

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 4th September 2022

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER - 7pm

1. Michael Kenny, Ballyclare (1st A).

SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER - 11am

1. Kevin Keenaghan (1st A).
2. Mary, Brigid & Jimmy Clancy.
3. Rita (6th A) & Seamus Clancy (20th A), Endrim.

Mon. 5th: 10am

Tues. 6th: 10am

Wed. 7th: 10am - People's Mass.

Thurs. 8th: 10am

Fri. 9th: 10am

Sat. 10th: 10am - Maureen Murphy and her husband Tom, Ballycumber Road.

SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER - 7pm

1. Sonny Keenaghan, Ballyclare (1st A).
2. Peter Guinan, Ballylin.
3. Frank Grogan, Athlone Road.
4. John Kenny, Ballyclare and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER - 11am

1. Mary Rourke and Bridie & Patsy Rourke.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER - 12 noon

1. Joe & Annie Kenny, Fadden.
2. Pat, Alice & John Guinan, Keelogue.
3. Pat Joe Killian, his parents James & Anne.
4. Steven Kelly.

SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER - 12 noon

1. Eamon Joe Ryan (1st A).
2. Jimmy Cox (5th A).

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER - 9.30am

1. Pat & Elizabeth Tooher, grandchildren Vincent and Kevin and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER - 9.30am

1. John & Mary Kenny, Leamore.

MASSES - All ceremonies can be heard on 106.5FM Parish Radio. All our weekday and weekend Masses can be viewed on our livestream link www.ferbaneparish.ie. Parish bulletin is available on www.ferbaneparish.ie.

COLLECTIONS - Our new account details with Bank of Ireland are as follows:

Account No: 75907205. BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE39 BOFI 9016 3475 9072 05.

We greatly appreciate your continued contributions. Weekly collection including Shrine €2,540. Thank you.

BAPTISM - We welcome into the Community Community Jacob, Lucia and Lucas Morales.

THE SISTERS OF CLUNY - Wish to thank sincerely Fr. Peter, Fr. Michael, parishioners and friends who had Masses offered for our intentions, for your prayers and good wishes as we moved into our new home "Áit Aoibhinn", Athlone Road. You are remembered in our prayers.

HIGH STREET/BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP Will run their Annual Cake Sale, Hampers & Raffle after 12 noon Mass this Sunday 4th September in High Street Hall in aid of Daffodil Day, Irish Cancer Society. Please support. Meeting on Monday 5th September in High Street Hall at 8pm.

JUNIOR BADMINTON - Will resume in Teach Lea, Boora in September. A parents meeting and registration will take place on Mon. 5th Sept. in Teach Lea at 7pm.

FITNESS & AEROBIC - Classes will resume in High Street Hall on Tuesday 6th September at 9.30am sharp. **Pilates** every Thursday evening in High Street Hall at 8pm. All welcome.

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

BHM DEV. GROUP - Meeting on Tues. 6th Sept. in High Street Hall. Members and non-members welcome.

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €4,000 = Jackpot €2,000; Star Prize €2,000). Winning numbers in last week's draw 3, 15, 17, 23. Bonus 24. No jackpot winner. 1 match 3 winner. Next draw on Tues. 6th Sept.

FERBANE GAA - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 4, 14, 16, 29. Bonus 30. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next week's jackpot is €2,800 and the draw is on Tuesday 6th September.

PATTERN DAY IN CLONMACNOIS - Sunday 11th September. Ceremonies commence at 2.30pm.

SOCIAL DANCING AND JIVING CLASSES - Starting in St. Mary's Hall, Cloghan on Monday 12th of September at 8.30pm for 4 weeks only. €10 per class. All levels welcome.

OFFALY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK Invitation Social Inclusion Networking and Information sharing showcase on Wednesday 14th September in the Tullamore Court Hotel from 10.30am - 4pm. Light refreshments will be served.

ANAM CARA MIDLANDS - Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 14th September at 7.15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is FREE and open to all bereaved parents. We also offer an online service. For more info. call 01 4045378.

STAYING CONNECTED - This six-week LOETB computer course will help you get familiar with your smartphone, computer or tablet, learn about general online services and find out all about our Digital Library, including online books, magazines and classes. Bring

your own device if possible! This course is open to anyone, and will take place in Ferbane library in mid-September. Please contact the library to book a place on 090 6454259 or email ferbanelibrary@offalycoco.ie. Spaces are limited and early booking is recommended.

OESOPHAGEAL CANCER FUND - Theresa Dunican is undertaking a 42km walk during the month of September to raise funds for this worthy cause. Sponsorship cards are in all local businesses. Your support is greatly appreciated.

START YOUR OWN BUSINESS - Unemployed but have a business idea? Limited places remaining on Offaly Local Development Company's FREE Business Development Programme, starting Monday 19th September. Learn how to start your own business and gain 3 Qualifications (QQI Level 5). Contact: Des Regan, BDP Coordinator. Email: dregan@offalyldc.ie or call 057 9352467 / 087 9699998. Website: www.offalyldc.ie and find us under Enterprise Supports.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT PARENTS FIRST We are looking for parents or grandparents to pass on their valuable knowledge and experience in bringing up children, 1-2 hours per week. Contact Dolores or Attracta 057 9322996 OR 086 1959221.

SVP - Confidential FREEPHONE 087 9272877.

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

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple'.

What is a disciple? The root of the word is the Latin 'discipulus', meaning 'student'. At the time of Jesus a disciple was a person who followed a teacher, master, rabbi or philosopher. The disciple desired not only to learn the teaching of the rabbi, but to imitate the practical details of their life. Through the ages, many in our Church have been willing to be students of Christianity rather than disciples of Christ. Reflecting on this trend, British author and lay theologian C.S. Lewis wrote: 'If our Church is not making disciples then all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible, are a waste of time'. Another esteemed British theologian and contemporary of Lewis, GK Chesterton noted that Jesus promised His disciples three things: they would be completely fearless, absurdly happy and in constant trouble. Being a disciple, then, is exceedingly rewarding but extraordinarily demanding. It entails much more than being a follower. It is in essence the call to become who Jesus would be if He were you. When faced with a choice the true disciple will invariably ask the question: what would Jesus do in this situation? Wearing a cross does not make you a disciple; carrying your cross every day does. You never graduate from the school of discipleship.

SEASON OF CREATION - 'LAUDATO SI'

'Laudato Si' is the second encyclical ('circular letter') of Pope Francis published in 2015. The encyclical has the subtitle 'on care for our common home'. 'Laudato Si' are two Italian words that translate as 'praise be to you'. They are taken from St. Francis of Assisi's 'Canticle of the Creatures' in which the saint praises God by meditating on the goodness of sun, wind, Earth, water and other natural forces. The main theme of the encyclical is that people and planet are part of one family where the Earth is our common home. It invites all to protect God's creation for future generations, to embrace a lifestyle change for their own good and to take care of people who are poor and more vulnerable.

'We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family'.