

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 8th August 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 7th AUGUST - 7pm

1. Louise Moore.

SUNDAY 8th AUGUST - 11am

Mon. 9th: 10am

Tues. 10th: 10am

Wed. 11th: 10am - People's Mass.

Thurs. 12th: 10am

Fri. 13th: 10am

Sat. 14th: 10am

SATURDAY 14th AUGUST - 7pm

SUNDAY 15th AUGUST - 11am

1. John & Molly Maher, Delvin Park.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 8th AUGUST - 12 noon

SUNDAY 15th AUGUST - 12 noon

1. Jimmy Cox.

2. Fr. John Sugrue (9th A), his parents Michael & Josephine, his nephew John & niece Emer and deceased relatives.

3. Tom Claffey, Lisclooney (Months Mind).

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 8th AUGUST - 9.30am

SUNDAY 15th 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 = €1,775. 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.

BAPTISMS - We welcome in to our Christian Community Abigail Murray, Roman Lyons, Evie Sear and Felix Kenny.

DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the souls of Pat McAree, Knockaulin Drive, Ferbane; Clare Higgins, Ballyvora, Ferbane who died in Wales; Elizabeth & Enda Caulfield, New York (wife and son of Paddy Caulfield, Belmont & New York who were interred recently in Durrow, Tullamore) and Weldon Munden, Canada (husband of Angela Brazil, Derrica who died in Canada recently). May they rest in peace.

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €19,100 = Jackpot €9,100; Star Prize €10,000). Winning numbers in last week's draw 2, 3, 6, 23. Bonus 22. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners. Next draw on Tuesday 10th August. *Registration* takes place on the 11th, 12th, 13th August from 7pm to 8pm in the Clubhouse. All ages from 5 to 18 welcome.

FERBANE G.A.A. - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 2, 8, 27, 31. Bonus 26. No jackpot winner. One match three winner. Next week's jackpot is €4,000. Next draw on Tuesday 10th August at 10pm.

TISARAN CEMETERY - Blessing of graves online after 12 noon Mass on Sun. 15th August.

ACCORD CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE SERVICE CLG - Is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Contact by email to info@accord.ie. The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in selections for this year is Friday 27 August. Additional info. is available on www.accord.ie.

HIGH STREET/BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - Outdoor Cake Sale & Raffle after 12 noon Mass on Sunday 29th August. Items for sale including some Shannonbridge pottery. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Also **Outdoor Information Night on Monday 30th August at High Street Community Centre.** Information, chat and cup of tea. All welcome.

PLEASE SUPPORT OFFALY HOSPICE CHARITY SHOP, Offaly Street, Tullamore - Our shop is open Tuesday to Saturday 10.30am to 4.30pm. All donations of ladies, gents and childrens clothes and shoes along with Bric-a Brac-welcome. Contact Chris on the Offaly Hospice Shop phone number 083 0994754 for further information.

SVP - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

CONGRATULATIONS - To Leon Fox, Oisín Kelly, Damo Egan and David Nally on their contribution to Offaly's great win in the Christy Ring Cup Final.

PARISH OFFICE - Wednesday from 9am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm. **Bulletin deadline is 3pm on Wednesday.** Tel: 090 6454309 or

Email: parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie.

THE EUCHARIST

'Our own belief is that the renovation of the world will be brought about only by the Holy Eucharist'.
(Pope Leo XIII).

'The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life'. (Pope St. John Paul II)

'Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to heaven'. (Pope Pius X)

19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'Anyone who eats this bread will live forever'

In today's extract from the 'Bread Section' of St. John's Gospel Jesus makes an extraordinary promise. If we eat His flesh and drink His blood we will live with Him forever. There has never been a greater promise made in the whole of history. By sharing in the Eucharist we share in the life of God. As we consume the Eucharist, the Eucharist is meant to consume us. Our vision becomes Christ's vision. Our hopes and dreams are shaped by His hopes and dreams. Our hearts become His heart reaching out to all of humanity. **'The effect of receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is that we become what we receive'** (Pope St. Leo the Great). We are dealing with mystery when we contemplate the priceless gift of the Eucharist. A young boy once asked an electrician: 'What exactly is electricity?' The electrician answered: 'I really do not know, son, but I can make it give you light'. Likewise, the Church can never fully explain the stupendous mystery of the Eucharist, but she can make it give us the life of Jesus. The Irish people have, through the ages, embraced the mystery and treasured the gift. When the last Chief Secretary of Ireland, Augustine Birrell, was asked by London to report on the level of faith and practice in Ireland he gave a one sentence reply: 'It's the Mass that matters'. May it always be so.