

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 22nd January 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 21st JANUARY - 7pm

1. Tommy Smollen.

SUNDAY 22nd JANUARY - 11am

1. Ultan & Annie McCabe and deceased family members.

Mon. 23rd: 10am

Tues. 24th: 10am - Patrick & Jane Devery.

Wed. 25th: 10am

Thurs. 26th: 10am - People's Mass.

Fri. 27th: 10am

Sat. 28th: 10am

SATURDAY 28th JANUARY - 7pm

SUNDAY 29th JANUARY - 11am

1. Jimmy Brazil (1st A) and his wife Madge.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 22nd JANUARY - 12 noon

1. Paddy Malone and his son Damien.

SUNDAY 29th JANUARY - 12 noon

1. Bertie McKeown.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 22nd JANUARY - 9.30am

SUNDAY 29th 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.

COLLECTIONS - Our 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.

January 15th = €2,920. Thank you.

DEATHS - We pray for the repose of the souls of Nuala Colgan, Leabeg, Boora; Gerry Carroll, St. Cynoc's Terrace, Ferbane and Rose Walsh, Clara (aunt of Sean Lyons, Leabeg). May they rest in peace.

ST. SARAN'S FEAST DAY - St. Saran, a seventh century Saint, travelled from Clonmacnoise and founded his Church on the bank of the River Brosna in Moystown Demesne. The original Gaelic name for this Church was "Tigh Saran" meaning the House of Saran. It is from this origin that the area of Tisaran in our Parish gets its present day name. This site is also the burial place of Fr. Stephen Daly, a native of the area, who was the first Capuchin Priest to serve in Ireland. St. Saran's Holy Well "Tobar Saran" is also to be found nearby in Moystown Demesne, not far from where the beautiful Moystown House once stood. These two sites, St. Saran's Church and St. Saran's Holy Well would have been major places of worship and pilgrimage in earlier Christian times. St. Saran died in 661 AD and his Feast Day fell on Friday 20th January.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: 18th-25th January - May there be one flock and one shepherd.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: 22nd-29th January - Theme: 'Walking Together in Faith and Love'. May our Catholic Schools continue to be centres of faith and learning.

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €5,900 = Jackpot €3,000; Star Prize €2,900). Winning numbers in last week's draw were 4, 5, 17, 20. Bonus 19. No jackpot winner. Three match 3 winners. Next draw on Tuesday 24th January.

FERBANE GAA - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 1, 20, 21, 28. Bonus 26. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next week's jackpot is €2,200. Draw is on Tuesday 24th January.

MIDLAND SIMON COMMUNITY Annual Church Gate Collection - Takes place on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th January. Please support.

ST. CYNOC'S N.S., FERBANE - We are accepting enrolments for the 2023-2024 school year. Enrolment forms are available to print from our website or alternatively you can request an enrolment form by emailing the school: stcynocsns@gmail.com or by phoning the school 090 6454249 / 6454234. Enrolment forms to be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible.

LUMCLOON NATIONAL SCHOOL - Are now accepting applications for enrolment for 2023/2024. Please contact the school on (057) 9345224.

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS - Are hiring Childcare staff who have a minimum FETAC L5 qualification. To apply please send your CV to brightbeginningsferbane@yahoo.ie.

PARISH OFFICE - Open every Wednesday from 9am-1pm and 2-5pm. Tel: 090 6454309 or email parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie.

BULLETIN NOTICES - Please note all notices for inclusion in Parish Bulletin must be submitted to the Parish Office. Please email parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie or call 090 6454309 by 3pm Wednesday.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

On the Feast of St. Jerome in 2019 Pope Francis designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God. It is a day to celebrate the power and beauty of Sacred Scripture.

The Bible is the Word of God, written through people for people. It is the greatest love-letter ever written. When the Word is proclaimed in Church God speaks to us and invites us to find Him.

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

He said to them, 'Follow me'

The first disciples were called without promises, programmes or guarantees. Peter and Andrew were casting their nets in the lake when they were called by Jesus. James and John were mending their nets. In these two words the disciple's map is laid out. Disciples of Jesus are casters and menders. We cast the nets whenever we show the face of Christ to the world. We mend the nets whenever we reach out to bind up hearts that are broken or bodies that are torn. It is not enough to know God. We must make Him known. My life as a Christian should make nonbelievers question their disbelief in God. Tennis legend Arthur Ashe used as his motto for sport and for life: 'Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can'. As for the sportsman so for the disciple. We do what we can in His name to cast and to mend. The rest is in His hands.