

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 20th February 2022

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 19th FEBRUARY - 7pm

1. Marion Feehan (*1st A*).
2. Andrew Wynne and deceased members of the Wynne & Smollen families.
3. Tracey Buckley.

SUNDAY 20th FEBRUARY - 11am

1. Eddie Mitchell.
2. Janie Robinson.

Mon. 21st: 10am - People's Mass.

Tues. 22nd: 10am

Wed. 23rd: 10am

Thurs. 24th: 10am

Fri. 25th: 10am

Sat. 26th: 10am

SATURDAY 26th FEBRUARY - 7pm

1. Paddy & Rita Kelly and their son Joe.

SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY - 11am

1. Agnes Holmes.
2. Bernadette Devery and her parents John & Ellen.
3. Kitty Flaherty.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 20th FEBRUARY - 12 noon

1. Phyllis Rigney.
2. Jimmy Lawlor.
3. John Connolly, his daughter Patty and deceased family members.
4. Tommy Kenny, his parents Kieran and Mary Bridget and his brother Paddy.

SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY - 12 noon

1. Larry Egan and deceased members of the Egan & Hanevy families.
2. Thomas & Catherine Shea.
3. Joe & Margaret Caulfield.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 20th FEBRUARY - 9.30am

1. Sammy Colgan (*5th A*).

SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY - 9.30am

1. Joe, Paddy & Dinny Delaney and their parents Joe & Mary.
2. Liam Shanahan.

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 would sincerely like to thank those who so kindly continue to contribute to our collection every week. Last week's collection including shrine = €2,390. If anybody wants to offer financial support by electronic transfer our bank details are as follows: BIC: ULSB IE 2D. IBAN: IE28 ULSB 9857 2021 5400 50.

BAPTISM - We welcome into our Christian Community Ellie Tanner.

DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the souls of Brendan Carroll, Athlone (son of Stephen Carroll, Moystown) and Tony Holleran, Tullamore (former Principal of Ferbane Boys NS).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - It is hoped to recommence adoration in our Oratory Chapel in Ferbane Church in the near future. All suggestions regarding a possible rota will be welcome. Please contact Iris or any of the committee members.

Anne 087 9419510; Sharon 087 2437934; Martin 086 1053289; Sr. Joseph 087 7912586; Seamus 086 8718942.

PRAYER FOR PEACE - We continue to pray for peace in Europe in response to the request of Pope Francis.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD - Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan has suggested that we might pause at 4pm each day during 2022 and say a short prayer for vocations to the priesthood (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be).

HIGH STREET / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - Returns on Monday 21st February in High Street Community Centre at 8pm with a night on Healthy Food, Healthy Eating and chat with Valerie Dillon from LOETB. All welcome.

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €11,900 = Jackpot €1,900; Star Prize €10,000). Winning numbers in last week's draw 1, 4, 14, 22. Bonus 7. No jackpot winner. Three match 3 winners. Next draw on Tuesday 22nd February. *Reminder:* €40 half yearly tickets are due for renewal on March 8th.

FERBANE G.A.A. - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 6, 13, 18, 29. Bonus 26. No jackpot winner. Three match three winner. Next week's jackpot is €9,600. Next draw on Tuesday 22nd February at 10pm.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF ABUSE - Friday 25th February. We pray for all who have been abused that the Lord of all tenderness and compassion will restore them and give them peace.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR TEMPERANCE - Sunday next 27th February.

SOCIAL SERVICES / WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING - Will resume on Wed. week, March 2nd. Bus service is available to anyone who wishes to avail of it. It is essential for the service to have the names of those requesting it which can be given to Lily 086 8389820; Maureen 087 6721166 or Paddy 090 6454357 ASAP. Previous and new members welcome.

HIGH STREET N.S. - Now enrolling for September 2022. For more info. please phone 090 6457246 on Tues., Wed. or Thurs. mornings.

FERBANE PARISH COMMUNITY ALERT Are seeking volunteers. Contact info@volunteeroffaly.ie or 083 0154668/9.

GETTING CITIZENS ONLINE - FREE Beginners Computer/Laptop Classes. Would you like to learn how to use your computer/laptop? Covering topics on: Microsoft Word, Internet Safety & Security, Email, online shopping, Video, TV & Radio, online Government services and much more. The course is delivered online over 5 sessions, 1.5 hours in duration and delivered in the evening to suit trainees. Contact Karen on 087 9840177.

VOLUNTEERS - If you are interested in registering your voluntary organisation or becoming a volunteer contact 083 0154669 for more info. or register on www.volunteeroffaly.ie.

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

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN - Trócaire boxes available for collection.

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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

'Love your enemies'

The desire for revenge is a built-in feature of human nature. Our natural instinct is to strike back in response to some perceived harm or wrongdoing by another party, to give as good as we get, to 'get even', but Jesus offers us a different approach when He says: 'Love your enemies'. It's probably the most difficult command He gave us. It goes against the grain and challenges conventional wisdom. It calls us to turn away from the path of revenge, which is ugly, dark, dreary and self-destructive. 'If you seek revenge you should dig two graves, one for yourself' (*Confucius*). Hate has caused many problems in the world, but it has not solved one yet. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. The great 16th century Spanish Carmelite mystic St. John of the Cross caught the beauty of the Lord's teaching when he said: 'Where there is no love pour in love and you will draw-out love'. It's not easy to pardon the unpardonable, to love the unloveable. Christian love hurts, but the rewards are out of this world!