

# Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 5th December 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

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## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 4th DECEMBER - 7pm

1. Thomas & Rose Coughlan.
2. John & Ellen Devery, Moyclare, Timmy, Jimmy & Lish Devery, Glebe and Paddy & Lucy Grogan, Noggus.

SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER - 11am

1. Breda Daly (4th A).
2. Gregory Foley and his daughter Hazel.
3. Christina, Ann Marie & Noel Murray, St. Cynoc's Terrace.
4. Susan Rosney, Endrim.

Mon. 6th: 10am

Tues. 7th: 10am

7pm (Vigil of the Immaculate Conception)

WED. 8th - 11am *Immaculate Conception*

1. Margaret Dunne (*Months Mind*).
2. Peter & Maura Doyle & their son Raymond.

Thurs. 9th: 10am - *People's Mass*.

Fri. 10th: 10am - *Deceased members of the Ryan, Higgins and Chapman families.*

Sat. 11th: 10am - *Paddy & Winifred Dolan.*

SATURDAY 11th DECEMBER - 7pm

1. Petes Mahon (*Months Mind*).
2. Paudge Dunican and his daughter Rowena Mary.

SUNDAY 12th DECEMBER - 11am

1. Christopher McCreedy (*Months Mind*).
2. Kitty & Willie Madden.

## SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER - 12 noon

1. Olive Hanniffy and her parents Colm & Rose.
2. Dan, Nancy & Paddy Connell.

WED. 8th - 8pm *Immaculate Conception*

1. Gertrude Gunning (9th A).

SUNDAY 12th DECEMBER - 12 noon

1. Tommy & Nancy Daly and deceased family members.
2. P.J. Rourke and deceased members of the Young family.
3. Patrick & Nan Kearns, their daughter Anne, their son Kieran and deceased family members.  
Paddy & Mary Rourke and their sons James, Pat, Joe & Tom.
4. Jim & Mary Cox and their daughter Annie.

## ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER - 9.30am

1. Kieran & Margaret Farrelly, Turraun.

WED. 8th - 9.30am *Immaculate Conception*

SUNDAY 12th DECEMBER - 9.30am

1. Deceased members of the Corcoran family, Gallen.

**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](http://www.ferbaneparish.ie). Parish bulletin is available on [www.ferbaneparish.ie](http://www.ferbaneparish.ie).

**COLLECTIONS** Offertory / Shrine / Trócaire: €1,825 - Thank you for your continuing support. If anybody wants to offer financial support you can do so by electronic transfer. BIC: ULSB IE 2D.

IBAN: IE28 ULSB 9857 2021 5400 50.

**SVP** - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

**DEATH** - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary McGarry (nee Mannion), Belmont/USA

(sister of Hugh & Joe Mannion, Belmont). May she rest in peace.

**CHRISTMAS AT CLONONY CASTLE** - Santa Claus will be making his annual visit to Clonony Castle on this Sunday 5th December from 12 noon to 4pm, sweets and treats for all!

**GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw** (Prize fund €20,000 = Jackpot €10,000; Star Prize €10,000). Winning numbers in last week's draw 3, 6, 8, 20. Bonus 4. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next draw on Tuesday 7th December.

**FERBANE G.A.A. - Lotto**: Winning numbers in last week's draw 8, 15, 23, 26. Bonus 11. No jackpot winner. 2 match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €7,400 and the draw is on Tues. 7th Dec. at 10pm.

**BENEDICTION AND NIGHT PRAYER FOR ADVENT** - Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ferbane continues each Wed. night of Advent (8th/15th/22nd) December at 8pm.

**CARDS** - Progressive 25, single hand, in Ferbane GAA Clubhouse on Wed. 8th December at 9pm.

**ONLINE BOOK LAUNCH - Blood, Cage & Gore**, a new book by Aidan Doyle will be launched online on Thursday 9th December at 7.45pm. The book deals with the fascinating history of Endrim & Creggan and the land agent Charles Cage. From the Barrack Hill to the Wild West. [www.facebook.com/aidanp.doyle.5](http://www.facebook.com/aidanp.doyle.5)

**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 with your name and number and we will contact you or look us up on [www.volunteeroffaly.ie](http://www.volunteeroffaly.ie).

**ALL-IRELAND SCÓR CHAMPIONS 2021**  
Congratulations to Ferbane GAA Ballad Group,

Valene Greer, Niamh Delaney, Zoe Ní Ruanaidh, Sarah Kenny, Avril Spain and manager Eamon Flynn on their magnificent achievement.

**CHRISTMAS TREES & WREATHS FOR SALE** - Can be delivered. Phone Kieran 087 8886214.

**HIGH STREET / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP** - Wish to thank all who supported their Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day Appeal which realised €7,580. A huge thanks to everyone.

**CHARITABLE DONATIONS SCHEME** - If you are a taxpayer and contribute €250 in any tax year to our parish then we can claim tax back on your donation. This is a valuable source of income for our Parish especially in these challenging times. Letters will be going out this week. If you wish to take part, please return these forms to the Parish office as soon as possible as they have to be submitted in the next couple of weeks. You can post forms or drop them in to the Parish Office (The Presbytery) or give them to any of the Priests. If you have any queries, please contact Fiona 090 6454309. Thanks again for your generous donations.

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

## SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Heavenly Father you are the God who gives peace. Regardless of our circumstances or our situations you give us peace beyond understanding. During this Second Week of Advent we pray that you will help us to experience a Christmas free from fear or worry. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

At the time of Christ, whenever a local ruler was travelling through the countryside his servants went before him to remove obstacles from his path so that he could make a smooth, safe journey. Today, John the Baptist uses that same image, familiar to his listeners, as he cries from the wilderness, asking people to prepare the way of the Lord. Preparing the way of the Lord means removing from our hearts any obstacles that would hinder us from being open to His word. Advent provides a space that enables us to respond, to think again, to straighten the crooked places in our hearts and minds so that we may receive Him with an open receiving heart. **Then the beauty of Christmas will be found, not in the presents, but, rather, in His presence.**