

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 22nd August 2021

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 21st AUGUST - 7pm

1. Christy Devery and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 22nd AUGUST - 11am

1. Frank Grogan (1st A).
2. Tommy Cooney, Athlone Road (6th A).

Mon. 23rd: 10am

Tues. 24th: 10am

Wed. 25th: 10am

Thurs. 26th: 10am - People's Mass.

Fri. 27th: 10am

Sat. 28th: 10am - Martin Murphy (4th A).

SATURDAY 28th AUGUST - 7pm

SUNDAY 29th AUGUST - 11am

1. Pat McAree (Months Mind).
2. Paddy & Agnes Flynn

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 22nd AUGUST - 12 noon

1. Eddie Connaughton (Months Mind).
2. Oliver Coleman (Months Mind).

SUNDAY 29th AUGUST - 12 noon

1. Joe & Annie Kenny Fadden
2. Michael Rigney

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 22nd AUGUST - 9.30am

1. Michael Rosney and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 29th AUGUST - 9.30am

1. Marty Coughlan (4th A) and his parents Martin & Mary

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 - We the Priests of our Parish would sincerely like to thank those who so kindly continue to contribute to our collection in the past weeks, we received €2,110 between Offertory and Shrine. We are extremely grateful and greatly appreciate our generosity in these most difficult times. We will continue to pray with and for you all each day. If anybody wants to offer financial support to our Church you can do so by electronic transfer if it is more convenient to do so our Bank details are as follows: BIC: ULSB IE 2D
IBAN: IE28ULSB98572021540050

DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Patrick Digan**, formerly Mountrath and The Green, Clara, brother of Brigid Spollen, Reynaun and Marie Guinan, Gallen Bridge. **Elizabeth (Lily) Byrne**, Tubberclare, mother of Ann Egan, Curraghdown. **Nancy Pollard**, Dublin, sister of Therese Moran, Knockaulin Drive.

BAPTISM - We welcome in to our Christian Community **Seán Egan**.

MARRIAGE - Congratulations to **Cathal Egan and Rachel O'Connor** who were married recently.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw (Prize fund €19,300 = Jackpot €9,300; Star Prize €10,000)*. Winning numbers in last week's draw 2, 3, 9, 22. Bonus 18. No jackpot winner. There were three match 3 winners. Next draw on Tues, 24th August. €40 half yearly tickets are due for renewal on 6th September.

FERBANE G.A.A. - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 5, 21, 24, 28. Bonus 14. No jackpot winner. Three match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €4,400. Next draw on Tuesday 24th August at 10pm.

HIGH STREET / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - Outdoor Cake Sale & Raffle for Daffodil Day 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.

BACK TO SCHOOL Best wishes to all our students and teachers as they return to the classroom in the coming days. May the year ahead be a happy and safe one for all.

ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONS Congratulations to **Cathal Flynn, Darragh Flynn, Harry Balsiger and the Offaly Under 20 team** On their marvellous All-Ireland Final win last Sunday.

LAOIS OFFALY EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD - Will be running **FREE courses** in the Autumn in the LOETB Centre, Banagher. All courses are 6 - 8 weeks in duration: **DIY/Woodwork** - 16th Sept. at 10am. **Introduction to Haircare** - 21st Sept. at 10am.

Introduction to Healthcare - 15th Sept. at 10.30am. **IT Skills** - 22nd Sept. at 2.30pm. We will also be running other **FREE** courses in the different communities. Contact 085 8054579 and email gunningham@loetb.ie for more info.

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 083 0994754. **SVP** - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

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. Additional info is available on www.accord.ie.

PARISH OFFICE - Please note the Parish Office will be closed on **Wednesday 25th August and will reopen on Wednesday 1st September**. You can leave a message on the answering machine or email the parish office if you need to book a mass or any other business and Fiona will get back to you when the office reopens. parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

“What about you, do you want to go away too?”

The Christian journey hinges on two words: invitation and response. God invites and we have a choice. From the beginning many have chosen to walk away from Jesus and tread other paths. It's not a uniquely modern phenomenon. The problem today is that many people walk away without making a reflective choice. Having received the faith second-hand, they never go deeper. There is no mature decision involved. Faith sees with the ears and the unexamined faith will wither. There is a crisis of knowledge in the Church family. It could be said that we are drowning in information but starved for knowledge. A recent survey in the United States produced the startling finding that atheists and agnostics have a significantly superior religious knowledge to Catholics. 'Knowledge is the peg on which we hang the hat of faith, 'the wing wherewith we fly to heaven'. We cannot have faith in something about which we know nothing! Isn't it time for the baptized faithful to take a second look and not just walk away?