

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 15th May 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 14th MAY - 7pm

1. Ellen & James Anderson.

SUNDAY 15th MAY - 11am

1. Chrissie Sugrue.

Mon. 16th: 10am

Tues. 17th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 18th: 10am

Thurs. 19th: 10am

Fri. 20th: 10am

Sat. 21st: 10am - John & Kate Dolan, Church St.

SATURDAY 21st MAY - 7pm

1. Seamus Reams.

SUNDAY 22nd MAY - 11am

1. Kieran Kenny, Reynaun.
2. John & Mary Foley, Gallen.
3. Ned & Roseann Mannion, and Joe & Mary Galvin.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 15th May - 12 noon

1. Anne & Jack Connolly and their son Declan, their grandson Declan Philip & Patrick Gunning.
2. Patricia Feeney (3rd A) and her father Seamus.
3. Dean Earley.

SUNDAY 22nd May - 12 noon

1. Christina Connolly (*Months Mind*), and her husband Jack.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 15th MAY - 9.30am

SUNDAY 22nd MAY - 9.30am

IMPORTANT DATE

FIRST COMMUNION

High Street - Saturday 28th May

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 - Weekly Collection including shrine €2,470. Thank you.

DEATH - We pray for the repose of the soul of *Kathleen Kenny, St. Cynoc's Terrace*. RIP.

HIGH STREET / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - *Mon. 16th May*: We will visit Moore's Nurseries from 6.30pm for demonstration, info. and purchases. All welcome.

HIGH STREET CEMETERY Weekly clean up continues every Tuesday at 7pm.

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €2,500 = Jackpot €1,300; Star Prize €1,200). Winning numbers in last week's draw 3, 11, 21, 27. Bonus 14. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next draw on Tuesday 17th May.

FERBANE GAA - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 5, 8, 13, 25. Bonus 23. No jackpot winner. Four match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €12,000 and the draw will take place on Tuesday 17th May.

COFFEE MORNING - Group will visit Clonfert on Wed. 18th May. Bus leaving Church at 10.30am, usual bus service. Confirm with Maureen 087 6721166 and it is advised to wear face mask.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT - Continues every Thurs. at 10.15am in Hennessy's to play bingo, chat and laugh. Bus available to pick up. Call Teresa on 087 8374955.

OFFALY PRO-LIFE - Are holding a Quiz Night in Hough's Pub in Banagher on Wednesday 25th May at 8pm. €5 per participant, max 4 per table. All support greatly appreciated. Offaly Pro-life positively supports pro-life causes and charities.

MENPOWER - Are you interested in expanding your horizons? Do you want to build your mental & physical health, set goals and develop a life plan? Then join us for the new MenPower Programme beginning June 1st, two days per week for 12 weeks. Participation on this programme is free and will not affect social welfare benefits. For more information, please contact Aoife on 087-7385989 or via email akelly@offalyldc.ie

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Confidential FREEPHONE 087 9272877.

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.

ROSARY - At the Grottos are back for the month of May in St. Oliver Plunkett's Church in Boora. Everyone is welcome for the month of May to say the Rosary at 8pm each evening. This is being said for Ireland and peace in the world.

OUR LADY OF CLONFERT PRAYER

Our Lady of Clonfert, I come you you, as one of your children, who will never forget the importance of a woman like you. I come because I believe in you. I come to say thanks for the past and the present and ask you to bless me in the future. You know me, you know how I live and you know my needs. Please help me especially when I need you most. I have problems, worries and anxieties the same as everyone else, help me to cope. So often I would just love to give up when life hurts me and people betray me, but give me the courage never to lose heart. Bless my family, my life and my friends. Help me, no matter what happens to me in life, to believe to trust and to hope. Our Lady of Clonfert, pray for us.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

'Love one another just as I have loved you'

Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel recounts how Auschwitz camp authorities advised prisoners to think only of themselves if they wished to survive. Yet, invariably, it was those who insisted on remembering loved ones who were more likely to come through their desperate ordeal. There are two main doctrines in the Bible; love God and love people. If we get other doctrines wrong, but get these two right, we will still be in good standing with the Lord. The command to love was central to the preaching of Jesus, and it was certainly at the heart of His final address to His disciples in the Upper Room. The love He speaks of takes us beyond ourselves to be the best of ourselves, and the measure of our love will decide the measure of our happiness. Sixteenth century Spanish mystic, St. John of the Cross, expressed this challenging teaching with striking clarity: 'in the evening of life we shall be judged on love alone'. Interestingly, Jesus did not command His disciples to love the whole world, but rather, to love one another. When Mother Teresa reflected on the implications of these words of the Lord she offered this wise and practical advice: 'Love begins by taking care of the closest ones... 'If you want to change the world go home and love your family'.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

A gathering of delegates from every parish in the diocese takes place this Saturday in St. Mel's College, Longford. After three years of discussion and consultation among parish groups three main areas have been identified for reflection as we plan to shape the future with hope: **Mission to Families; Mission to Youth; Formation of Lay People**. One statistic helps to underline the changing face of our Church going forward: By 2030 there will be just 24 priests in active ministry in the entire diocese. It will be a lay driven Church or not at all!

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY PRAYER

We give thanks for all those who have taken part in the Diocesan Assembly this weekend; that as their work will be used to develop a way forward in our diocese, may their work also bear fruit as part of the Synod Pathway for the whole church. Lord, hear us.