewed on our livestream link www.ferbaneparish.ie. Parish bulletin is available on www.ferbaneparish.ie.
COLLECTIONS - Offertory and Shrine = €2,050. We deeply appreciate your continuing generosity at this difficult time. If you wish to offer financial support to the Church by electronic transfer our bank details are as follows:- BIC: ULSB IE 2D. IBAN: IE28 ULSB 9857 2021 5400 50. Please note your box number or your name when transferring money.

DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the souls of Eddie Connaughton, Lisduff, Belmont; Oliver Coleman, Belmont and Ellen McDonnell, Manchester (wife of the late Eamon), all of whom died during the past week. May they rest in peace.

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €18,900 = Jackpot €8,900; Star Prize €10,000). Winning numbers in last week's draw 1, 2, 15, 19. Bonus 25. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners. Next draw on Tuesday 27th July.

FERBANE G.A.A. - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 9, 16, 18, 31. Bonus 13. No jackpot or match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €3,600. Next draw on Tuesday 27th July at 10pm.

FERBANE PRAYER GROUP - You are welcome to the Prayer Meeting on Wednesday 28th July in St. Cynoc's Junior School at 4pm. It is a time of quiet prayer, vocal prayer and singing praise to God.

CONGRATULATIONS - To Cathal Flynn, Darragh Flynn and Harry Balsiger, members of the Offaly U20 squad who defeated Dublin on Thursday last to win the Leinster Championship.

SVP - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

PARISH OFFICE - Wednesday from 9am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm. Bulletin deadline is 3pm on Wednesday. Tel: 090 6454309 or Email: parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie.

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly Sunday 25th July 2021

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness. You are my hope and my confidence. You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone.

Pope Francis

There are some things we really need to take care of, the children and grandparents. Children, whether they are young or older, they are the strength that moves us forward. We place our hope in them. Grandparents are the living memory of the family. They passed on the faith. They transmitted the faith to us.
Pope Francis

17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'Jesus gave out as much as was wanted'

Chapter six of St. John's Gospel is known as the 'Bread Section'. It begins today with the 'sign' of the 'feeding of the multitude'. This is the only miracle recorded in all four Gospels because it prefigures the great event of the Last Supper when the disciples were fed with the 'Bread of Life'. The episode speaks of the boundless generosity of God and the fact that He alone can satisfy the hungers of the human heart. The little boy offered the little that he had-five barley loaves and two fish- and Jesus did the rest. Nothing is insignificant in His hands. Nothing is lost of what is given to Him. It was this Gospel story that Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed at a Mass with young people in Scotland in 1982. In his homily that day, the Holy Father spoke these encouraging words: **'The little boy gave all he had and Jesus miraculously fed 5,000 people. It is exactly the same with your lives. Place your lives in the hands of Jesus. He will accept and bless you, and He will make use of your lives in a way that exceeds your greatest expectation'**. Today Jesus asks for the loaves and fishes of our time and talents. If we withhold our time and talents we just might miss a miracle!