

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 1st January 2023

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 31st DECEMBER - 7pm

1. James & Anne Reamsbottom, sons Noel and Joe and their daughter Mona.

SUNDAY 1st JANUARY - 11am

Mon. 2nd: 10am

Tues. 3rd: 10am

Wed. 4th: 10am

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

Thurs. 5th: 7pm - Vigil for Epiphany.

Fri. 6th: 11am - Feast of the Epiphany and First Friday. (Please note time).

Sat. 7th: 10am

SATURDAY 7th JANUARY - 7pm

1. John Rohan.
2. Doreen Spillane
3. Jack Nagle & John Symes.

SUNDAY 8th JANUARY - 11am

1. Patrick McDermott (*Months Mind*).
2. Mary & Peter Kearns and their daughter Ann.
3. Eileen Dunican.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 1st JANUARY - 12 noon

Fri. 6th: 8pm - Feast of the Epiphany and First Friday.

1. Sean Murray & his niece Chloe Coleman.
2. Seamus & Chrissie Kenny.
3. Michael Yates (3rd A).

SUNDAY 8th JANUARY - 12 noon

1. Maureen & Michael Claffey.
2. Alo Kenny.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 1st JANUARY - 9.30am

Fri. 6th: 7pm - Feast of the Epiphany and First Friday.

1. Mary Grogan, Leabeg.

SUNDAY 8th JANUARY - 9.30am

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.

OFFALY PRO-LIFE - Are organising a baby shower to coincide with Nollaig na mBan. We are asking supporters to donate their excess baby clothes, baby necessities and maternity wear etc. for mothers in need. We will have a van parked in the public car park outside the Heritage Centre in Ferbane from 11am to noon on Saturday 7th January where these items can be dropped off.

BELMONT SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

Will take place in High Street Hall on the 8th January 2023, commencing with Mass at 3pm. Raffle tickets will be on sale. Please support.

BELMONT GUN CLUB - Draw tickets currently on sale, please support. Proceeds in aid of Belmont Senior Citizens Party. Draw will take place on the 8th January during the party.

EMPLOYABILITY MIDLANDS - Do you have a disability, illness or injury and would like help to find a job? If the answer is yes, you can contact Liam on 086 387 3047 or Patricia on 086 145 1074 and we will be happy to tell you more about EmployAbility Midlands. For further information visit www.employabilitymidlands.com.

ARE YOU, OR IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW, LIVING WITH A LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITION?

- If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'. Living Well is a Free ONLINE, 6 week group self-management programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few. The Living Well Programme supports people to develop the skills and confidence to live with their health condition. There are spaces available on our January programmes. To book your place please contact Áine (041) 6850676 / (087) 1140371 or Joanne (041) 6860710 / (087) 4308735 or visit www.hse.ie/livingwell.

PEAT SOUNDS - A new album from Brownie Guinan is now on sale at local shops and online at www.brownieguinan.com. Thanks for all your support. The album is roaring up the charts as we speak! *Happy New Year to all!*

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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

This Feast is well placed, because Christmas is above all the season of the family. These are the days when we return to rest again in the cradle of our life and love. The family is a Gospel in itself. It is good news for society. It is one of nature's masterpieces. While parents stand at the centre of family life, we are reminded, in the persons of Simeon and Anna that grandparents are a precious gem at the heart of the household too. **'They sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children'** (*Alex Haley*). On the threshold of another year, we raise-up in prayer our families, young and old, living and sleeping. May our departed ones sleep in peace, and through the intercession of Jesus, Mary and Joseph may our homes continue to be circles of strength, schools of faith and communities of love. **Athbhliain shuaimhneach orainn uilig.**

THE NEW YEAR

As the dawn breaks on a New Year let us give thanks for all that we hold dear, our families, our health, our friends. The year ahead is our next chance at the art of living. It is an unspoiled page in our book of time. May we walk gently. May we speak only after we have listened well. May we regard the world with tenderness. May we honour rather than destroy. May we laugh and dance and dream. May we place our hands in the hand of God who makes all things new.