

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 12th March 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 11th MARCH - 7pm

SUNDAY 12th MARCH - 11am

1. Kieran & Bridget Kelly and deceased family members.

Mon. 13th: 10am

Tues. 14th: 10am - Sr. Anne Claffey.

Wed. 15th: 10am - People's Mass.

Thurs. 16th: 10am - Mass followed by Stations of the Cross.

Thurs. 16th March: St. Patrick's Day Vigil - 7pm William & Peg Doyle and Michael Egan.

Friday 17th March: St. Patrick's Day - 11am Tommy & Rose Maher and Agnes Fogarty.

Sat. 18th: 10am - John Egan Endrim and deceased family members.

SATURDAY 18th MARCH - 7pm

1. Mary Rohan (*Months Mind*).

SUNDAY 19th MARCH - 11am

1. Alo McNamee.
2. Michael & Kate Duffy and Michael Cusack.
3. Seamus & Molly Gleeson.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 12th MARCH - 12 noon

1. Joe & Oran Caulfield, Winifred, Patrick & James Boylan.
2. Patrick Kenny, Clonboniff.
3. Patrick & Ellen Fahy, Birr.

Friday 17th March: St. Patrick's Day - 12 noon - Una Lyons and her husband Denis and daughters June and Edel.

SUNDAY 19th MARCH - 12 noon

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 12th MARCH - 9.30am

1. Denis Rosney & dec'd family members.
2. Francis Kenna.

Friday 17th March: St. Patrick's Day - 9.30am

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1. Liam Shanahan.

LENT 2023

ADDITIONAL MASSES/DEVOTIONS

Boora: Mass 7pm Wednesdays.

High Street: Mass 8pm Thursdays.

Ferbane: Stations of the Cross 7pm Fridays
(Thursday 16th after 10am Mass for this week only).

TRÓCAIRE 50th ANNIVERSARY - Boxes for Lenten campaign available in all Churches.

LÁ FHÉILE PÁDRAIG

Patrick was born in Britain in the late 4th century. He was taken captive to Ireland, aged 16 and worked as a herdsman on Sliabh Mis in Co. Antrim. Having escaped he had a dream in which he heard the Irish pleading with him to return. He went to study in France and returned to Ireland as bishop c432. He worked tirelessly to spread the Christian faith around the country and died c460 in Saul, Co. Down and is buried in Downpatrick. Two written works of Patrick survive: His '*Confession*' and his '*Letter to Coroticus*', a British General who was persecuting Christian converts.

Dóchas linn Naomb Pádraig, Aspal Mór na hÉireann.

DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the souls of Roseanne Kilmartin, St. Cynoc's Terrace; Mai Egan (Owen), Belmont and Elizabeth (Babby) Camon, Ballysheil. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISM - We welcome into our Christian community Donnacha Ryan.

COLLECTIONS - We greatly appreciate your continued contributions. March 5th - €2,550.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Takes place daily in the Oratory in Ferbane Church. New attendees welcome. For more info. please contact Seamus at 086 8718942 or Iris 090 6454382.

MASSES - All ceremonies can be heard on 106.5FM Parish Radio. Parish bulletin is available on www.ferbaneparish.ie.

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

CONGRATULATIONS - To the 15 boys and girls from St. Cynoc's N.S. who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sat., 11th March. *Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on them.*

HIGH STREET/BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - Monday 13th March: A presentation and question session on the environment with Caroline Clancy, Environmental Officer, Offaly County Council, at 8pm in High Street Hall and all are welcome.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw (Prize fund €6,600 = Jackpot €3,300; Star Prize €3,300).* Winning numbers were 3, 4, 17, 20. Bonus 22. No jackpot winner. Four match 3 winners. Next draw on Tuesday 14th March. *Please note:* Renewal of the €40 half yearly tickets due now.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto:* Winning numbers in last week's draw 11, 19, 24, 29. Bonus 2. No jackpot winner. Three match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €3,600. Draw is on Tuesday 14th March.

COFFEE MORNING - Continues on Wednesday 15th March in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am (after Mass). Bus service as usual.

BELMONT GAA BINGO - Congratulations to last week's winners Anita Clancy and Glen

Halligan both winning €100. Bingo continues every Friday night, pre-printed books available in Cahill's shop until 9pm every Thursday night.

ARDAGH & CLONMACNOIS ANNUAL LOURDES COLLECTION - Will take place on the 18th and 19th of March in all Parish Churches. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

DAFFODIL DAY - Friday 24th March. Volunteers please contact Mary 087 2919314.

KILREHAN CEMETERY MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE - AGM on Wednesday 29th March at 8pm in Ferbane Heritage Centre. All welcome. We are looking for new committee members and also more volunteers for grass cutting.

FERBANE BELMONT CE - We currently have vacancies on our scheme for Office Administrator, General Operatives and Groundsmen/Caretaker. Successful applicants will continue with all existing benefits with a scheme top up. All successful participants can also avail of training and upskilling. For more information call 090 6454068.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The woman at the well

A Jew meets a Samaritan at a well beyond the edge of town, and a barrier is broken down. A Jewish man was not supposed to talk to a Samaritan woman. Jesus takes the initiative. This is God's way. He searches. We often hide. The encounter occurs in a quiet space, in ordinary every day circumstances. In the quiet space God can 'catch' us. If only we would take the chance! In the end of the story, a heart is touched, a life is mended, a thirst is quenched, and the woman discovers that God can make the very worst things that ever happened in your life to work for your very best. The fact that the woman is not given a name means that we can step into the story. Her thirst is the thirst that lies in every human heart and only Christ can quench it. Great things can happen when we come to the well.