

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 2nd January 2022

Second Sunday after Christmas

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 1st JANUARY - 7pm

1. James, Anne, Noel & Joe Reamsbottom.

SUNDAY 2nd JANUARY - 11am

1. Eileen Dunican.

Mon. 3rd: 10am

Tues. 4th: 10am

Wed. 5th: 10am - People's Mass.

Thurs. 6th: 10am - Feast of the Epiphany.

Fri. 7th: 10am - First Friday.

Sat. 8th: 10am -

SATURDAY 8th JANUARY - 7pm

1. Peter & Mary Kearns and their daughter Ann.
2. Jack Nagle & his son-in-law John Simms.
3. John Rohan, Corr
4. Ollie McCormack.

SUNDAY 9th JANUARY - 11am

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 2nd JANUARY - 12 noon

Fri. 7th: 8pm - First Friday.

1. Sean Murray and his niece Chloe Coleman.
2. Seamus & Chrissie Kenny.
3. Kieran Yates.

SUNDAY 9th JANUARY - 12 noon

1. Michael, Seamus, Kieran, Annette & P.J. Feighery and their parents John & Brigid & dec'd family members.
2. Maureen & Michael Claffey, Tissaran.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 2nd JANUARY - 9.30am

Fri. 7th: 7pm - First Friday.

SUNDAY 9th JANUARY - 9.30am

1. Mary Grogan, Leamore

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 - 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Confidential FREEPHONE number 087 9272877.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €11,200 = Jackpot €1,200; Star Prize €10,000). Next draw on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

FERBANE G.A.A. - Next Lotto draw is on Tuesday 4th January.

CARDS - Progressive 25, single hand, in Ferbane GAA Clubhouse on Wednesday 5th January at 9pm.

PARISH OFFICE - Open on Wednesday from 9am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm. **Bulletin notices to be in by 3pm Wednesday.** Tel: 090 6454309 or Email: parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie.

LET US DREAM

Pope Francis, like the rest of us has been reflecting deeply on the Covid crisis that still grips our world. In his recent book, *'Let Us Dream'* he offers the fruits of his reflection and urges the human family not to let the pain be in vain. As we stand on the threshold of a new year his words offer hope and possibility and stand as a powerful antidote to the fear, weariness and uncertainty that is widespread: "The basic rule of a crisis is that you don't come out of it the same. Crisis is a time of purification. We are all tested in life. It's the way we grow. Where the danger is, also grows the saving power. This a moment to dream big, to rethink our priorities - what we value, what we want, what we seek - and to commit to act in our daily life on what we have dreamed of. One of my hopes for this crisis we are living is that we come back to contact with reality'. May we all dream big and by rethinking our priorities, find peace and purpose in 2022. Athbhliain faoi shíocháin orainn uilig.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

'The Word was made flesh'

We have just heard an extract from the Prologue to St. John's Gospel. In the days before the Second Vatican Council this reading was proclaimed at the end of every Mass. Known as the 'Last Gospel' it reminded the faithful before their dismissal, of the Good News at the centre of their faith: 'the Word was made flesh'. Our God walks with us. He has made His home with us and by becoming flesh, has bestowed a sacredness on all of creation. Heaven is literally here on earth. 'The world around us is the shop front for a greater reality'. We are grateful to John for taking us beyond the surface to the deeper meaning of the Christmas event. The eagle is, appropriately, the symbol of his Gospel. It is believed that the eagle flies higher than all other birds and can look directly into the light of the sun. So it is with John's Gospel. It takes us higher and deeper into the mystery of our God and the light of His face.

STATISTICS FOR 2021

Baptisms	29
Marriages	10
Deaths	47

PARISH NEW YEAR MESSAGE

A sincere word of thanks to all who contributed to the life of our Parish during 2021, a very challenging year for us all. Your support, unfailing kindness and generous hospitality is greatly appreciated. A special word of thanks to all those who contributed to our Parish Liturgy especially Parish Sacristans, Readers, Choir and Eucharistic Ministers. A special thank you also to our Stewards and the many volunteers who sanitised our seats daily. It is our hope and prayer that we can look forward to a brighter future in 2022. *Fr. Peter, Fr. Michael, Sr. Joseph.*